

HEALTHY TETON COUNTY

WINTER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Healthy Teton County Partners,

Over two years ago, Teton County Public Health and St. John's Medical Center started crafting a framework for the inaugural Healthy Teton County (HTC) community health needs assessment. HTC is proud to announce that we have transitioned into the action phase of the project; 10 Action Groups are now utilizing evidence-based action plans to improve the primary health needs in our community. This quarterly newsletter will provide up-to-date information on the latest HTC activities and projects. We hope that you will enjoy and share this resource.

Sincerely,
The HTC Core Committee

ANNUAL CALENDAR

HTC will conduct a series of annual meetings and events following the schedule below. Mark your calendars!

Community Partner Meeting

October

Core Committee Meetings

March & September

Action Group Check-ins

January, April, July (in-person meeting), and October

Quarterly Newsletters

February, May, August, and November

Data Update Report Published

July



COMMITTEE MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



This quarter we are featuring Mike Arnold, a key member of the Radon Action Group.

Mike is a radon expert who performs measurement and mitigation services throughout Wyoming and Idaho for D&K Residential Services. He volunteered his time during Radon Awareness Month in January to present at multiple community events. Thanks for all of your great work, Mike!

ACTION GROUP UPDATES

Find out what some of your 10 HTC Action Groups are working on this quarter!

- **Access to Health Services**

St. John's Hospital Foundation was awarded a \$200,000 grant to explore the feasibility of establishing a Community Health Center. A facility of this type would provide primary care, dental care, and mental health services.

Contact AG Lead, Julia Heemstra, at jheemstra@tetonhospital.org

- **Food Insecurity**

The Food Insecurity AG has been focused on developing strategies to educate the community about food insecurity and raise awareness about the resources that are available to those in need. This AG will soon be publishing a "Community Eats Food Map" that will list all of our local food insecurity resources.

Contact AG Lead, Jordan McCoy, at jmccoy@tetonwyo.org

- **Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)**

Teton County Public Health has increased its STI screening, treatment, and prevention activities. Additional successes include an updated resource card for adolescents and more school-based education.

Contact AG Lead, Janet Garland, RN, at janet.garland@wyo.gov

- **Youth Alcohol Use & Smokeless Tobacco**

This AG has been working to make ordinance recommendations to the Town Council that address underage drinking, over-serving, as well as a smoke and vape-free environments.

Contact AG Lead, Matt Stech, at mstech@pmowyo.org

Action Groups not highlighted this month: Immunizations for 65+, Routine Screenings, Smokeless Tobacco, Radon, Youth Alcohol Use

FEATURED ACTION GROUP: RADON

January was Radon Awareness Month, and the Radon Action Group (AG) utilized this opportunity to educate our community about the dangers of radon. AG chair Eric Baird and committee member Mike Arnold presented at a Lunchtime Learning hosted by St. John's Medical Center at the Teton County Library. Eric and Mike also participated in a panel discussion as a part of the Sustainability Series at SparkJH.

Teton County Public Health sold 74 radon test kits in January and also performed 2 radio interviews with FM 89.1 & 96.9. On the air Eric and committee member Deanna Harger discussed the Sustainability Series, the negative effects of radon, and the health department's options for radon testing.



UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

- February 26, 2016 — Food Insecurity Action Group Meeting**
2-3 p.m. at the UW Extension Office (255 W Deloney)
- March 8, 2016 — Alcohol/Tobacco Abuse Action Group Meeting**
12 p.m. at the PMO Office (140 E Broadway Suite B2)

CONTACT US!

For the most up-to-date information, visit the HTC website at:

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