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.

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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Helping to ensure all students have the opportunity to be healthy

Research shows a strong connection between student health and their success in school. Promoting healthy behavior in schools can help youth improve test scores, grades and attendance. With support from the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership, Living Healthy in Washington County is partnering with schools and districts to ensure all students have the opportunity to be healthy and successful.

Schools in Washington County are applying Smarter Lunchrooms strategies to encourage healthy eating among students. Since 2015, Forest Lake Area Schools have been working to roll-out the evidence-based strategies districtwide.

All Nutrition Services employees have attended training to learn practical techniques to make the healthy choice the easy choice. Cafeterias have been enhanced to nudge students to select and eat nutritious foods. Changes include placing fruits and vegetables front and center in attractive bowls and containers and using colorful and engaging signage. For the 2017-18 school year, students in two elementary schools also had the opportunity to try new and unique vegetables through tasting events.

These strategies are being implemented in schools across Washington County. In three districts and two charter schools, Smarter Lunchrooms reached over 32,000 students. "Creating smarter lunchrooms was simple and inexpensive," says Kathy Hoff, Director of Nutrition Services for Forest Lake Area Schools. "The students have reacted in a very positive way by making better choices."

Schools are taking a comprehensive approach when it comes to student wellness. In addition to Smarter Lunchrooms, they are working on strategies to increase physical activity before, during and after school. Collectively, these efforts will set students up for success in school and for a lifetime.





SHIP: LOCAL LEADERSHIP, LOCAL PARTNERS, LOCAL EXPERTISE

These community partners are leading SHIP activities in your communities.

Community

Ann Bodlovick Apartments **Birchwood Townhouse Apartments Brick Pond Apartments Charter Oak Townhomes** County Road 5 Project Flim Grows Flim Lutheran FamilyMeans Forest Lake YMCA Forest Oak Apartments Hillcrest Apartments John Jergens Estates Lily Lake Terrace **Oakhill Cottages Our Community Food Projects OCFP Our Community Kitchen Raymie Johnson Estates** Senior Care Communities Forest Lake St. Croix Family Resource Center St. Croix Village Townhomes Stillwater Township Stonebridge Apartments Valley Outreach Nutrition Assistance Program Whispering Pines

Health Care

Community Thread FamilyMeans Lakeview Health

Schools

District 831 Central Montessori Elementary/ALC District 831 Scandia Elementary

District 831 STEP Program District 833 Oak Park Elementary District 834 Afton - Lakeland Elementary **District 834 Andersen Elementary** District 834 Lake Elmo Elementary District 834 Oak-Land Junior High District 834 Rutherford Elementary District 834 St. Croix Valley Area Learning Center District 834 Stillwater Area High District 834 Stillwater Junior High **District 834 Stonebridge Elementary** Forest Lake Area Central Learning Center Forest Lake Area High Forest Lake Area Middle Forest Lake Elementary Forest View Elementary Lakes International Language Academy New Heights School, Inc.

Workplaces

City of Stillwater Courage Kenny Early Childhood Family Center ECFC Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Center District 834 Stillwater School District St. Croix Preparatory Academy SCPA Washington County District 831 Forest Lake Schools New Heights School, Inc. Lakes International Language Academy

MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS 39A & 39B



SHIP strategies

- Active LivingHealthy Eating
- Tobacco-Free Living
- SchoolsChild Care

Health Care

- Workplace Wellness
 Multiple Strategies
 Tribal SUUP and
- Tribal SHIP and Tobacco Grants

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