

Goal Setting Themes from June 2024 Planning: Connection & Belonging

DRAFT Vision/Shared Agenda:

Communities in Park County foster connection and belonging as a means of supporting the health and well-being of all residents.

Behavioral Health

- All Park County residents have access to behavioral health assessment and ongoing care as needed.
- Individuals in crisis are able to receive timely intervention and follow-up support.

Community Building

- We foster caring communities throughout Park County where . . .
 - Each person can readily name 3 people they can reach out to for support
 - Each person is seen, known and valued by another person every week
 - Each person shares in a sense of local community identity and feels they belong in it
 - Community organizations work synergistically to reduce barriers to connection and belonging
- Residents of Park County are engaged with their communities through . . .
 - No/low cost social, fitness & cultural events that include all ages & interests
 - Activities that welcome and orient newcomers
 - A wide array of accessible volunteer and civic participation opportunities
- Youth in Park County feel a sense of belonging and agency in both academic settings and the community at large.

Connecting Spaces

- Communities throughout Park County enjoy ample spaces in which community members of all ages are able to
 - Engage in community gatherings, meetings and events
 - Meet others through spontaneous interaction
 - Establish and sustain community-based programs that foster meaningful conversations and authentic connections that span age groups, life experiences and perspectives
 - Discover and access resources
 - Partake in a variety of activities throughout the seasons
- Local governments, organizations and agencies plan for needed community spaces through a combination of purpose-built new projects and repurposed community assets

Organizational Coordination

- Local governments, agencies, businesses and organizations work in coordination with one another to . . .
 - Engage communities at a higher risk for poor physical, psychological, or social health to understand and reduce barriers to connection and belonging
 - Strengthen webs of support across services and areas of the county that . . .
 - meet people's ongoing needs
 - increase resiliency in cases of disaster and stress
 - Address the unique needs and opportunities to support thriving youth

Professional Development for Caregiving Sector

- Community-based organizations have the tools, support and training needed to insure staff and volunteers . . .
 - Are able to tend to their own needs for well-being in, and out of the workplace
 - Foster environments and experiences where participants/clients feel seen and heard
 - Facilitate participant reflection that connects the dots between experiences in programs and meaning and purpose in their own lives

Information Sharing

- Residents of Park County seeking information to support their needs, interests and community engagement will . . .
 - Be able to easily find information about community events, meetings and activities in formats and locations that are accessible
 - Be able to search for volunteer opportunities from a centralized source
 - Know where/how to seek information about community and state resources

Promotion for Connection & Belonging in Park County

- Residents of Park County understand
 - The key challenges their fellow community members face
 - The importance of fostering connection and belonging to support individual and community well-being
 - The actions, large and small, that they can take to address isolation and loneliness for themselves, those they love and others in the community

Transportation

- Every person in Park County has access to transportation to go where they need and want to when they need and want to