



Community Health Improvement Plan

Quarterly Update – Spring 2018

Key Activities

Increase GO CAPS Medicine and Health Care Track: The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Springfield Public Schools have met the goal they set to increase participation in the Medicine and Health Care Track of GO CAPS by 50%. Enrollment numbers are expected to continue to increase.

Move Families Out of Poverty Through the Northwest Project: Coordinated by the Drew Lewis Foundation, the Northwest Project has recently completed year two of five in the project. To date, the effort has served 49 families and 204 individuals through eight separate cohorts across multiple neighborhoods. The project is on target to meet its five-year goal of impacting 500 people.

Understand the Feasibility of Smokefree Housing: The Springfield-Greene County Health Department has completed the study of feasibility of smokefree housing in Springfield. There are increased health, fire and financial risks due to smoking in multiple-unit housing. Many units in Springfield are already smokefree: 54% of all units of those surveyed reported being smokefree. The HLA Tobacco Committee is developing and implementing a plan to partner with property managers to address smokefree housing.

Complete a Mental Health Assessment: Crescendo Consulting Group has neared the mid-way point in the Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Assessment. Their work has focused on gathering quantitative and qualitative data. To date, 60 interviews and 12 focus groups have been conducted. Through the work of the assessment so far, two themes have emerged: local, immediate crisis intervention resources are needed, and community education on mental health is needed to combat stigma.

Increase Access to Playspaces: Ozarks Greenways opened another new section of trail at Fulbright Spring on the north side of Springfield. This brings the number of new playspace access points to 19 since 2016.

Grant & Community Funding Supporting Objectives of the CHIP

