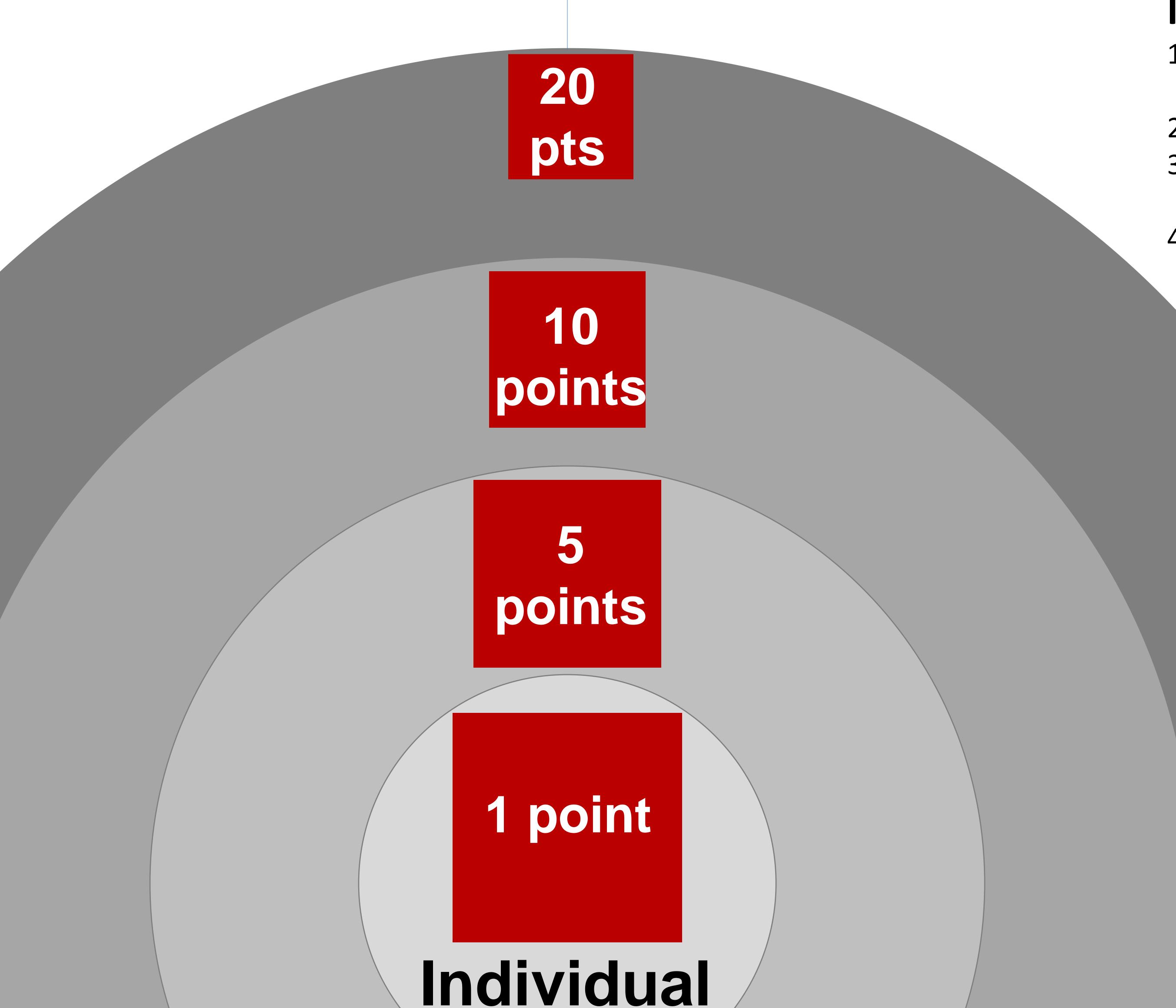
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Learning Objectives:
Participants will be able to
1. Identify a variety of

influences on health
behaviors at four "levels
of community change".

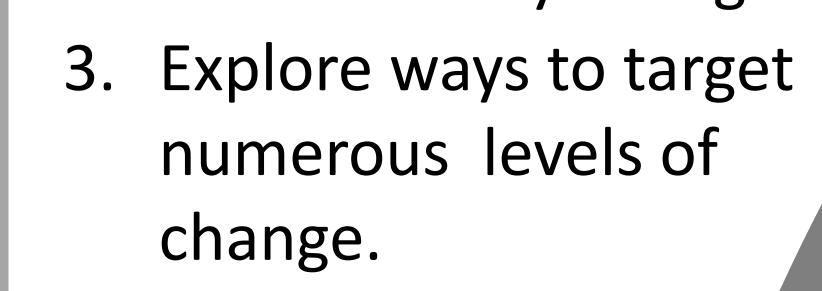
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2. Recognize the relative difficulty and potential impacts associated with strategies at each level of community change.



## Instructions:

 Place tape on the floor about 5 feet from the bottom of the game mat.
 Divide into two teams; form two lines.
 Have a player select and read a Health Behavior Scenario.
 After the player's team agrees on the level of community change most needed to address the scenario, the player tries to toss a coin or bean bag into the square at that level.



5. Award points for landing in the *correct* area, team must justify other levels to get points.
6. See instructions for

additional options.

## **Discussion:**

 Why is individual or group change easier to achieve than organizational or policy change? Give real-life examples.

## Social / Group

Physical / Organizational Based on Social Ecological Models as described in: 1. Stokols D. Translating social ecological theory into guidelines for community health promotion. *American Journal of Health Promotion:* March 1996;10(4).

 Which types of change can impact the most people? Which require the most effort from individuals? Give real-life examples.
 What can you do to foster changes at each level in your community?

## Policy / System

2. Sallis, J, Owen, N and Fisher, E. Ecological Models of Health Behavior, chapter in Health Education and Behavior by Glanz, et al, ed 4, 2008.

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