Greenbrier County, West Virginia

Greenbrier County Health Alliance and partners are distributing mini-grants and supporting community members to develop resident-led actions that address community needs related to accessing food and health services.

Goals

- Increase capacity to facilitate systems, environment, and policy change to advance health equity utilizing a social determinant of health and common agenda framework
- Develop a hub to advance health equity
- Develop a “clinic/community linkage” system locally to connect local healthcare organizations, providers, and patients with health promotion workshop opportunities

Background

- Population size: 35,279
- West Virginia has one of the nation’s highest burdens of chronic disease.
- Rural isolation has contributed to health disparities and increased the risk of residents developing chronic conditions.

Success Stories

- Conducted meetings with partners in order to design a “community engaged health survey”
- Scheduled trainings to support residents’ ability to actively manage chronic health conditions through development of “clinic-community connections” referral system
- Receiving interest responses for their Ambassador Mini-Grant program and plan to connect with them later this year

Key Milestones from July – December 2020

- 4 organizational policies or procedures adopted or modified to promote access to foods that support healthy eating patterns
- 9 individuals engaged in training or capacity-building to address inequities in the food system
- 25 partner organizations convened or engaged by the lead partner to promote access to foods that support healthy eating patterns

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