

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE  
COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON OCTOBER 15 2016, IN KALKASKA COUNTY**

*What can we do here in Kalkaska County to move closer to our vision of a healthy community?*

<b>Continuously focus on health and wellness</b>	<b>Strategically implement education building blocks</b>	<b>Mindfully engage community</b>	<b>Purposefully incorporate nutritional health</b>	<b>Thoughtfully and deliberately improve behavioral health</b>	<b>Strategically recruit economic opportunity</b>	<b>Thoughtfully and open-mindedly consider infrastructure</b>	<b>Continuously create incentives for active participation</b>
Increase immunization rates	Increase graduation rates—P2P	Youth-adult coalition: activity based	Increase access to affordable fruits and veggies	Access to mental health	Increase tax base	Improved transportation system	Incentives to participate in community progs.
Increase preventive care	After school program	Communication, advertising, outreach	More fresh food access: Double Up Food Bucks	Substance abuse prevention and reduction	Increase economic opportunities	Increase quality, affordable housing	
Proactive preventive education	Educate early and often	Community health collaboration	SNAP Education Food preparation, meal preparation	Stress relieving techniques			
Employee wellness programs with incentives	Knowledge and career guidance	Educate community on identified needs					
Worksite wellness based on individual business needs	Budgeting courses	Ask community for viable solutions					
Accessible recreational opportunities	Increasing graduation rates						
Turn off phones—play as a family	Parent engagement within schools						
Increased youth health programs	Health related education workshops						

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