

THE POLICY BRIEF

A newsletter issued by the Health in All Policies Pinellas County Collaborative

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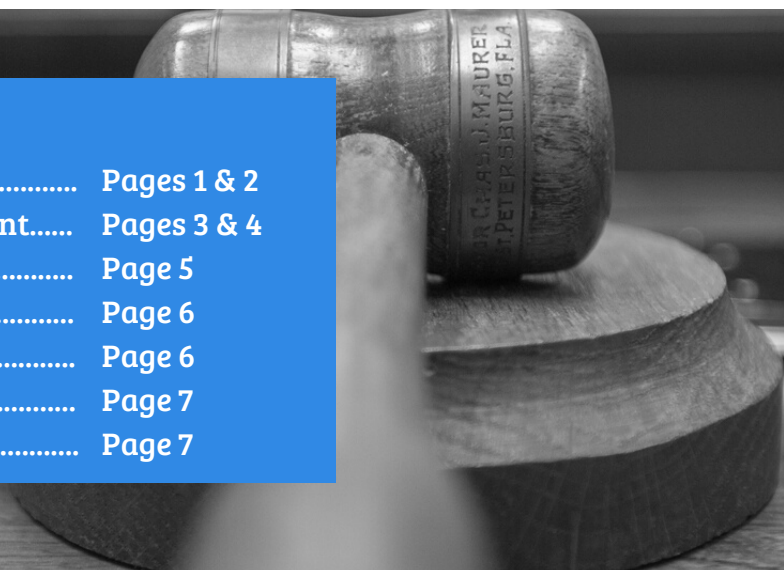


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PROGRAM REVIEW

Pinellas Park's Brownfield Program HIA



With authority granted from city council resolution number 19-11, Pinellas Park intends to improve public health in the city through the establishment of a brownfield program, which will designate two brownfield areas in their jurisdiction. The proposed brownfield program is the subject of the Pinellas Park HiAP team's recently completed health impact assessment (HIA).

To inform the development of the brownfield program, the HIA sought to investigate and understand the impacts brownfields may have on public health, the local economy, community context and quality, and the built environment.

Health Impact Assessment on
Brownfield Program for the
City of Pinellas Park, Florida

Fall 2019



Brownfields generally present themselves as cases of environmental injustices that negatively impact marginalized populations, as well as a wide range of social determinants of health. However, a health-focused brownfield program that is well-informed on the various advantages of brownfield programming can address and resolve health and equity issues specific to Pinellas Park. This HIA constitutes an analysis of the relevant health and equity data needed to make this health-focused implementation possible. Using the findings of this report as a tool in the development and implementation of the proposed brownfield program can lead to the invigoration of brownfield sites and communities across the city. This will lead to healthier and more equitable communities and, in the end, a healthier population.

[Access the HIA here using the URL or QR code:](http://pinellas.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/community-health-planning-and-statistics/health-in-all-policies/decision-support-tools.html)

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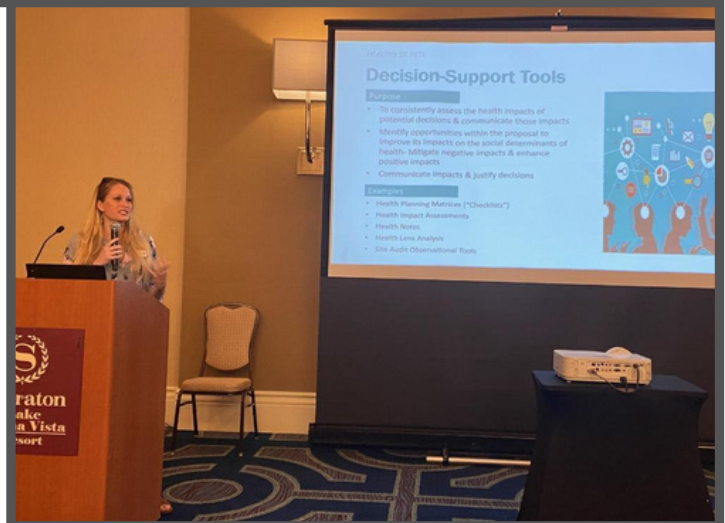


Active Living Research Conference

From February 2-5, the HiAP Pinellas County Collaborative attended the Active Living Research Conference in Orlando, FL.

On February 2, the HiAP collaborative presented a poster titled "Using a Health in All Policies Framework to Affect Physical Activity in South Pinellas County, Florida", which exhibited the program's unique organizational structure and novel decision support tool integration approach.

On February 4, Cassidy Mutnansky (City of St. Petersburg's health planner) facilitated a presentation titled "Health in All Policies in St. Petersburg: An Innovative and Collaborative Approach", which highlighted the City of St. Petersburg's recent HiAP accomplishments.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

HiAP Data Analyst Positions



The HiAP Pinellas County Collaborative has been awarded a HiAP Demonstration and Data grant from the National Environmental Health Association.

Through the grant, the collaborative aims to hire three part-time, temporary data analyst positions within the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County. The positions will be responsible for aiding in the creation of health data and indicator profiles and health guides for various sectors (e.g. transportation, parks/green space, economic development, housing, etc.). The health data and indicator profiles will help streamline the collaborative's health and equity assessments, and the health guides will serve as a "how to" handbook for non-public health professionals who are interested in integrating health and equity considerations into their internal policies, plans, projects, and programs.

For more information, please contact Heath Kirby at heath.kirby@flhealth.gov.

NACCHO's HiAP Webinar Series: Local HiAP Initiatives

On February 25th from 2:00 PM EST - 3:00 PM EST, Cassidy Mutnansky (City of St. Petersburg's health planner) will present the HiAP Pinellas County Collaborative's process mapping

techniques for inserting health and equity considerations into proposed policies, plans, projects and programs.

[Register here using the URL or QR code:](#)

https://naccho.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nctUIX3ERbGRmpnMYX9iYw



NEHA's HiAP How-To Webinar: HiAP Implementation



On March 4th from 2:00 PM EST - 3:00 PM EST, Heath Kirby (FL Dept. of Health in Pinellas County's HiAP program manager) will present the HiAP Pinellas County Collaborative's program structure, primary partners, and evaluation metrics and methods. Other presenters include Lianne Dillon (from the California Health in All Policies Task Force) and Dr. John Vick (from the Tennessee Livability Collaborative).

Register here using the URL or QR code:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MEAc-9f0RL6PfIFajgW1Kw

Forward Pinellas's Safe Street Pinellas Summit

On March 31st from 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Forward Pinellas will be hosting a Safe Streets Summit at St. Petersburg College's EpiCenter in Clearwater. The interactive summit will provide opportunities to learn more about Safe Streets Pinellas and Forward Pinellas's Vision Zero effort. Vision Zero strategizes and approaches roadway safety from the perspective that no one should be killed or severely injured on our roadway network. By bringing together the expertise and perspectives of diverse stakeholders, Vision Zero charts a path forward for a transportation system safe for everyone.

Register here using the URL or QR code:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-streets-pinellas-summit-tickets-92924021249>



COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

Tammy Peterson



Tammy Peterson is a recreation program manager for the City of Pinellas Park Leisure Services Department's Broderick Recreation Center. She has over 30 years of experience in the recreation field: 10 years with the City of Pinellas Park and 22 years with the City of Largo.

On the interrelation of community health and recreation, Tammy says, "Recreation departments play an important role in improving the overall health and wellness of communities. Recreation departments provide programs and activities for people of all ages, abilities, socio-economic backgrounds and ethnicities. The benefits of Recreation are endless. Persons who participate in recreational activities benefit from positive personal development and growth, improved physical and mental health, sense of accomplishment, heightened self esteem, and social bonding. When it comes to one's physical and mental health, recreation helps to curtail unhealthy weight gain and obesity, counter depression, decrease stress, and reduce one's risk of heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. Being physically active also boosts one's immune system and increases life expectancy. In regards to its community benefits, recreation decreases healthcare costs, reduce crime, connects and bonds families, heightens community pride, promotes cultural diversity and harmony, and increases property values."

Tammy continues, "The City of Pinellas Park's Leisure Services Department, through the Library and Parks and Recreation Division, provides quality services to the entire community with diverse educational and recreational programs. The Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for all activities in the Broderick Recreational Complex, Forbes Recreational Complex, Skyview Pool, Senior Center, and Youth Park Recreational Complex. The Division is also responsible for activities organized at Helen Howarth Park, Stanley B. and Doris Broderick Park, Freedom Lake Park, Davis Field Complex, Lurie Park, Pinebrook Park, Shoecraft Park, McDevitt Park, Sparkle Lake Park, Pinellas Park Youth Park, Granada Circle Park, City Courts, Library, and England Brothers Park."

PARTNER BIOGRAPHY

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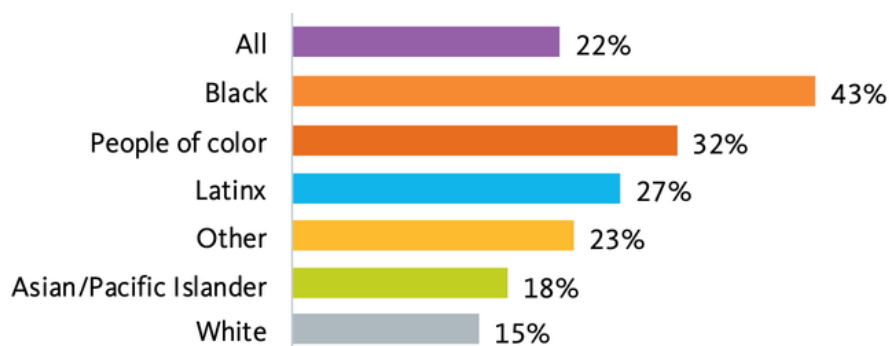
Heath Kirby is the Health in All Policies program manager at the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County.

Heath is a native of Gainesboro, Tennessee. In Tennessee, he served as a public health educator II for the Tennessee Department of Health in two rural counties (i.e. Cumberland County and Van Buren County), where he designed and implemented primary prevention initiatives ranging from substance abuse mitigation to healthy weight promotion. Prior to his public health trajectory, Heath worked as a clinical trials tissue coordinator at Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he conducted pharmacokinetic biopsied tissue analysis on patients enrolled in cancer-related clinical trials. He has also assisted in the conduction of ethnographic research on conflict victims and government-instituted transitional justice mechanisms in post-civil war Nepal, as well as co-founded a regional science journal and taught biology labs at Tennessee Tech University (TTU).

Heath has degrees in cellular & molecular biology, health sciences, and political science from TTU. He is pursuing further graduate studies at the University of South Florida.

PINELLAS HEALTH FACT

Child Poverty Rate by Race/Ethnicity, 2016



Children in Poverty

Children who grow up in poverty complete less schooling, work and earn less as adults, are more likely to receive public assistance, eat disproportionately high amounts of high-calorie and low-nutrition foods, and have poorer health outcomes.

LITERATURE REVIEW

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