



The mission of the Partnership for All Cherokee County Children is to connect Cherokee County families to resources through education, advocacy and collaboration.

### Community Perception

- When asked about the Columbus Farmers Market, most interview respondents said it was vital to our food system because of its low cost and availability of fresh, nutritious foods.
- A majority of interview respondents said the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Double Up Food Bucks benefited the community because they reduced cost barriers to nutritious foods for low-income residents.
- Awareness level of our community's growth of farmers markets is high; all interview respondents reported knowing where the market is organized, its hours, and are familiar with its marketing/promotional materials.

“Pathways provides critical funding and technical resources for our community as we work toward the goal of increasing the health and wellness across our county.”

— Betha Elliott,  
Administrator,  
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# City of Columbus



### Healthy Eating



Our Coalition will be working with the **Columbus Farmers Market** on a pledge to commit to providing fresh and nutritious foods for our residents for years to come and valuable site improvements that will make it more inviting and beneficial for our community.



### Active Living



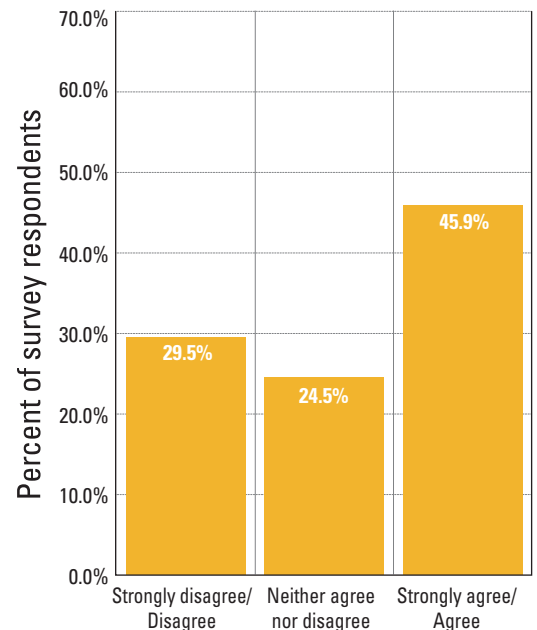
The **City of Columbus** received a *Pathways* implementation grant for the installation of a walking/biking trail at **Eddington Park**. This facility provides a great opportunity for physical activity for individuals of all ages and ability levels. Additional community partners included **Crossland Construction, JT Construction Company, and the Columbus Recreation Commission.**

### Commercial Tobacco Control



Our Coalition will work with **Cherokee County K-State Research and Extension** on **Resist** chapter efforts to promote commercial tobacco cessation among children. These efforts will complement our **Chronic Disease Risk Reduction** grant strategies of promoting commercial tobacco-free indoor and outdoor spaces and providing cessation resources to high-risk populations.

### Initiative Wide: In general, my community has sufficient options for healthy eating.



### Key findings:

More than two-in-five respondents across the 24 *Pathways* communities said their community has sufficient options for healthy eating.

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 = 4,845. The survey response rate was 6.9 percent.

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Projects for Action Period 2

\$151,430

Grant Dollars Distributed So Far

2,929

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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