

Live Well Crawford County uses Resident feedback to guide efforts for improving health.

Thank you Crawford County for taking our community perception survey! Your feedback has helped guide our efforts for our [Pathways to a Healthy Kansas](#) project, an initiative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas. As we reflect on our Pathways work, we are especially proud of these accomplishments:

- \$90K awarded to Crawford County worksites for implementing worksite wellness policies and practices!
- 5 local Restaurants implemented healthy menu and food preparation initiatives!
- 6 Crawford County Schools implemented effective policies to improve nutrition and physical activity!

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

Finding #1: Sidewalks and Bike/Walk Paths: About 63% of survey respondents strongly disagreed or disagreed that there are an adequate number of sidewalks and bike/walk paths in our Crawford County communities. (Figure 1)

Action being taken: To improve access to healthcare and encourage active transportation, Live Well Crawford County and the City of Pittsburg are developing sidewalks in the North Medical District.

The sidewalks will provide connectivity to and between healthcare providers within the district. These efforts were approved by the Board of Commissioners of Crawford County and will be funded via \$100,000 Pathways to a Healthy Kansas grant.

Finding #2: Lighting: Results of the community perception survey also revealed that 71% of respondents believe that lighting is needed along sidewalks and walking paths for walking at night.



Action being taken: Live Well Crawford County is currently exploring opportunities to add lighting to sidewalks, walking paths, and other relevant pedestrian walkways in our local communities that would provide safer conditions for active transportation after dark.

Over the 4 years of Pathways work, over \$400,000 in grant funding has been awarded into Crawford County for healthy initiatives, policies, and practices. We want to say “thank you” to all of Crawford County for being proactive towards our health and wellness!

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