2017

annual impact report

Throughout Indiana, the Purdue Extension Nutrition Education Program (NEP) works to make the healthy choice the easy choice where limited resource families live, eat, work, play and shop. We focus on 5 areas: nutrition, food safety, food security, physical activity and food resource management.

the challenges



of adults meet overall physical activity guidelines



adults eat recommended amount of fruits and veggies



32.5%

of Indiana adults are overweight or obese



one in seven

Hoosiers face hunger or food insecurity



33%

of Hoosiers cite limited access to grocery stores as the reason for food insecurity



- Provide direct nutrition education to youth and adults through schools and a variety of community groups.
- Collaborate with community partners on broader community change that involves policy, system and environmental initiatives.
- Get involved with health coalitions, community gardens, school and workplace wellness, healthy corner store initiatives, trails and parks, farmers markets, active living initiatives, food pantries and more.

the results

NUTRITION EDUCATION







ADULTS PARTICIPATING IN LESSONS REPORTED:







increase in use of nutrition facts while shopping

COMMUNITY WELLNESS COORDINATORS



Community partnerships



across the state are being offered CATCH (Coordinated **Approach to Child Health)**





community initiatives that are influencing policies, systems and environments.

one story of success

While working in the community, Community Wellness Coordinator Casey Williams noticed two things that shouldn't exist side-by-side. There were a lot of people growing food with

the intention of donating that food and at the same time a lot of people experiencing high food insecurity or a lack of access to fresh produce. To address this problem, a partnership was developed between the University of Southern Indiana's Health Clinic, Purdue Extension Master Gardeners and Patchwork Central, The Health Clinic issues "prescriptions" to those patients who they feel are in need or would benefit from fresh produce. The Gardeners deliver their produce to Patchwork Central who "fills" the prescription for patients. Learn more about this great program and view other videos at eatgathergo.org.





Ask about free lessons!