

KALKASKA COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH SUMMIT

Part of DHD#10's Community Health Improvement Plan

October 10, 2017 – On Thursday, October 19, 2017, community members will have an opportunity to attend a Community Health Summit meeting to provide input on strategies identified to improve the health of Kalkaska County. This will be the final step in the 2017 Community Health Improvement Plan conducted by District Health Department #10 and its partners.

This process began earlier this year, when the Community Health Needs Assessment was conducted in each community. Information was collected through a community survey, community conversations, and data from a variety of sources such as the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. In each county, community members reviewed the information and prioritized the top three health issues. In Kalkaska County, the issues identified were Chronic Disease, Healthy Lifestyle, and Tobacco Use. Once these issues were identified, community partners selected strategies that could be used in Kalkaska County to improve these top three health issues.

The Community Health Improvement Plan will be unveiled at the **Live Well Kalkaska County meeting on October 19** and all community members are encouraged to attend. Those attending the meeting will have the opportunity to view the goals, objectives and strategies and provide input. While District Health Department #10 is hosting this Summit presentation, community partners, including the Kalkaska County Community Collaborative, Live Well Kalkaska County and Live Well Kalkaska County Substance Free have played an integral part in the process. Now it is time for everyone to review the strategies and provide additional thoughts before the plan is complete.

The Summit meeting will be held at the **Kalkaska County Michigan Works office at 103 3rd St. in Kalkaska at 10:30 a.m. on October 19, 2017**. There is no cost to attend. This Summit will be a great opportunity to be a part of improving the health of Kalkaska County.

About DHD #10

District Health Department #10 (DHD #10) is Michigan's largest geographical health department, mandated to promote and protect the public from unsafe and hazardous conditions and provide methods of promoting good health and disease prevention. Some of the vital programs provided by DHD #10 include Immunizations, Infectious Disease Control, STI Testing and Counseling, WIC, Maternal Infant Health Program, Healthy Families Northern Michigan, Children's Special Health Services, Hearing and Vision Screening, Family Planning, Cancer Screening, Worksite Wellness, Smoking Cessation, Substance Use Prevention, Chronic Disease Prevention, and Environmental Health Services. DHD #10 serves Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, and Wexford counties. For more information, visit www.dhd10.org.

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