Missouri Disability and Health Collaborative

“To support individuals with intellectual disabilities to be included in and have access to the full range of evidence-based physical activity and nutrition programs provided through public health programs within Missouri.”

Pat Simmons, Bureau Chief, Community Health and Wellness

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Building Communities for Better Health

Implementation Process:

- Worked with four communities over two years to implement PSE strategies inclusive of people with intellectual disabilities
- Coalition representative of community
- Assessment process
  - CHANGE/Community Health Inclusion Index assessment
  - Readiness
- Ongoing training and technical assistance

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Outcomes

- Total population of pilot communities: 24,533
  - % population with disability: ~4,411
- Increased representation of people with IDD
- Change in culture
- Increased community knowledge of issues
- PSE changes in every community
  - Policy to allow care givers access
  - Caroline carts
  - Active transportation plans
  - Accessible parks

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Lessons Learned

Partnerships
- Right people at the right time
- Maximize reach

Communication
- Continually communicate big picture and next steps

Networking
- Find inspiration in each other

Continuous Feedback
- Not as hard as we thought it would be
- Celebrate small wins

Adapt
- Don’t start from scratch
- Be open to change

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