Identified Strategic Issues: Community Resources

The following community resources were gathered during the Tarrant County Voices for Health Community Meeting on March 21, 2013 in an effort to address the identified strategic issues. The issues were derived from the results of the four MAPP assessments conducted from July 2012 - January 2013.

EDUCATION

- Health Teacher Program (Cook Children's)
- Tarrant Cares (Resources)
- United Way of Tarrant County
- Boys & Girls Clubs, CAN, Go Centers
- JPS School-Based Clinics
- FWISD Family Resource Centers
- Technology
- Use intern programs early
- Area universities – resource
- Larger company – business; community have them fund
- WIC program
- JPS Mom/Baby Program
- Tarrant County Breastfeeding Coalition; for help with obesity, infant mortality, asthma
- Peer-to-peer breastfeeding groups
- Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County (diabetes and chronic disease)
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County
- Local PR firms can help with creativity in getting the word out
- College & university (and high school) health-related tracks/departments – for students, research, practitioners, etc.

ENVIRONMENT

(needed)

- Better access to public transportation; frequent public transportation
- Engage all populations' strengths (elderly, youth, college, moms, dads, etc.)

(existing)

- Local partners/partnerships; availability/access to community partners; existing coalitions; initiatives currently in progress that addressing the issue as a starting point. Don't reinvent the wheel. Align work with community goals
- Urban & city planners; city planning; urban planners; planners
- Providing grant/funding for green construction of businesses and green business operation
- Faith communities
- Neighborhood associations; neighborhood associations
- North Texas Transportation Authority
- University of Texas at Arlington - Planning Department
- Employers
- Chamber of Commerce
- Higher education institutions
- For health issues: obesity, infant mortality, asthma – Tarrant County Breastfeeding Coalition
- Public officials that support
- Natural surrounding; parks and lake for nature accessibility
- Non-profit organizations who specialize in environment safety
- Resource Connection of Tarrant County
- Tarrant County Master Gardner – Demonstration garden
- Health care agencies education of public to health lifestyles
- North Central Texas Council of Governments
- Youth input
- Government
- Social services, etc.
- Volunteering organizations from schools and health care institute
- Schools helping students access employment to keep them out of trouble
- Plants & natural processes of renewal
- Texas Department of Transportation gives text updates on train schedules (Trinity Rail Express) and emergency changes
- Architects
- Artists

HEALTH CARE ACCESS

- Community meetings
- Local hospitals
- Local health department
- Medical school and pre-med students; medical school
- Use technology to link specialists to areas without access
- Free camps
- Highs school and college sport coaches, training facilities, nutritionists

- Social media
- For issues: obesity, infant mortality and asthma – Tarrant County Breastfeeding Coalition
- Parish nurse program provided by Texas Health Resources Harris Methodist
- Have information (bilingual if needed) at all local community gathering places, grocery stores, etc.
- Team work among medical personnel in diagnosis criteria
- Planning Departments, UTA Center for Urban Studies
- Vision North Texas
- Incentive program for medical professors to go to rural areas already exist (it pays for part of loans)
- Tarrant Cares
- Your commute (opportunity to walk/bike)

PARTNERSHIPS

- UTA Institute of Urban Studies
- Tarrant Cares
- Healthy Tarrant County Collaboration
- Community Health Fairs
- Neighborhood Association
- North Central Texas Council of Governments
- UNTHSC – School of Public Health
- Information sharing systems
- Media (traditional and social)
- Seniors
- Tarrant County Breastfeeding Coalition (for: obesity, infant mortality and asthma)
- United Way's Tarrant County Community Assessment
- Community-wide Children's Health Assessment & Planning Survey (CCHAPs)
- Existing collaborations
- Technology – Use libraries to create 'health kiosk'
- Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County
- Catholic Charities Fort Worth
- 211
- Using school buildings after hours
- Architects, designers, planners, artists, engineers, professionals
- Texas Department of Transportation or TXDOT (updates on public transportation information)
- Neighborhood meetings
- Involving stakeholders (using those individuals who know the community better and who will be able to reach out to the individuals)