

Community Conversation
Mecosta Osceola Human Services Collaborative Body
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What can we do in Mecosta County to move closer to our vision of a healthy community?

Increased access to healthy sustainable nutrition and recreation	Expand affordable health care for all	Expand services for substance abuse and mental health clients and families	Make youth #1 priority	Expand collective impact community wide	Expand safe, affordable transportation to all	Attract corporations for sustainable job growth	Develop safe affordable housing for all
Better access to healthy food options – education	Increase affordable access to dental and eye care	Addiction management	Build assets in youth	Enhance collaborative efforts - regional	Transportation	Another corporation to bring more revenue	Affordable housing for non-students
More access to fresh fruits and vegetable	Access to health care for under-insured	Reduce substance abuse	Increase quality child care	Collaborative and shared information	Safe affordable transportation	Assess to better paying jobs	Affordable safe housing
Community gardens	Expanded health care access	Address substance abuse and opiate abuse	Youth healthy eating and exercise initiative	ID gaps	Affordable transportation to all appointments	Address economic disparity	Safe affordable housing
Grow a row	Lifetime home health care for seniors	Mental help with family counseling	Expand anti-bullying and leadership programs	Unduplicated resources	Transportation assistance outside of Big Rapids		
Sustain maintain community recreation	Recruit more medical professionals	Increase access to mental health					
Promotion of active lifestyle – integrating technology	Affordable dental care						
Friendship and social activities for the community	Health care education programs						
Recreation areas							

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