

Ohio Promotes Shared Use Agreements to Increase Physical Activity

Using the Guide to Community Preventive Services (2013)

Summary

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) and Ohio Department of Health (ODH) partnered with the Ohio Health Improvement Plan Task Force – Chronic Disease Workgroup (CD Workgroup) to select evidence-based strategies from the Guide for Community Preventive Services (the Community Guide) to tackle the chronic disease section of their recently completed State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) and accelerate the work of the SHIP Physical Activity Workgroup (PA Workgroup). Prior to the start of this project the PA Workgroup had not met and the SHIP did not include any specific objectives related to physical activity.



Activities

- The team convened the PA Workgroup that met in person three times to review available evidence, develop decision-making criteria, and prioritize physical activity strategies.
- Once the Chronic Disease Workgroup (CD Workgroup) selected Shared Use Agreements as their top-priority strategy, they merged their workgroup with the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Ohio Network Shared Use Action Team, developed a work plan, and met several times via conference call.

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The National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI), in collaboration with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), provided funding and capacity building assistance to public health institutes and their state, territorial, local, and tribal health department partners to promote the adoption and use of evidence-based approaches outlined in the Guide for Community Preventive Services (<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/>) to address priority public health issues.

For a table with basic information about all of the projects supported through this program and links to more information, go to <http://www.nnphi.org/CMSuploads/CommunityGuideAbbreviatedTable>.

Activities (continued)

- An Evidence-Based Strategy Selection Worksheet and crosswalks of Recommended Strategies to Promote Physical Activity and Nutrition was developed.
- The SHIP Nutrition Workgroup used the process and tools developed by the PA Workgroup and also selected evidence-based strategies to complete their section of the SHIP.
- A training session on Shared Use Agreements was attended by 50 participants and a work plan for the Shared use agreement policy scan, needs assessment, and technical assistance plan was developed.
- Shared use key-informant interview information sheets and interview scripts were developed, and eight key-informant interviews were conducted.
- A shared use survey for school administrators was also developed and a partnership formed with Buckeye Association of School Administrators who administered the online survey.
- The team compiled existing Shared Use tools and posted them on the SRTS-Ohio Network's and Health Policy Institute of Ohio's websites.

Key Insights

- The experts who provided training during the site visit were extremely helpful.
- This project led to a partnership and alignment between the SHIP Chronic Disease Workgroup and the SRTS-Ohio Network that likely would not have otherwise happened.

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Resources Developed

[Evidence-Based Strategy Selection Worksheet](#)

[Evidence Based Strategies for Promoting Physical Activity Crosswalk](#)

[The Online Guide to Evidence-Based Prevention](#)