

The **Healthy Harvey Coalition** works with community partners to improve the health, safety, and success of all people in Harvey County. Through the *Pathways Initiative* we are able to expand our partnerships and further our efforts by helping make substantial changes in policies, systems, and the environment that address the social determinants of health.

Community Perception

- 552 Harvey County residents were surveyed. Over three quarters (84%) of survey respondents rated Harvey County as healthy. Only 15% rated the County as unhealthy.
- Almost two-thirds (63%) of respondents believe that Harvey County has plenty of options available for physical activity.
- Almost two-thirds (69%) of respondents think that commercial tobacco product use should be prohibited in all outdoor spaces.



“Pathways has helped create a circle to make getting local food from the farmer to the table possible in Harvey County.”

— Carol Sue Stayrook Hobbs
Chair of the Harvey County Food and Farm Council



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Healthy Eating



Healthy Harvey Coalition is excited about the work **Health Ministries Clinic** is doing with **Food as Medicine** through *Pathways* and **Sunflower**

Foundation. Health Ministries Clinic is teaching diabetes patients how to use diet, not just prescriptions, to treat their diabetes. The program includes nutrition education, cooking skills, and a healthy food box.



Active Living



Through *Pathways*, grants, and donors, **Healthy Harvey Coalition** and **Kansas Learning Center for Health (KLCH)** are working to purchase and

install outdoor fitness equipment available for all residents and students to use. Also, through *Pathways* and **KDOT** the **City of Halstead** is working to improve access to KLCH.

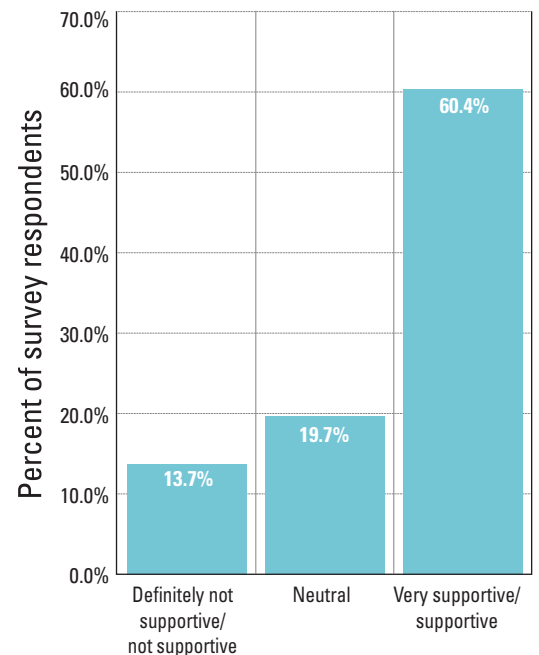


Commercial Tobacco Control



As part of their new fitness equipment, **Kansas Learning Center for Health** is reviewing their tobacco free grounds policy and will be installing new signage to ensure that all community members using the equipment can experience a commercial tobacco-free space.

Initiative Wide: Level of support for commercial tobacco control policies in outdoor spaces



Key findings:

Three-in-five respondents across the 24 *Pathways* communities support commercial tobacco control policies in outdoor spaces.

Results are based on data from an initiative-wide survey of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas members for whom e-mail addresses were available in each of the 26 counties in which BCBSKS has funded coalitions as part of the Pathways to a Healthy Kansas Initiative. N = 3,708. The survey response rate was 5.3 percent. For this question, 6.2 percent of respondents did not provide an answer (blank response).

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Projects

\$154,800

Pathways Grant
Funding

34,024

Population
Impacted

Pathways to a Healthy Kansas combines evidence-based solutions and promising practices for improving healthy eating, active living and tobacco prevention to make a large impact in communities. The program provides community coalitions with the tools and resources needed to remove barriers and engage their communities – and represents the largest community grant program ever funded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas.

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