**Psychology of Scarcity**

Scarcity focuses the mind automatically and powerfully on **immediate** needs and challenges7,8

**Cognitive Capacity (“Mental Bandwidth”)**

venn diagram showing the overlap of money and food stressors and venn diagram showing the overlap of money, utilities, employment and food stressors



**Scarcity & Chronic Stress**

**Long-term** activation of the stress-response system can disrupt almost all of the body’s processes and increase the risk for numerous health problems3

**Allostatic Overload**

“…the cumulative biological burden exacted on the body through daily adaptation to physical and emotional **stress**”5

Allostatic overload can increase risk for:

* Depression
* Cognitive impairment
* Inflammatory and autoimmune disorders
* Coronary vascular disease
* **Obesity**
* Diabetes5

Consider: 
How do you currently work with patients who are struggling with multiple SDOH issues?
What community resources are available for them in your area?
Practice:
Consider how many SDOH factors are impacting a person’s life.


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