Join the *My Healthy Yellowstone* campaign!

Healthy By Design Coalition members and our community partners are using Streetwyze technology to identify barriers and opportunities to health in Yellowstone County. We want to hear from YOU through several opportunities for participation, which can be found on our [website](http://www.myhealthyyellowstone.com).

For every 10 pins dropped in Streetwyze, participants will be entered into a drawing for a $50 gift card! The more you participate in Streetwyze, the better your chance of winning.

**Drawings will be held monthly August - October.**

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Healthy By Design Coalition Monthly E-Newsletter

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2019-2020 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)

The 2019-2020 CHNA is underway, and results will be shared in late 2019. The CHNA is a comprehensive assessment of Yellowstone County’s health needs and status, and provides a foundation for our collaborative Community Health Improvement Plan. The three-year CHNA cycle is sponsored by the Alliance (Billings Clinic, RiverStone Health, and St. Vincent Healthcare). We will be sharing regular updates via our Facebook page and on the CHNA tab of our website.

Milestones as of July 31, 2019:

- **Phone surveys are underway!** You may receive a call from PRC, the research firm we have contracted to collect and analyze our data. Calls may appear as a local phone number and should last approximately 20 - 30 minutes. You have the option of asking the interviewer to call back at a better time. If you receive a call, please consider participating in this important effort.

- **Key Informant email survey coming August 8th!** Please keep an eye out in your inbox for this survey, which will be sent to 300 local leaders.

- **CHNA Advisory Groups** met throughout July to discuss and develop recommendations for the public forum in late 2019, how to best share data, and most importantly, how to ensure the CHNA is engaging every day residents and community leaders from start to finish.

If you have questions about any of these activities or the CHNA process in general, please contact Melissa, Community Health Improvement Manager, by emailing info@hbdyc.org or calling 651.6569.

2017-2020 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Updates

The Healthy Weight Steering Committee is made up of diverse community
Every six months, we publish a CHIP Progress Report to communicate our achievements and developments.

It's hard to believe, but the 24-Month Progress Report has been published! Check it out [here](#).

There is one more year left in the current CHIP, and we can not wait to see how our Coalition members will continue working to make the healthy choice, the easy choice in our community.

**Healthy Weight Priority - Steering Committee**

The July meeting for this group was cancelled to accommodate the Streetwyze training. We had a full house, and were happy to see some new faces at the table.

The Streetwyze team was a fun, engaging group and we learned from them about how to use their web-based platform. The intent of the training was to educate community partners on data-collection through Streetwyze so that they can engage the community to identify opportunities and barriers to health in our county.

What you can expect through October 15:

- One additional Streetwyze training opportunity - check [our Facebook](#) for updates
- Collect + Connect Events from community partners
- Opportunities for YOU to use Streetwyze

**Next Healthy Weight Steering Committee meeting is rescheduled for Thursday, August 29th from 11:30am - 1:00pm.**

(We rescheduled to help families transition back to school.)

[Contact us](#) if interested in joining the Healthy Weight Steering Committee or any other task group -- we are always accepting new members.

**Coalition Member Capacity + CHIP Support Grant**

Healthy By Design received a grant in September 2018 to bolster member capacity to lead CHIP initiatives. We have some new developments occurring so stay tuned for more updates.

**Healthy Neighborhood Project: South Side, the Bright Side of the Tracks**

Current initiatives include: neighborhood grocery store, gardening resources, and celebrating the Bright Side of the Tracks branding through box wraps, a mural, entryway signage, and the South Side Stories walking route project.

This grant is wrapping up in September, so mark your calendars for Saturday, September 14th from 4:00 - 7:00pm at South Park. We are planning a special
celebration to report out to residents, gain feedback, and have some fun. Details are yet to be determined, but we need help on a few items:

- **Mariachi band wanted!** If you know of any local Mariachi bands that would be willing to perform at the event in September at a reasonable price, please call 406.247.3394 or email us by Friday, August 2nd.

- **Longest table challenge** - For the celebration dinner, we want to set the record for the longest table in Yellowstone County. You can help us by letting us borrow banquet tables for this event. If you are able to do so, please call 406.247.3394 or email us to make arrangements.

Other updates:

- The Grocery Store Committee team recently conducted a resident survey. The survey sought input on product and location preferences from South Side residents. If you are interested in the survey summary, let us know.

Visit the [project website](#) or email us to get added to the Healthy Neighborhood Project newsletter.

**Creative Placemaking**

**Parks Rx - Kiosks are coming!**

Kiosks for the Pioneer and North Park Parks Rx maps have been ordered and an installation date/ribbon cutting is in the works. In the meantime, enjoy the beautiful Parks Rx maps, found on the [project page](#).

**Space2Place/Creative Placemaking Task Group**

This task group is putting the pieces together for some exciting opportunities to incorporate creative placemaking into Safer Routes to School efforts. The group is collaborating with two local elementary schools to install artwork to guide students as they walk, bike, or roll to school. Options being explore include sidewalk paint and street sign toppers. The group will engage with students to help influence the design.

**Ongoing Initiatives**

**Gardeners’ Market**

The Market takes place Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 pm through October 3rd. Check out what musicians and activities are scheduled each week by visiting the Healthy By Design [Event Calendar](#).

**Healthy Communities Initiative - Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE)**

Jennifer and Melissa have officially completed this
training fellowship and look forward to sharing steps on how local businesses can become *activators of health* in our community soon.

Contact: Jennifer [jennifer@billingschamber.com](mailto:jennifer@billingschamber.com) or Melissa [info@hbdyc.org](mailto:info@hbdyc.org).

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**Recognition Opportunities**

Healthy By Design has several initiatives to recognize and celebrate organizations and individuals in our community who are making the healthy choice the easy choice.

For more information, visit our Recognition Opportunities page.

**Healthy Food Vendors - It’s Food Truck Season!**

The Healthy Food Truck task group met in partnership with the Event Recognition Nutrition Review Committee in July.

The joint group discussed alignment of the two applications to help event coordinators more easily provide healthy options at events and to encourage food trucks to apply for recognition.

Stay tuned for the updated application. Please help us spread the word about these opportunities!

**School Wellness Champions**

We will look for future opportunities to recognize outstanding leaders in our education system who help make the healthy choice, the easy choice.

**Healthy Worksite Recognition - Highlighting Local Businesses**

We have wrapped up the first round of Healthy Worksite Recognition. Exciting things are in the works. You can look for opportunities surrounding worksite wellness soon including a locally-inspired healthy worksite toolkit, and another round for Healthy Worksite Recognition.

Another round of congratulations to our pilot participants!
Event Recognition
Calling all events! If you have an event coming up and would like help promoting it, visit our website to check out the Event Recognition application. See below to check out the recognized events coming up in July!

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Healthy By Design in the News

The CHNA was announced via press release in July. We appreciate our local media for helping us spread the word about this important process!

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Upcoming Coalition Member Events & Announcements

Healthy Event - Roots 2 A Sovereign Nation
August 14-15 | Billings Depot
Join Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council at the historic Billings Depot for two days of learning and cultural celebration facilitated by Abigail EchoHawk. Hear from powerful voices in the food sovereignty movement, such as activist Winona LaDuke, sharing successes and tools on a breadth of topics. Topics to include nutrition and cancer, farm to school, food as medicine, Tribal food codes, and much more. The summit will be followed by a traditional and contemporary food tasting that you will not want to miss.
Cost to attend is $0-$50.

Request for Walking School Bus Volunteers
Highland and McKinley Elementary Schools are piloting a Walking School Bus (WSB) program this fall and are in need of leaders to walk students to school. Visit
the following websites to learn more:

- Highland Elementary School
- McKinley Elementary School

Contact Morgan Miller at 247-3276 if interested.

Local Subdivision - Request for Help & Resources
Copper Ridge is a subdivision off of Rimrock and 62nd Street, comprised of numerous families with young children. Within the area, there is a large green space but little for young kids to do for play. The neighborhood is in the beginning stages of designing and fundraising for a playground, but needs help with fundraising, contributing ideas, or networking with local businesses. Contact Nichole Hamnes at 855-0749 to get involved!

Upcoming Webinar - Health Equity and Economic Development Link
August 13 | Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Join the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for their latest webinar, Improving Health Equity Through Rural Economic Development, as they explore the connection between economic development and health equity through community example Klamath County, Oregon, a 2018 winner of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize.

Community Health in the Montana State Legislature
No updates until the next Legislative session!

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