

After the Criteria discussion, participants stayed at the same tables and discussed the Goal Area they selected. Twenty-four participants elected to discuss the Healthy Places Objectives and formed two small discussion groups.

HEALTHY PLACES

Which objectives are most important to you and your community and why?

- *Education*: Participants thought that educating the community was very important. They cited Objectives 43-45, which are all related to home safety, as examples of how participants can learn healthy behaviors for one setting and then the knowledge and behaviors will carry over into other settings.
- *Objective 36*: Participants in both of the discussion groups said that Objective 36, concerning clean air, water and waste disposal, is especially important in their community because those services are not always available. It also provides an opportunity for government oversight and regulation.
- *Objective 42*: Participants said that Objective 42, improving the social determinants of health, is important because it is cost effective.
- *Upstream Issues*: Objectives that address “upstream issues”, i.e., issues that prevent future health and social problems, are very important in Arkansas.

Are there any big objectives missing from the list?

During the small group discussions, none of the participants felt that there was anything missing though written comments were received saying that global climate change should be stressed in this Goal Area and nursing homes, end of life care, and palliative care should be addressed by the Objectives.

What is the overall reaction of the group to the objectives for this overarching area taken as a group?

Participants thought that there were too many Objectives in this Goal Area.

Do the objectives for this overarching area look consistent with the criteria?

The objectives, especially those that emphasize early interventions and strategies, look consistent with the criteria.