# UMATILLA COUNTY PLAN4HEALTH INITIATIVE



Planning for Health in rural Oregon
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### UMATILLA COUNTY, OR

- Population: 76,720
- 71% of adults overweight or obese
- 21% of adults not engaging in any physical activity
- 4% of adults eating 5 or more servings of fruits or vegetables daily





# WHAT IS PLAN4HEALTH?

- Three-year, capacity building project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the American Planning Association's Planning and Community Health Center.
- Umatilla County was chosen as one of 17 communities in Cohort Two across the country to receive a Plan4Health grant over 18 months.
- During the funding period, we were able to bring together key stakeholders who have a desire to build a healthier community through increased physical activity and access to nutritious food.

# PROJECT STRATEGIES

- Capacity Building and Coalition Development
  - Evaluate Community Needs and Readiness
- Education around intersection of Planning and Public Health
- Selection of strategies to increase access to healthy food and physical activity
- Implementation of strategies with support of Plan4Health Coalition

# COALITION & PARTNERS

- OSU Extension
- Hermiston Chamber of Commerce
- Calpine Corporation
- City of Pendleton
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Small Business Representatives
- Pendleton Chamber of Commerce
- Large Farms Representative

- Small Farms Representative
- Planning Commission
- Intermountain Education Service
   District
- Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance
- Hermiston School District
- St. Anthony Hospital
- Good Shepherd Hospital
- YellowHawk Tribal Health Center
- Hispanic Advisory Committee



KICK-OFF EVENT AT SNO ROAD WINERY MARCH 10, 2016



# UCO PLAN4HEALTH

Mission: The Umatilla County Plan4Health Initiative enhances work at the intersection of public health and planning to create a healthy environment for all Umatilla County residents. UCo Plan4Health collaborates to make the healthy choice the right choice for everyone.

**Vision:** UCo Plan4Health envisions a livable, vibrant community where we can live, work, and play. We are championing a thriving and healthy community- physically, socially, and economically.

**Values:** We will carry out our vision by upholding our core values: Community participation, Health for all, Access, Security

# JUNE COALITION MEETING WATERMILL WINERY PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVENTURE





# WORK COMPLETED TO DATE

- Establishment of UCo
   Plan4Health Initiative
- Fostered coalition of 25 community organizations and individuals
- Development of Community
   Action Plan and
   Communication Plan
- Social Media Presence

- Contracted with UofO Community Service Center to conduct Community Needs and Readiness Assessment
- CNRA determined barriers and readiness for selection of implementation strategies and coalition efforts/structure moving forward
- Half-Day workshop with coalition members, developed three action plans for projects

# COMMUNITY NEEDS AND READINESS ASSESSMENT

- Out of Colorado State University's College of Natural Sciences Tri-Ethnic Center
- The Community Readiness Model was developed at the Tri-Ethnic Center to assess how ready a community is to address an issue.
- The basic premise is that matching an intervention to a community's level of readiness is absolutely essential for success. Efforts that are too ambitious are likely to fail because community members will not be ready or able to respond.

http://triethniccenter.colostate.edu/communityReadiness\_home.htm

### COMMUNITY NEEDS AND READINESS ASSESMENT

- Random samplemail-home survey
- 4 focus groups
- 6 outreach events
- 9 stakeholder interviews





#### Umatilla County Plan4Health wants to know...

#### What do YOU think?

Please place dots or write in answers below:



### Condado de Umatilla Plan4Health quiere saber ... ¿Qué piensas USTED?

Por favor, coloque puntos o escribir en respuestas a continuación :

The following activities are designed to increase **physical activity**.

#### Please place three dots next to the ones you consider to be MOST IMPORTANT

Las siguientes actividades están diseñadas para aumentar la actividad física.

Por favor, coloque tres puntos más próximos a los que considera como más importantes

Building, fixing, or improving sidewalks, walking paths, and intersections to make **walking** safer and more accessible.

Construcción, fijación, o la mejora de aceras, senderos, y las intersecciones para hacer **caminar** más seguro y accesible.

Building, fixing, or improving bike lanes, bike paths, and intersections to make **biking** safer and more accessible.

Construcción, fijación, o la mejora de los carriles para bicicletas, senderos para bicicletas, y las intersecciones para hacer **ciclismo** más seguro y accesible.

Building more parks, trails, and other recreational facilities.

La construcción de más parques, senderos y otras instalaciones recreativas.

Offering financial incentives for walking, biking, or riding public transit to work.

Ofreciendo incentivos financieros para caminar, andar en bicicleta, montar a caballo o el transporte público para trabajar.

Offering financial incentives for regularly attending the gym or physical fitness classes. Ofreciendo incentivos financieros para la asistencia regular a las clases de gimnasia o de aptitud física. The following activities are designed to improve **diet and nutrition**.

Please place three dots next to the ones you consider to be MOST IMPORTANT

Las siguientes actividades están diseñadas para mejorar la dieta y la nutrición.

Por favor, coloque 3 puntos más próximos a los que considera como más importantes

Increasing the number of free or reduced price food options.

Aumentar el número de opciones de comida gratis o reducido precio

Offering educational programs about nutrition, healthy eating, and food preparation. Ofrecer programas educativos sobre nutrición, alimentación saludable y la preparación de la limentos.

Improving quality and variety of food in grocery stores.

Mejorar la calidad y variedad de los alimentos en las tiendas de comestibles.

Improving access to grocery stores (ex. by increasing free or low cost transportation options to stores).

Mejorar el acceso a las tiendas de comestibles (ej . Mediante el aumento de las opciones de transporte gratuito oa bajo costo a las tiendas).

Increasing opportunities to grow your own food (ex. building more community gardens). El aumento de las oportunidades para cultivar su propia comida (ej. La construcción de más jardines de la comunidad).











POP UP PLAY EVENT PENDLETON FARMERS MARKET SEPTEMBER 2, 2016



### **CNRA RESULTS**

- Full Report
- Collaborated with Umatilla County GIS to create maps of data collected
- Posters will be used on-going to continue collecting feedback

#### Key Issues

#### Infractructura

- -Poor sidewalk conditions
- -Few street trees
- -Transit gaps

#### Safety & Comfort

- -Perception of danger at public
- facilities, especially at night
- -Weather, poor facility upkeep, poor
- Physical Access
- Food & Physical Activity
  -Location of food concentrated
- -Location of parks & rec concentrated
- -Limited hours of parks & rec

#### Economic Access

- -Cost of food, access to reduced price/free food
- -Homelessness limited services, stigma, and political attitudes

### Information Availability & Communication

- -Lack of publicizing transit locations & schedules
- -Lack of awareness of resources available

#### Infrastructure

Opportunity Areas

Focus on improving infrastructure that facilitates "active transportation," livability, and access to parks and recreation facilities.

### Changing Organizations' Mindset & Culture

Implement policy changes (such as adopting "Health in All Policies") that emphasize accountability for health outcomes.

Connect efforts across planning and public health; foster a trusting environment of communication and collaboration.

#### Education

Instill healthy behaviors and attitudes at a young age – provide educational programming in schools around physical activity and high quality nutrition.

When possible, create opportunities for adult education.

#### Information Dissemination

Better publicize and market Umatilla County's recreation assets.

Improve signage for parks, recreation facilities, and

Find ways to raise awareness about existing health and social service resources.

#### **Underlying Conditions & Systems**

Perception of health: denial, "it's not me!"

Local politics

Established informal rural networks

Rural independence



# HALF-DAY WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

# RESULTS OF HALF-DAY WORKSHOP

- 1.Work to host a "10 Minutes to Transit" summit, to highlight the existing free transit system and locations that can be accessed within a 10-minute walk of transit stops.
- 2. Coordinate to bring more educational programming around nutrition into the schools of an underserved area in our North County, Milton-Freewater
  - 3. Take the first steps towards initiating a food waste recovery/gleaning program to ensure that locally grown produce is staying local to feed community members in need

# WHAT'S NEXT?

- Implementation of Half-Day Workshop projects
- Small amount of funding set aside for additional implementation projects
- Bike safety education event
- Continue to integrate planning and public health efforts (ex: planners on CHIP committee, public health on planning commission)

## LESSONS LEARNED

- Meeting fatigue
- Collective action problem
- Benefit of having new and different faces at the table,
   not the same people at every meeting
- Opportunity to network and share ideas
- Cross-pollination of efforts

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# THANK YOU!







# QUESTIONS?

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