

Marion County Healthy Communities Project

Vision: All people in Marion County will live work, play, and learn in communities that support health and optimal quality of life.

Mission: To advance policies, environments, and systems that promote health and prevent, reduce, and manage chronic disease.



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What is the Healthy Communities Project?

The Healthy Communities Project is a chronic disease prevention project that aims to reduce the burden of chronic disease in our community by putting systems in place that:

- Increase opportunities for physical activity.
- Increase access to healthy food choices.
- Increase access to chronic disease self management programs.
- Decrease access to tobacco.

Our Chronic Disease Prevention Subcommittee will strategically implement a three-year community work plan focused on policy-based initiatives.

How you can help:

The Chronic Disease Prevention Subcommittee invites community members and partners to join us in our work.

Possible opportunities for subcommittee members include:

- Serve as advisors for the overall implementation of our Healthy Communities work plan.
- Attend regular Chronic Disease Prevention Subcommittee meetings.
- Participate in local media events related to Healthy Communities.
- Bring to the table your expertise and strengths to help collectively improve the health and well-being of our community.
- Assist in the promotion of Healthy Communities and related activities.
- Help identify and secure resources and collaborative opportunities.
- Recruit and help retain participants in our subcommittee.
- Inform subcommittee of new initiatives.



How you will benefit:

- Access to data to use in your planning.
- Sense of community involvement in creating a healthy community.
- Increased knowledge of chronic diseases.
- Networking opportunities.

Chronic Disease Prevention

The Chronic Disease Prevention Subcommittee of the Health Advisory Board was formed to plan and implement the project.

The overall goals of this subcommittee are to:

- Build healthier communities by promoting health policy at the local level such as: tobacco free policies, school wellness policies, comprehensive planning policies, and worksite wellness policies.
- Enhance collaboration between local leaders and stakeholders to prevent chronic disease.
- Improve public health partnerships between health organizations and government agencies, such as parks and recreation departments.
- Transform the patterns of a healthy community into practice.

