

Activate Your Dream Team

5 Best Practices for School Health Teams

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Get Representation

- » Utilize the Whole, School, Whole Community (WSCC) Model as a template
 - What school staff?
 - What community members?
- » Think outside the box
- » Utilize regular school communication channels to recruit members



Developing Role Clarity

- Understand the 'why' for each committee or team member
- Consider forming subcommittees for different project or focus areas
- Give opportunities for leadership to foster buy-in





Make the Case For School Wellness

- » Assess your school's health with the School Health Index
- » Understand your wellness policy
- » Develop a vision
- » Engage administration and district level staff

As you are working to create a culture of health at your school, always consider ways to help (1) make your successes stick, and (2) are able to be replicated and implemented in across the district!



Why Take the School Health Index?

- » Develop relationships with key staff
- » Determine your schools strengths and weaknesses
- » Define foals that suit your schools needs
- » Justify your decision to make changes
- » Document starting points to show progress over time
- » Develop an Action Plan for improving school health



Complete your School Health Index assessment annually so you can measure your progress over time.



Utilize Technology

- » Create a digital space for sharing
- » Set up a mix of virtual and in-person meetings

Similar to setting up your team, think outside the box when setting up meetings. What works best for your community? How can these meetings support rather than interfere with already busy schedules?



Host Successful Meetings

- » Plan regular meetings at convenient times.
- » Create a welcoming environment at every meeting.
- » Provide opportunities for conversation and interaction.
- » Follow a focused agenda. Have a parking lot to table issues.
- » Note key decisions and summarize next steps
- » Accomplish as much as possible with e-mails and phone calls.





Additional AFHK Resources

- » Contact Us
 - https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/contact/
- » Healthy Kids Blog
 - https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/blog/
- » Action for Healthy Kids Grants
 - https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/school-grants-support/
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