PROCESS

Work Together

Public Health

Community Health Needs Assessment

Essentia Health-Northern Pines (Aurora)

5211 Highway 110 | Aurora, MN 55705

Aurora, MN (1,714 population)



7 focus group



55 community members



30 partnering organizations

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Collaborate towards solutions with multiple stakeholders (e.g. schools, worksites, medical centers, public health) to improve community health.
- 2. Build trust through collaboration with community members experiencing health disparities.
- 3. Prioritize sustainable evidence-based efforts around the greatest community good.
- 4. Create clear, specific, realistic, and action-oriented goals to improve priority health indicators.

Act on What's Important Community Development Nonprofits Choose Effective Policies & Programs Communicate itencing

Mental Health Stigma

Indicators:

17% of St. Louis County residents failed or delayed asking for help with emotional problems (2015)
45% of Mesabi East 11th grade students seriously considered suicide (2016)

Strategies:

- Launch mental health anti-stigma campaign
- Promote intergenerational activities
- Support school based programs for mental health

Youth Are Drug Free

Indicators:

38 drug overdose deaths in St. Louis County in 2016 24% of Mesabi East 11th grade students used an e-cigarette in the past 30 days (2016)

Strategies:

- Increase substance use programming in schools
- Local policy, system, and environmental change to restrict access to tobacco products for youth

Healthy Food, Active Living

Indicators:

67% of St. Louis County residents are overweight or obese (2015) 36% of Mesabi East 11th grade students are overweight or obese (2016)

Strategies:

- Support programs to increase nutritional food consumption
- Increase opportunities for physical activity
- Increase access to healthy foods

