## **Utilizing SD Community Wellness Coalitions**

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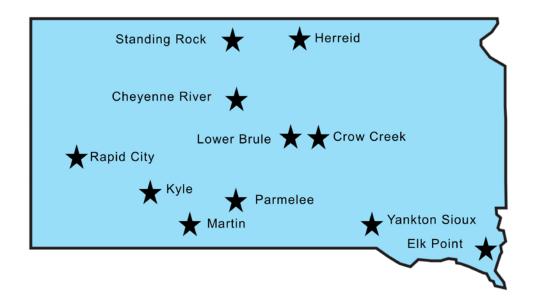
- Identify new ideas on how to work with various stakeholders in your community to accomplish a common wellness goal.
- Identify barriers and successes to physical activity and nutrition interventions in small, rural areas of the state.

## **Project Description**

Wellness Coalitions work to prevent and reduce obesity of children, youth, and their families. Coalitions conducted a community needs assessment to help inform selection and implementation of interventions, including:

- Promote access to fruits and vegetables
- Increase healthy behaviors such as consumption of healthy food and beverages
- Provide access to physical activity opportunities

#### 11 Wellness Coalitions



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#### Intervention Menu

#### **Nutrition**

- Community Gardens
- Food Safety and Preservation
- Healthy Vending
- Healthy Concessions
- Stock Healthy, Shop Healthy

#### **Physical Activity**

- Traditional Native American Games
- Activity/Fitness Zones
- Joint-use Agreements
- Walkability/Bikeability
- Pop-up Play



Multi-disciplinary, community driven approach

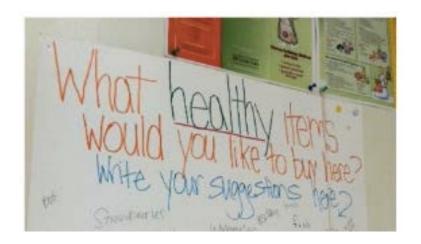
Engaging small food retailers

Engaging community members

Addressing supply & demand at the same time









## Community demand

- Where do you buy your food?
- Do you shop at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
- How often do you shop at this store?
- Do you buy dairy products/fruit/vegetables here?
- What would it take to buy more of your groceries at this store?
- What would help you buy more fruits and vegetables in general?



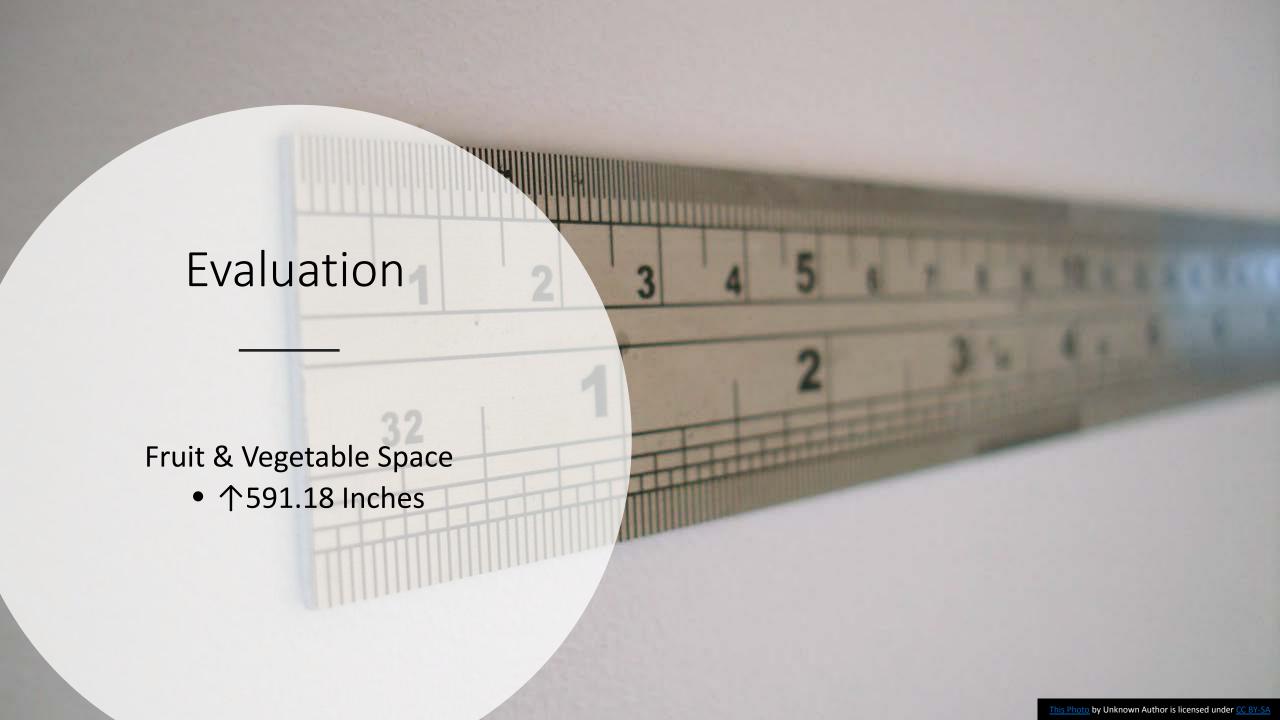
# Free Fruit for Kids!



#### Youth involvement....







## Why care about physical activity?

- 37.3% of SD adults are classified as overweight & 29.6% classified as obese.
- Majority of SD adults & children are NOT meeting the 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines.

Specific environment conditions & features often determine the health of an individual.

#### Outdoor Fitness Zones

#### Define

 Areas throughout a community that offer equipment and amenities for adults and youth to engage in physical activity

#### Goal

- Improve community engagement
- Increase community physical activity access





#### Elk Point

WELCOME TO THE

- \$278,000+ playground and physical activity zone
- Community-wide effort thess Zone
- Funding: variety of sources

In grateful recognition of those donors who helped make our dream of physical activity in our community possible:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (Game, Fish & Parks)

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

The City of Elk Point

The Elk Point Chamber

The Wellmark Foundation

Elk Point United Parisl

Elk Point Parks and Recreation Association

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Elk Point Lions' Club

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Elk Point Wellness Coalition



Elk Point (After)

- Equipment is appropriate for all fitness levels
- Handicap accessible
- Centrally located and easily accessed
- 7 pieces of fitness equipment







Elk Point (After)

## Herreid (Before)

- Lack of free opportunities to engage in physical activity
- Needs assessment track area showed high interest to increase physical activity
- Located at the edge of town



## Herreid (After)

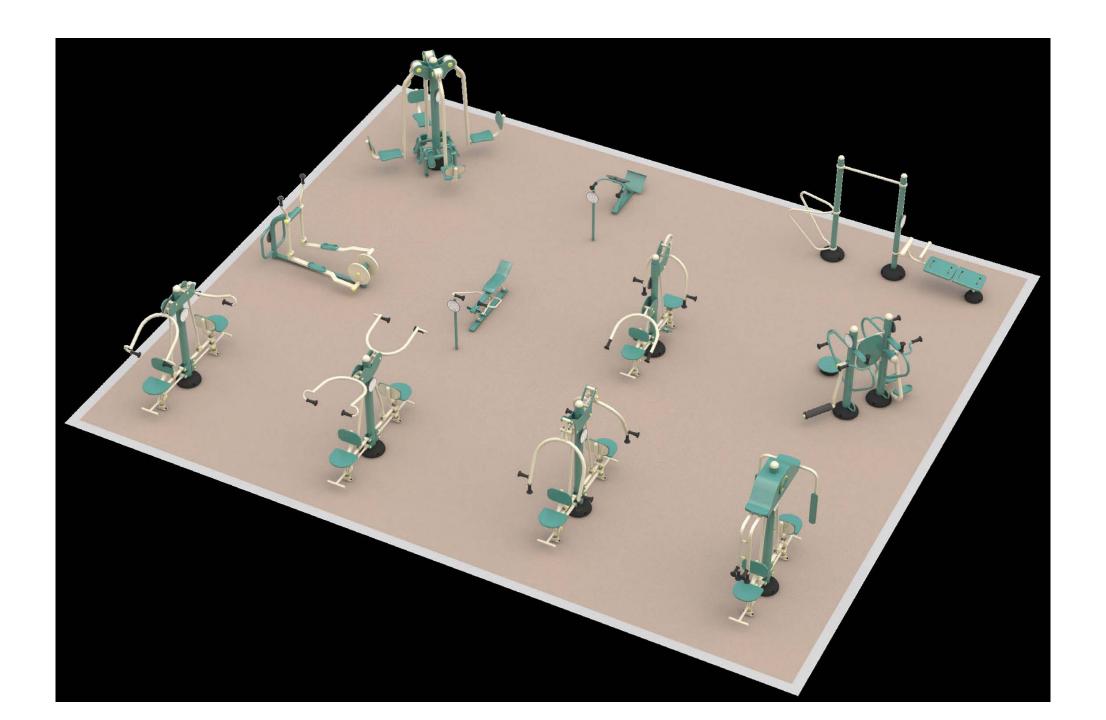
- \$50,000 project
- 11 pieces of equipment
- School and student involvement
- Funding
  - The Centers for Disease Control
  - Company's School Incentive Program (\$10,490)
  - Community fundraisers
  - Volunteer time: Value of \$5,800 in service







## In Progress





## Wagner (After)

- \$15,500 project
- 6 pieces of equipment
  - Uneven bars
  - Dual exercise bars
  - Leg press machine
  - Push up bars
  - Back extension
  - Sit up bench
- Funding
  - SNAP-Ed
  - Wellmark Kickstarter
  - City of Wagner





### Wagner

 Utilized social media, local papers and flyers to promote equipment







#### Sit Ups

Primarily working abdominal muscles & hip/upper thigh flexors
Sit on the bench, with the feet down, held under the support bar. Lie on your back with legs slightly bent. Raise the shoulders and upper body off the bench. Return slowly, Repeat.

**Resistance** can be varied depending on the extent to which the legs are bent -- straight legs providing the most resistance. Also, the further back the arms and elbows, the greater the resistance.

#### → Leg Lifts/Reverse Sit Ups

#### Primarily working lower abdominals and hips

Laying on the bench, on your back, grab the bar overhead with hands. Slowly raise your legs to a 90 degree angle & return slowly.

**Resistance** will depend on the straightness of the legs. The straighter the legs, the more difficult the exercise.

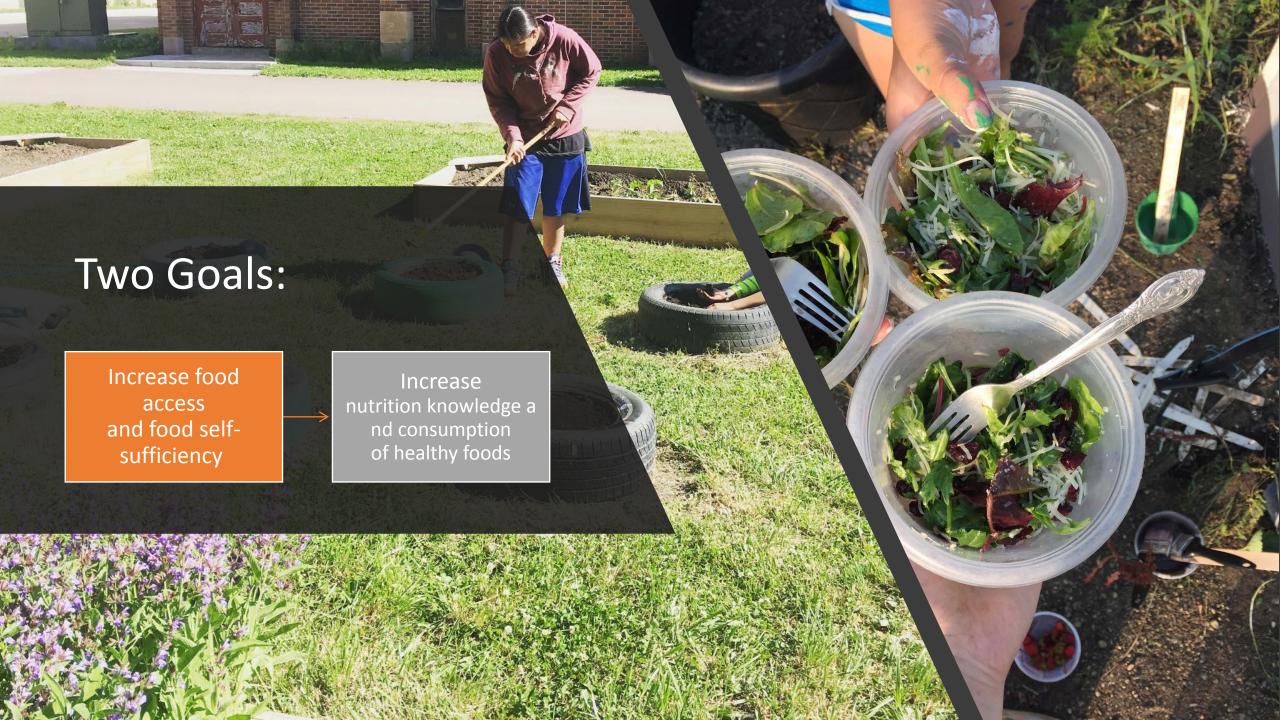
These are just some examples of what can be done on this piece of equipment and is for informational purpose. Talk to your doctor before you begin a new exercise routine. The Wagner Area Health & Wellness Consortium is not responsible/liable for injuries.

## **Community Gardening**









#### **Garden Coordinators**

- Responsibilities:
  - Lead planning, planting, maintaining, and harvesting efforts
  - Nutrition education









# Community Garden Stats

Produce Items Harvested & 700+ Pounds Harvested

> 2,855 items plus 694 lbs. of produce was harvested and donated to local pantries.

4,616 items plus 80 lbs. of produce was harvested and taken home by families.



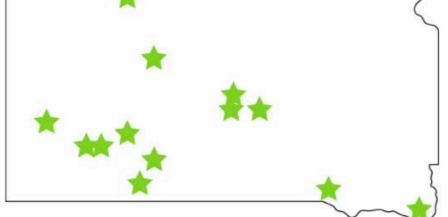


Recorded Time Spent in the Gardens





Community Garden Participant -



A community garden gives people, that wouldn't have thought about gardening, an opportunity to try it with the help of other community members.

12 Garden Coordinators

4,224 Paid Hours

336 Community Hours

13 Gardens Tracked



Fort Thompson Garden Scavenger Hunt











Standing Rock Traditional Fall Meal









## Lake Andes Harvest Celebration

#### Barriers & Successes

- Motivation
- Time
  - Field Staff
  - Store Managers/Owners

- Built partnerships with various stakeholders
- Engaged community members to work toward a common goal
- Leveraged resources

## Questions?







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