Health in Arizona Policy Initiative (HAPI)

Leveraging Resources: From Silos to Synergy of Systems

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Objectives of Presentation:

- Increased understanding of Health in Arizona Policy Initiative - (HAPI Program)
- Increased knowledge of Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) Change
- Increased knowledge of Leveraging Resources
- Identify one strategy that could be utilized by your organization to better leverage resources and/or work with the Health in Arizona Policy Initiative program within your community
To optimize the health of Arizona residents by developing and strengthening systems services to expand access to primary care and other services with emphasis on the health needs of underserved people and areas.
Institute of Medicine Quote

“It is unreasonable to expect that people will change their behavior easily when so many forces in the social, cultural, and physical environment conspire against such change.”

-Smedly and Syme (2000)
“While walking along the banks of a river, a passerby notices that someone in the water is drowning. After pulling the person ashore, the rescuer notices another person in the river in need of help. Before long...”
Importance of PSE Change

• Health problems are influenced by societal policies and environments that in some way either sustain behaviors or fail to foster healthier choices

• Where you live affects how you live

• Major health problems will not be solved solely by individual actions and choices

• By moving upstream to address causes and improving environments where we live, work, learn, play, and receive health care, we can prevent many people from becoming chronically ill
Health in Arizona Policy Initiative (HAPI)

• Health in Arizona Policy Initiative (HAPI) utilizes evidence-based approaches to address population health needs including the:
  – Health in All Policy Framework
  – Health Impact Pyramid
  – National Prevention Strategy

SYSTEMS-BASED APPROACHES
Health in All Policies
HAPI – Scope of Work

Evidence Based Strategies

• Procurement Policy
• Worksite Wellness
• School Health
• Healthy Communities
• Clinical Care
• Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
Policy, Systems and Environmental (PSE) Change

What is policy change?

Policy interventions may be a law, ordinance, resolution, mandate, regulation, or rule (both formal and informal).

• Example: Organizational policies that provide time off during work hours for physical activity.

Minnesota Statewide Health Improvement Program
http://www.health.state.mn.us/ommh/committees/ommhadvcomm/policypres0110.pdf  By: Brooke Ahiquist, MA, MPH
Big “P” Policy vs. Little “P” Policy

Big “P” Policies
• Formal laws
• Rules
• Regulations enacted by elected officials

Little “P” Policies
• Organizational guidelines
• Internal agency decisions or memoranda
• Social norms guiding behavior
Policy, Systems and Environmental (PSE) Change

What is **SYSTEMS** change?

**Systems** interventions are changes that impact all elements of an organization, institution, or system.

- Types of systems include: school, clinics, transportation, parks and recreation, etc.

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By: Brooke Ahlquist, MA, MPH
What is **ENVIRONMENTAL** change?

**Environmental** interventions involve physical or material changes to the economic, social, or physical environment.

- Example: Incorporating sidewalks, paths, and recreation areas into community design.

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## PSE Activities Within Strategies

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<td>HEALTHY COMMUNITIES - HIA's, Walking Paths, Complete Streets, Community Gardens, Chronic Disease Self-Management (CDSMP)</td>
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Silo Approach
From Silos to Synergy of Systems

Breaking Out of the Silo Approach

• Cause of Organizational Silos - Mix of mindset, culture, and process factors

• Cure: Utilize Systems Thinking Approach
  - Individual Beliefs and Mental Models
  - Organizational Structure and Practices

Break Out of the Silo Mentality
ASSOCIATIONS NOW, December 2009, Feature
By: Jeffrey Cufaude
From Silos to Synergy of Systems
Yavapai - YCCHS Community Health Education

- Team of 14 Health Educators
- 13 Health Education Program Grants
- Team members are cross-trained and funded under multiple grants
- HAPI objectives are built on existing CHE and YCCHS relationships
HAPI Community Design—Promoting Active Transportation

- **PSE Support for Active Transport.**
- **Municipal & Govt.**
- **Community Groups (i.e. bicycle advisory)**
- **Schools/Districts**
- **Injury Prevention**
- **HIAs**
- **SRTS**
- **HAPI**
- **SNAP Ed.**
As a result of the groups actions and efforts the Arizona Nutrition Network (AZNN) partners sought funding and have recently been awarded a community reinvestment award to aid as seed money to start up future community garden projects.
Themes of Success

Successful Policy, System and Environmental change occurs where

- strong collaborations exist
- the leadership of strong champions exist
- the community is ready for change
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