

Partnering4Health, an online resource

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SUMMARY

Partner organizations developed the website – which includes snapshots of the projects, an online training course, an inspiring video story, and loads of resources and materials – to give communities the tools and resources for the future to build and nurture healthier communities and lifestyles where people live, work and play.



CHALLENGE

From 2014 to 2017, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided five national organizations with funding to work with local communities and build their capacity for implementing sustainable changes that support healthy communities and lifestyles. The overall goal was to implement, evaluate, and disseminate evidence- and practice-based community health activities that promote health equity.

The, Partnering4Health project generated hundreds of tools, resources, toolkits, and information that could be shared with others who are doing this type of policy, systems and environmental change work.

YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS KEY

Visit www.partnering4health.org to learn more.

During the project, diverse partners invested thousands of hours so that adults, children, and youth could have expanded opportunities to live longer, healthier lives.

Each national organization also strengthened its own commitment and resolve to foster community-based changes using policy, systems and environmental change approaches for reducing chronic diseases and promoting health equity.

"The momentum of the project will continue, People can take the online course, use the materials and toolkits for ideas and tools to get projects off the ground faster and make communities healthier."

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SOLUTION

The Society for Public Health Education developed a website entitled, www.partnering4health.org that will host all of the tools, resources, toolkits, videos, online educational learning courses, reports and lessons learned from this three-year project period.

RESULTS

The Society for Public Health Education launched www.partnering4health.org in October 2017. The following five national organizations contributed content and expertise to the web site - American Heart Association (AHA), American Planning Association (APA), and National WIC Association (NWA). Directors of Health Promotion and Education (DHPE) and the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE).

The website includes a searchable database of success stories. Infographics and advertising materials on the site can be adapted and used by community health educators, a 90-minute online course that reviews key elements for sustaining the healthy community movement, and a community toolkit.

SUSTAINING SUCCESS

The new website, www.Partnering4Health.org, logs the lessons learned from a grant-funded community health project that operated in 94 communities across the United States from 2014-2017.

The Partnering4Health project touched 20 million people in 94 communities just during the three-year period. The project lays the basis for others to continue building healthy communities for the future.