A HEALTHIER STATE **OF MINNESOTA**



BETTER HEALTH TOGETHER.

SHIP IS CREATING HEALTH IN YOUR COMMUNITIES

Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) investments support community-driven solutions to expand opportunities for active living, healthy eating and commercial tobacco-free living, helping all people in Minnesota prevent chronic diseases including cancer, heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes. Ninety percent of the nation's health care costs are for people with chronic conditions, and the majority of those costs are preventable.

Senator Jim Carlson

Representative Sandra Masin, 51A

Representative Laurie Halverson, 51B

SHIP supports health across the lifespan

With a solid infrastructure and strong relationships in place, SHIP communities are well positioned to address emerging public health issues and continue creating better health across a lifespan.



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Dakota

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Dakota County worksites are becoming healthier

Dakota County Public Health, part of the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP), has collaborated with 13 worksites, with more than 3,400 employees, to implement sustainable wellness programs in order to increase health, productivity and job satisfaction among their employees.

Employers involved in the collaborative included City of Burnsville, City of Rosemount, the City of Lakeville, Scott Carver Dakota CAP Agency, Woodland Elementary and Better Business Bureau, among others.

The participating worksites applied to be part of this new cohort of businesses, and over the past 18 months Dakota County SHIP worked with them to create sustainable wellness programs tailored to the needs of their workforce. SHIP assisted the 13 partner sites with conducting assessment activities, developing work plans and initiatives, and working to increase engagement between employers and employees. Wellness initiatives included creating healthier options for snacks on site, implementing walking meetings or increased break time for physical activity and creating spaces on-site for breastfeeding moms.

In addition to those benefits, networking and increasing knowledge are part of the partnership through quarterly meetings. The partners come together and learn more about different health strategies or resources available to them, share successes and support their counterparts in wellness challenges they may experience along the way. Employer partners were also offered the opportunity to attend the annual HealthSource Solutions Worksite Wellness conference to network and gain new knowledge and resources to foster a healthier work place.

One employer participant of the Dakota County Worksite Wellness Collaborative stated. "This kick-started a wellness effort that we wouldn't have done without SHIP."





SHIP: LOCAL LEADERSHIP, LOCAL PARTNERS, LOCAL EXPERTISE

These community partners are leading SHIP activities in your communities.

Child Care

Eagan Montessori Academy North Eagan Montessori Academy South Head Start - Eagan

Community

Cedervale Highlands Crane Creek Townhome Association CV2 Dakota County CDA - Erin Place Dakota County CDA - Lakeshore Dakota County CDA - Lakeside Pointe Dakota County CDA - Lincoln Place Dakota County CDA - Northwood Dakota County CDA - Oak Ridge Dakota County CDA - Oakwoods of Eagan Dakota County CDA – O'Leary Manor Dakota County CDA - Parkside Dakota County CDA - Riverview Ridge **Royal Oaks Apartments Town Centre Apartments** Willow Pond

Schools

Burnsville Alternative High Burnsville High Pilot Knob STEM Magnet School Rahn Elementary Sioux Trail Elementary

Workplace

Apothecary Products Better Business Bureau John Henry Foster Woodland Elementary Yankee Eye Clinic

MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS 51A & 51B



SHIP strategies



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