

Survey Results Guide Action to Enhance Quality of Life

Thank you to community members for taking the community perception survey. Your invaluable feedback guided us throughout the years of the [Pathways to a Healthy Kansas](#) project, an initiative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas. As we reflect on our work, we are especially proud of the following accomplishments:

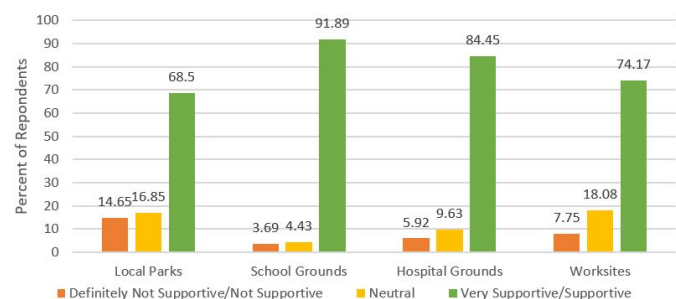
- School aged youth and teens now have healthier environments with water bottle filling stations, new playground equipment and gym enhancements in both Uniontown and Fort Scott School Districts!
- New walking trail lighting at Riverfront and FSCC, trailhead kiosks and maps, a pump track, a bike share program, and a flashing school crosswalk became a reality in our community! Thank you to each of our city councils, Gunn Park Trails Volunteers, The Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce and all the stakeholders involved in this work!

Survey findings highlight progress that has been made and opportunities for additional work in our community.

Finding #1: Between 69% and 92% of survey respondents were supportive of tobacco-free policy across different settings. (Figure 1).

Action being taken: We have seen success in tobacco-free worksites at Peerless Products and Bourbon County. We will build on this success and work towards implementing comprehensive tobacco-free policies across our community.

Figure 1. How would you rate your level of support for policy that prohibit tobacco use?



Source: Bourbon County Community Perception Survey, 2020.

Finding #2: 58% of survey respondents saw room for improvements with adequate street lighting.



Figure 2. Riverfront Park Trail Lighting

Action being taken: We began addressing community concerns about the lack of lighting by adding new lights at the Riverfront Park and FSCC. We hope that these improvements will make your outdoor experience more pleasant. (Figure 2).

We are seeing success in our work to increase access to physical activity and tobacco-free space. We now have ten bikes available in five different locations for our bike share program. Our work will continue with a focus on increasing access to healthier food options. “Promoting locally produced food and increasing access to food outlets builds a stronger workforce and a more resilient economy.” Jody Hoener, Economic Development Director.

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