



Office of Primary Prevention

Our Mission

The Office of Primary Prevention helps Tennessee communities build a culture of health through livable and nurturing places and spaces so that everyone can reach their full potential.

Primary Prevention Plans

95

All 95 Tennessee counties develop and implement an annual Primary Prevention Plan to address community-identified health priorities.

Healthy Development Coordinators

7

Seven Regional Healthy Development Coordinators develop and coordinate built environment and health efforts in communities across the state.

Access to Health Grants

239

The Access to Health grants aim to increase access to publicly-accessible healthy places in local communities. These grant programs have invested a total of \$4.5 million in 239 projects across the state.

Healthy Language Development

1,719

Talk with Me Baby is a population-based initiative designed to ensure healthy language development. A total of 1,300 health department staff and 419 home visitors were trained as TWMB coaches.

Tennessee Livability Collaborative

18

The Tennessee Livability Collaborative is a working group of 18 state agencies that aim to improve collaboration and alignment of resources to promote livable communities across the state.

Built Environment + Health Newsletter

922

The Built Environment + Health Newsletter shares news, funding opportunities, resources, events, and webinars with 922 subscribers in Tennessee and beyond.



Cross-Sector Collaboration



Health + Built Environment



Resource Development



Community Focus



Partnership Building



Grant Funding



Evaluation + Assessment

Office of Primary Prevention

Efforts since January 2018

Presentations and Trainings Delivered

45

Conference Presentations
Given

25

Trainings Delivered to Health
Department Staff

17

Webinars Hosted and Made
Available to the Public

8

External Webinar
Presentations Given

Reports and Publications Authored

9

Reports and Guides
Authored

5

Publications
Authored

Committee Facilitation and Involvement

33

Committees, Taskforces, Boards,
and Councils Participated In

17

Committees and Work Groups
Facilitated

Fellowships and Recognition

Leslie Meehan: de Beaumont PHRASES Fellow 2019, ULI Health Leaders 2019, LEAD TN 2018

John Vick: Salzburg Global Fellow 2018, TGMI 2019

Patricia Scott: RWJF Public Health Nurse Leader Fellow

Matthew Coleman: TGMI 2018

Publications and Media Featuring our Work

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. The State of Health in All Policies. Arlington, VA: Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. 2018

O'Toole, T., Dreyzehner, J.D., & Vick, J. Preventing Childhood Obesity Through Healthy Communities. Public Health Review podcast series, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. October 18, 2018.

National Academy of Sciences (2017). Communities in Action: Pathways to Health Equity – Transportation.

National Academy Press (2017). Advancing Obesity Solutions through Investments in the Built Environment: Proceedings of a Workshop—in Brief. Dreyzehner J (2017). The Big Four: Using Primary Prevention to Drive Population Health. Journal of Public Health Management and Practice. Jan/Feb 2017, Vol 23, No1.

VHB (2016). The Economic Promise of Healthy Community Design: Incorporating Healthy Community Design into the Planning and Design of Transportation Improvements. VHB White Paper. September 14, 2016.

2018 ASTHO Vision Award for the Tennessee Livability Collaborative