Humboldt County Challenge - Eat Smart, Move More

The Goal: To Increase the Consumption of Nutritious Foods while Improving Food Security and Increasing Physical Activity Levels to achieve Overall Community Fitness

Measure 1

BY 2015, 50% OF ADULTS GET THE RECOMMENDED MINUTES OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Measure 2

BY 2015, 40% OF STUDENTS ACHIEVE THE HEALTHY FITNESS ZONE IN ALL 6 PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTS

Measure 3

BY 2015, 70% OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACHIEVE THE HEALTHY WEIGHT RANGE

Measure 4

BY 2015, 30% OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH EAT 5 OR MORE HALF-CUP SERVINGS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES DAILY

Measure 5

BY 2015, 40% OF STUDENTS WALK, BIKE OR BUS TO SCHOOL

Measure 6

BY 2015, RESIDENTS TRAVEL LESS THAN 9000 VEHICLE MILES ANNUALLY PER CAPITA

Measure 7

BUILD A
COMMUNITY
MOVEMENT TO
ACHIEVE OUR
CHALLENGE GOALS
AND MONITOR OUR
PROGRESS

Get moving! Add your ideas to these and help Humboldt County reach our goal.

- Form walking, biking, and swimming clubs and volunteer to support walk-to-school programs to promote neighborhood connections.
- Increase knowledge and awareness of healthy lifestyles through education programs.
- Increase workplace wellness activities: walking meetings, bike to work flex-time, and stretch breaks during meetings.
- Promote neighborhoods where people can walk or bike to work, shop, and participate in cultural or recreational activities.

- Provide all students with quality physical education classes and other opportunities for physical activity before, during, and after the school day.
- Improve availability and quality of opportunities for physical activity through use of school and other community facilities after hours.
- Increase quantity, quality, and accessibility of parks, school grounds, multuse trails, sidewalk completion and connections, and open spaces.

- Limit child "screen time".
- Educate parents on child feeding, family meals, and cooking with low cost foods; conduct a county-wide campaign to promote family meals.
- Promote breastfeeding
- Provide healthy meals at all schools, and eliminate advertising, selling, and distribution of unhealthy foods and beverages at schoolbased, faith-based and community events and programs.
- Increase awareness and use of federal food assistance programs (such as school meals, food stamps, WIC) and community food resources.

- Work with school Wellness Committees on recommendations to finance nutrition education and physical activity programs.
- Promote family dinners that include vegetables and fruits.
- Provide access to affordable, quality fresh fruits and vegetables in all schools.
- Provide food service personnel with ongoing education in meal planning and food preparation.
- Promote classes in meal planning, food preparation and budgeting, and access to nutrition counseling for teens.

- Promote pedestrian and cycling safety education through school curricula, publications, events, and after-school programs
- Promote active transportation to school by developing "school travel plans": identify off-campus drop-off sites to encourage walking or biking to school, form carpools, and support walking school buses and "bike trains".
- Promote "Safe Routes to Schools": create safe crossings, provide crossing guards, complete sidewalks, evaluate bus routes and bus stop locations.

- Promote active transportation: walk or bike to work
- Promote transit use, car-pooling, and other "transportation demand management" by businesses.
- Sponsor bike safety clinics and promote helmet and bike availability and bike repair.
- Promote
 neighborhoods where
 people can walk or
 bike to work, shop, and
 participate in cultural or
 recreational activities.
- Use neighborhood streets for social and cultural activities to reduce vehicle traffic volume and speed, and encourage walking and biking.

- Complete the pledge form on the following page to join the challenge.
- Join your friends and colleagues in responding to this Call to Action.
- Share your successes by communicating them to Humboldt CAN.
- Publicize this community movement and your efforts to meet the challenge.
- Collaborate with Humboldt CAN.
- Write grants to support the goals.
- Walk the walk!

Humboldt Community for Activity and Nutrition - Humboldt CAN

Mission

To improve the quality of life for residents by fostering a healthy, engaged Humboldt community. Our specific goals are to:

- A. Mobilize individuals and organizations around a shared, comprehensive initiative to improve health status through increased physical activity and healthful eating
- B. Increase physical activity levels and overall community fitness
- C. Increase the consumption of nutritious foods while improving food security

Vision: A community that eats smart and moves more

Overarching Goals:

- 1. Increase in the social and physical environments, policies and practices that make it easier and more inviting to eat smart and move more.
- 2. Build a community movement and have partners pledge to support one or more of the Humboldt County Challenge goals through activities within their work.
- 3. Bring agencies, organizations and community members together to network around a shared vision of Nutrition and Physical Activity.
- 4. Increase the proportion of individuals who achieve measurable goals including:
- -Get the recommended amount of minutes of physical activity
- -Students who achieve the healthy fitness zone in all 6 physical fitness tests
- -Achieve a healthy weight range
- -Eat 5 or more half-cup servings of fruits and vegetables every day
- -take less car trips and more walking, biking, bussing, and carpooling trips

What does it mean to be a Humboldt CAN Partner?

- Support one or more of the Humboldt County Challenge goals through activities within your work and every day life.
- Attend Humboldt CAN partners leadership meetings 2 to 3 times a year and support reaching the goals through committee work and collaboration.
- Act as Humboldt CAN ambassadors within the community and keep health in mind when making decisions in every day work and roles.
- Commit to Eat Smart, Move More by making environmental, policy, and/or organizational changes to make healthy eating and physical activity choices easier for the population you serve (students, clients, customers, employees etc.)
- Receive newsletter
- Propose or participate in a specific project
- Collaborate with others to coordinate your activities.

Humboldt CAN Partner Team

- Participate provide support and facilitate work groups.
- Meet 6-12 times a year
- Reviews and determines best practices and strategies to achieve long-term goals.
- Seeks grants and funding.
- Partner development.
- Serve as a Humboldt CAN ambassador in your community.
- Oversee implementation of SOW
- Identify and recruit community members and organizations to support goals.

Humboldt CAN Steering Committee

- Meet 6-12 times a year
- Reviews and determines best practices and strategies to achieve long-term goals.
- Seeks grants and funding.
- Partner development.
- Serve as a Humboldt CAN ambassador in your community.
- Oversee implementation of SOW
- Identify and recruit community members and organizations to support goals.
- Participate, provide support and leadership for work groups.