

# What's going on in the 2012-2017 CHIP?

There are approximately 90 objectives currently being worked on by MCDPH and community-based workgroups in the 2012-2017 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Following are just a few highlights from some of the initiatives from our community-based workgroups. For more detailed reports and a full listing of CHIP objectives in each sector, please go to [www.hipmc.org](http://www.hipmc.org).

## Worksites

- Increase number of existing comprehensive worksite wellness policies and number of employees actively engaged in wellness programs.
- Identify and develop worksite wellness champions within Maricopa County and engage in Healthy Arizona Worksite Program. [www.healthyzworksites.org](http://www.healthyzworksites.org)

## Education

- Identify and promote model school-based wellness practices.
- Expansion of the Parent Ambassador Program, which trains parents/caregivers to advocate for school policies that affect their children's health as schools develop mandatory wellness plans.
- Provide technical assistance and support for development of community and school gardens.

## Healthcare

- Implement an online, publicly-accessible centralized data system which houses specific, sortable Maricopa County health-related data.
- Enhance provider referral systems for patients with chronic disease that promote health education, disease prevention, and wellness resources.
- Mobilize a council of providers, parents, and caregivers of children and youth with special health care needs that will coordinate policy promotion efforts that affect this population.

## Community

- Grow and promote [www.findhelpphx.org](http://www.findhelpphx.org), an online data source for community services for Maricopa County residents.
- Increase number of multi-unit housing complexes to implement smoke-free environments. [www.azsmokefreeliving.org](http://www.azsmokefreeliving.org)
- Incorporate healthy community design principles into general plans of Maricopa County municipalities.



We invite you to learn more about these initiatives and others by joining one of our HIPMC workgroups! Or, are you involved in another task force or collaboration in the broader community that is addressing similar health priorities? If so, we'd like to hear about it. Please contact Nicole Cwalina, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, at [hipmc@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:hipmc@mail.maricopa.gov) or (602)372-0456.