





Four Years of Impact

The LWGC Healthy Food Prescription program received a Pathways grant to increase food sites and the number of health care providers distributing prescriptions. In 2023, the program expanded to include a total of 119 prescriptions being written, an increase seen from 50 prescriptions in the 2022 pilot program.

A Pathways grant was used as matching dollars for the Kansas **Department of Transportation -**Transportation Alternative Grant to complete the 7th St. Bike Blvd. project. This initiative enhances the community's access to safer active living and improves quality of life by integrating curb extensions and establishing bike and pedestrian islands.

LWGC received a Pathways implementation grant for student-led Project Resist activities. Currently, Fort Riley Middle School SADD chapter and Geary County 4-H are eligible to apply for funds. These funds can be used to educate their peers about the dangers of commercial tobacco use, prevention and cessation, including vaping.



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Live Well Geary County (LWGC) exists for the purpose of inspiring and advancing healthy lifestyles in Geary County.



Pathways funding has increased access to healthy food at the market by allowing us to offer increased benefits for SNAP users and seniors.

Kalie Kipp, Manager, Geary Community Farmers Market

Note: Results are from a survey of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas members for whom e-mail addresses were available in communities that received Pathways funding. The survey response rate was 4.7% (N = 3,354). Blank response = 3.5%

From Voices to Victories: The Impact of Community Engagement

To develop a Food System Plan, the LWGC Food Policy Council engaged community members to provide input on the plan's goals and priorities. The feedback was used to shape ideas for improving the food system, focusing on access to food, local economy with food production and equal opportunities for agricultural education.



Pathways to a Healthy Kansas combines evidence-based solutions and promising practices for improving healthy eating, active living and tobacco prevention to make a large impact in communities. The program provides community coalitions with the tools and resources needed to remove barriers and engage their communities – and represents the largest community grant program ever funded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas.

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