

What does transportation have to do with health?



Top Five Concerns from the SNAP Eligible Population and Local Governments

Access to Healthy, Affordable Food

SNAP-Eligible



Comments:

- Access to affordable healthy food ; organic fruits and vegetables
- Feeding their families as cheaply as possible
- Food security/food insecurity

Framing for Advocacy: *Having access to a nearby store via foot or bus line can make accessing healthy food easier.*

Local Government

No comments. Suggested framing below.

Framing for Agenda Setting: *Having stores in accessible locations, especially walkable, can bring economic vitality/growth to a downtown or create hubs of economic activity.*

Economic Opportunity, Poverty

Comments:

- Impact lack of funding has on low-income families
- Cutting benefits
- Cost (of living); making a living

Framing for Advocacy: *The more economic opportunity available in communities, the more likely that residents can successfully respond to negative shocks to the community.*

Comments:

- Improve economy ; jobs; business growth
- Bringing in business and other ventures that create or increase capital and generate money for the City/County
- Population retention



Framing for Agenda Setting: *Targeted transportation investments can improve access to jobs, education, shopping, and the movement of goods, while providing construction and operations jobs.*

Access to Services

Comments:

- Accessing transit, activities, sites
- Navigating services and knowing which community-based organization offers what
- Improved access to medical services and family activities

Comments:

- Services to encourage public involvement



SNAP:

- Safety
- Lack of childcare
- Mobility challenges i.e. walkers/wheelchairs

Framing for Advocacy: *Affordable transportation enables families to use their limited income on other health related needs including purchasing nutritious food and paying for health care.*

Local Government:

Framing for Agenda Setting: *Communities that make it safe and easy to get around by walking, bicycling, and taking transit can generate a number of health benefits, such as reduced obesity; reduced cases of asthma/heart disease/cancer; increased safety, and improved access to schools, parks, and recreation and community facilities.*

Allocation of Resources

Comments:

- Wise use of available funds

Framing for Advocacy: *Consider distributing funding opportunities among non-traditional partners and conducting trainings to build capacity of potential applicants.*

Comments:

- Offering multi generational youth activities - Special education PA and nutrition programs
- Overall budget; money; school funding
- Lack of lighting
- City parks-updating and promoting use

Framing for Agenda Setting: *Directing development towards existing communities makes the most efficient use of infrastructure and supports local economies.*

Civic Engagement and Role of Government

Comments:

- Participation in community events
- Their fears
- Apathy lack of participation
- Awareness (eligible for benefits) and knowledge of how to get benefits- 'How am i eligible and for what?'

Framing for Advocacy: *Don't leave the community behind, let the community lead. it is critical that the expertise and perspective of community members—those ultimately impacted by any initiative—be respected and valued when engaging such technical expertise.*

Comments:

- Services to encourage public involvement
- Public perception; lack of transparency
- "Who is leading this what do I have to do?"

Framing for Agenda Setting: *Consider engagement techniques based on the purpose and length of engagement, as well as the resources available to your organization. Examples include: interviews with community members, focus groups, community forums, community assessments and mapping, PhotoVoice, community-based participatory research, resident participation on boards or councils, and paid positions for residents within organizations.*

Resources

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/livability/fact_sheets/transandeconomics.pdf

<http://t4america.org/>

https://www.pps.org/pdf/bookstore/How_to_Engage_Your_Transportation_Agency_AARP.pdf

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