



Neighborhoods Working Together for Health A five year initiative with goals at the child, family, and community level

Year 1 Updates



# GAVA goals

# Community driven, Aligned partnerships

**Improved Improved** Increased healthy **Improved** student access to Improved eating attendance **BMI** healthy knowledg and food and e and **Improved Improved** physical safe motivation fitness student activity physical achievement behaviors activity



## **GAVA** structure





## GAVA – Dove Springs

### **Leadership Team**

Austin Interfaith
The Austin Project
Sustainable Food Center
UT School of Public Health/CATCH
United Way
Austin Parks Foundation
Marathon Kids

**CPC – Kurt Cadena Mitchell** 

## **Schools** – Carmen Llanez Pullido/Megan Conklin

Houston Elementary
Rodriguez Elementary
Perez Elementary
Widen Elementary
Langford Elementary
Mendez Middle

**Community food** – Andrew Smiley/Simone Benz

No site specific teams yet

### Community PA – Eric Courchesne

Dove Springs District Park Team
Franklin Park Team
Houston Park Team
Ponciana Park Team
Onion Creek Park Team

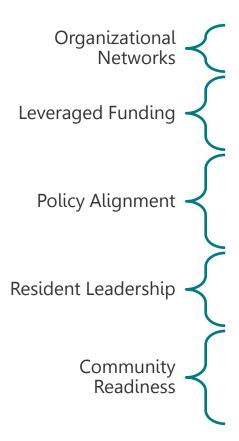
Early childhood- Kaley Horton

No site specific teams yet

## Coalition



# Overview of Key Wins for GAVA Year 1



- 82 organizations involved in GAVA implementation
- \$1.03M funding leveraged for directly related community PA and nutrition related efforts
- \$6.2M funding leveraged that aligns with GAVA priorities
- Changes to DS Recreation Center programming policy resulting in program capacity changes
- Ongoing COA work around Healthy School Zones aligns with GAVA sector priorities
- School wellness teams and school plans established in all GAVA schools
- Resident led efforts key wins across all sectors
- Community at the "pre-planning" stage of readiness at baseline
- 80% of the residents reported "being healthy" was a priority for them and their families

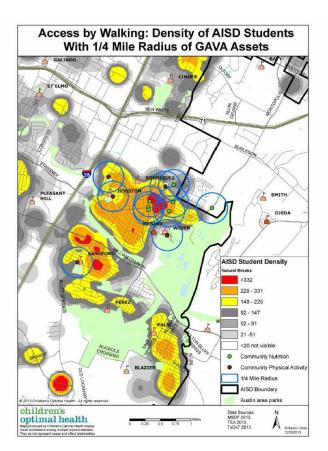


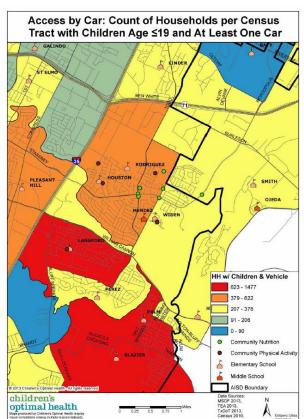
# **Expected Timeline of Outcomes**

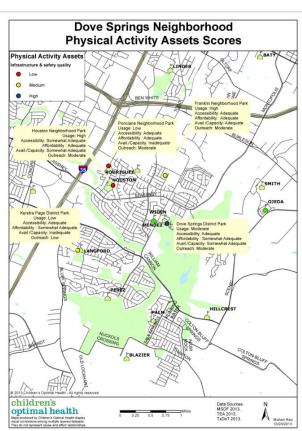
Evaluation Outcomes	Expected Timeline	Levels of Influence
Access Quality	Year 1- Year 2	Site Level Sector Level Community Level
Utilization  Knowledge/Attitudes/Behaviors	Year 2- Year 5	Sector Level Community Level
Health Outcomes	Year 3- Year 5	Community Level
Sustainability Outcomes	Ongoing	Sector Level Community Level



## Year 1 Focus- Access

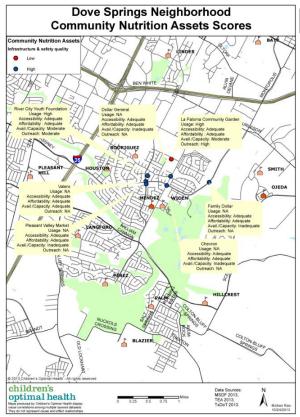








## Year 2 Focus- Operationalizing Implementation



## Perceived Quality

- •38% residents responded that fresh fruits and vegetables were of low quality or were not available at most of their existing locations
- •49% residents responded that having more locations would make it easier to buy fresh fruits and vegetables
- •61% residents responded that having more affordable options would make it easier to buy fresh fruits and vegetables

### 1. COMPONENTS OF A STRONG SCHOOL PLAN

#### 1 Mutrition

- Improve and support enforcement of the district nutrition policy including cafeteria, a la carte, fundraising, vending, and food and beverage options at all events
- . Highlight and support the school cafeteria's healthy options through messaging/education
- Promote school gardens and other Sustainable Food Center school programming
- Encourage the availability and consumption of clean drinking water above other beverages

### 2. Physical Activit

- Integrate physical activity into the day using strategies like Active Play/Fuel Up to Play 60, WOW Time, daily recess breaks and brain/activity breaks
- Ensure adequate equipment and playground facilities for WOW Time, recess, open gym, PE, etc.
- Support supervised open gym and other physical activity opportunities in the morning, during lunch, and/or during out of school time
- Promote and support district physical activity initatives to include Marathon Kids, Volleyball Play Day, CATCH Family Nights, etc.

### 3. Physical Education

- . Ensure the school is meeting or exceeding requirements for minimum minutes of PE per week
- Ensure that PE is taught by certified and highly qualified PE teachers, and support ongoing PE teacher training/staff development that promotes non-elimination games and other strategies to keep students as active as oossible during PE time
- . Ensure that PE classes are the same size as other classes

### 4. Safety/Safe Routes to School

- Create walking school buses, bike trains, and other activities to encourage safe, active transportation to
  and from school, promote physical activity, and reduce traffic
- · Promote active transportation to school through events like International Walk to School Day
- · Develop biking/walking incentive programs and workshops

### Healthy Modeling

- Encourage staff and parents to model healthy eating and physical activity behaviors
- · Provide a comprehensive employee wellness plan, promote staff wellness
- Provide parents with information, through educational newsletters or activities, on healthy nutrition and
  physical activity at school

### Sustainability

- . Ensure that there is a single Coordinated School Health (CSH)/Wellness Team on campus that is
- generating, promoting and facilitating campus wide wellness/CSH activities, CSH/Wellness team should:

  Include (broader recruitment may be necessary) parents, students, the Coordinated School
- HealthChair, classroom teachers, PE teacher, Cafeteria Manager, Principal or Assistant Principal, Nurse, community members, a Safe Routes to Schools advocate

  - Have a defined Islan Ilike the GAVA School Action Plant that includes accountable leaders assigned to
- Playe a defined plan (like the SAVA School Action Plan) that includes accountable leaders assigned particular CSH efforts and a general timeline for implementation
- Have a standing meeting about every six weeks to ensure forward movement, meeting should be on a consistent day/time, so everyone interested knows when to attend

### Accountability

 Incorporate the Wellness Policy into the Campus Improvement Plan (and ensure that it is reported on in the Campus Advisory Council meetings)

Schools





## **Evaluation Overview**

### Evaluation At A Glance

	Design	Sample	Constructs Measured	Evaluation Team Lead
Study 1	Repeated cross- sectional study X—X—X—X—X	200 5 <sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents     150 Dove Springs residents	Height and weight, BMI     Eating/PA behavior     Motivation/social norms     Perceived access to healthy foods and safe PA	MSD Center
Study 2	Longitudinal cohort study	300 parent-child (KG) dyads	Height and weight, BMI Lating/PA behavior Motivation/social norms Perceived access to healthy foods and safe PA	
Study 3	Annual evaluation of food and PA environment	Community food/PA assets	Access to food and safe PA     Quality of built environment     Community participation and utilization of assets     Community engagement and cohesion	
Study 4	GIS maps	Geospatial analysis of reach and access of food and physical activity infrastructure     Asset mapping	Access to food and PA opportunities     Reach of food and PA opportunities based on housing concentrations     Patterns of nutrition and physical activity behaviors based on geospatial analysis	Children's Optimal Health
Study 5	Network analysis	Community stakeholders     Organizational leaders     Community residents	Organizational networks     Community engagement     Community participation     Community readiness	Internal- MSDF team





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DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITY																											
UTHSC-IRB Application																											
AISD IRB Application - Cohort study																											
AISD IRB Application - Cross-sectional study																											
Recruit 5 DS schools for cohort study																											
Recruit 4 control schools for cohort study																											
Data collection from child-parent dyads for cohort study																											
Recruit participants from 5 DS schools for cross-sectional (CS) study																											
Parent survey data collection from child-parent dyads for CS study																											
Data collection from 200 5th grade students at 5 DS schools																											
Door-to-door survey data collection from community adults for CS study																											
Staff-Teacher Surveys																											
Staff-teacher surveys and principal semi-structured interview at 5 DS schools																											
Environmental audit at 5 DS school sites																											
Stakeholder surveys																											
Safer Routes to Schools Evaluation																											
Community environmental assessment																											
Farm stands evaluation																											