

Advancing Community Engagement and Health Equity for State and Local Health Departments



The Background

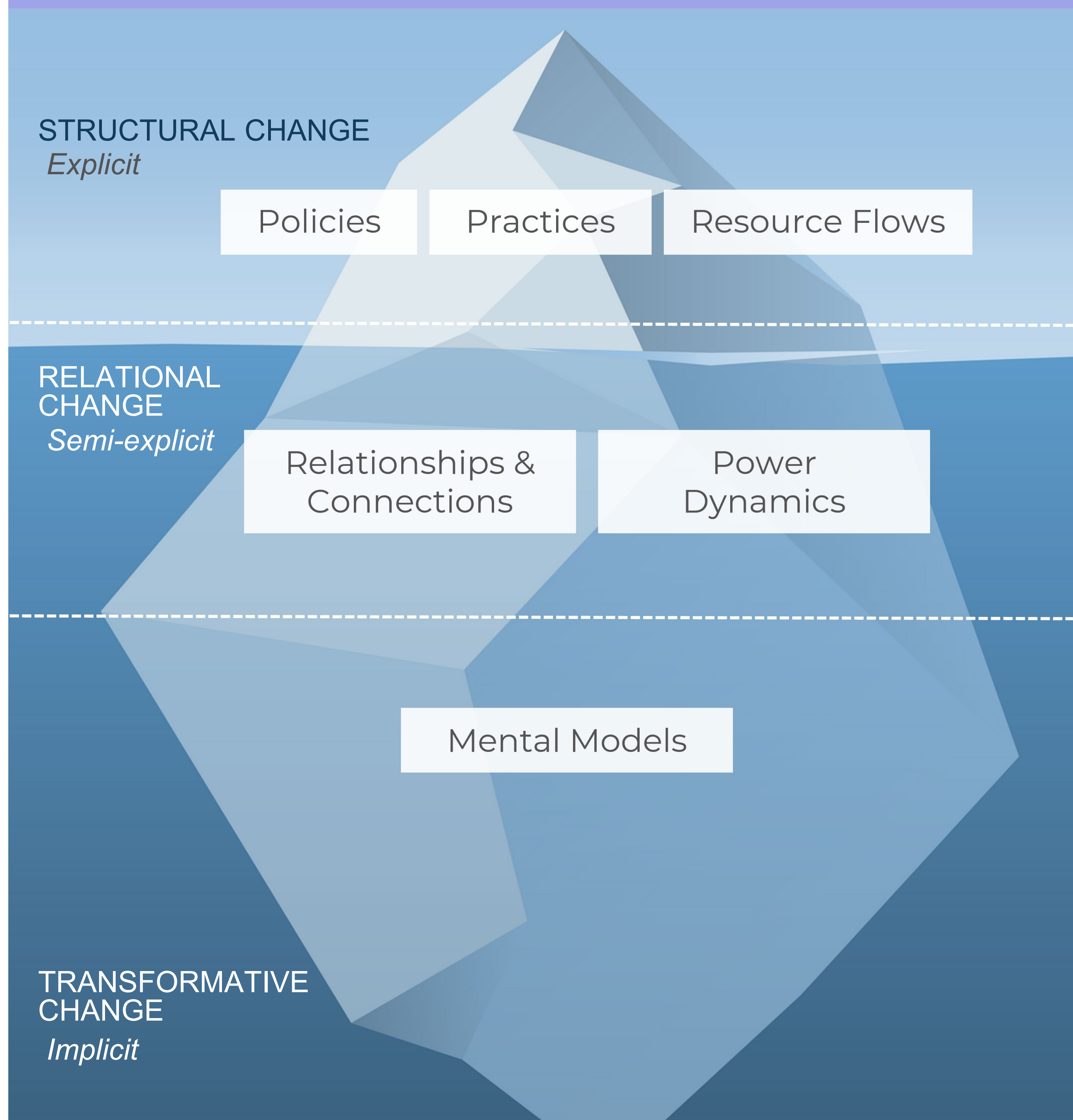
Evidence-based approaches and quantitative analyses are critical tools in our public health toolbox. But how can we broaden our mental models to integrate approaches that more intentionally include a greater number of community voices, while building community power?

The **Foundations of Community Engagement** toolkit defines core concepts related to health equity, mental models, community power, and youth development and applies those learnings to community engagement activities with the goal of broadening public health practitioners' mental models to integrate approaches that intentionally include community voice and build community power.

The Core Modules



Six Conditions of Systems Change



Population Spotlight: Youth Development

The toolkit includes three additional modules that apply the concepts from the four core community engagement modules with a specific population focus on young people.



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