

Encouraging Shared Use for Physical Activity: Opportunities for Faith Communities Presented by:

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What is shared use?



• Shared use is a broad term describing a situation where an institution or organization (such as a school or faith-based organization [FBO]) allows people outside that institution or organization to use its property--typically for recreation.

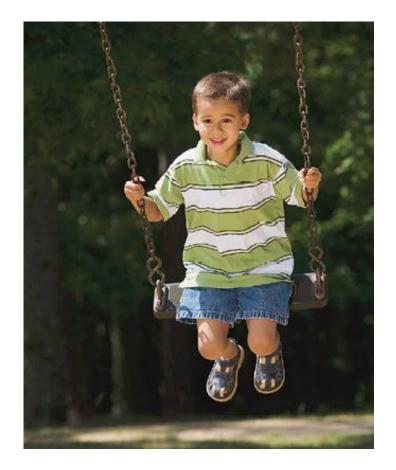
- What does shared use look like in the FBO context?
 - Allowing community members to rent facilities like social halls, multi-purpose rooms, kitchens, or gymnasiums
 - Inviting the community to participate in health-promoting activities like exercise classes or cooking classes
 - Allowing community members to use facilities for free, such as playgrounds, basketball courts, walking trails



Why is shared use important?

- Shared use is a means to increase physical activity participation by increasing access to places to be active
 - Particularly important in communities lacking access to places to play





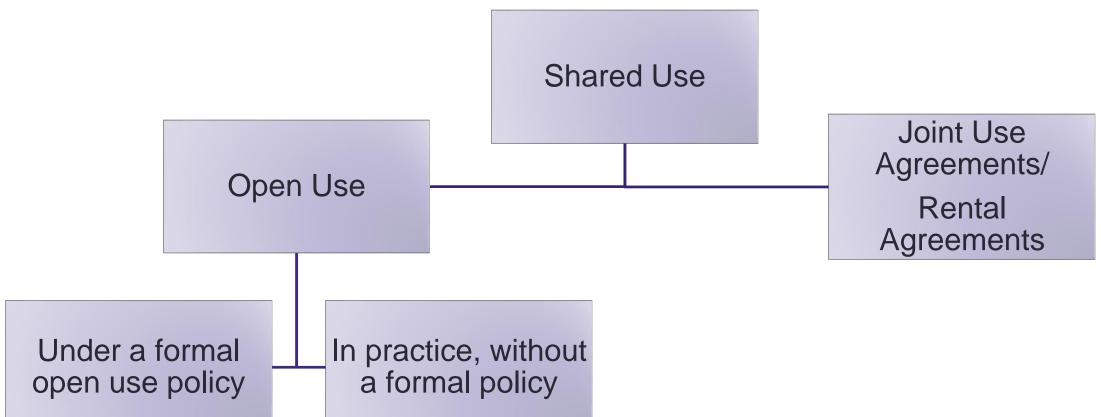
Types of Shared Use/Terminology



- Open use: A form of shared use whereby an institution allows the general public to use its property for recreation without charge and without a contractual agreement in place
 - An FBO can create a formal open use policy to spell out the terms by which the public is allowed to use its space
 - An FBO can allow open use in practice, without a formal policy
- Joint use agreements/Rental agreements: A form of shared use whereby an institution enters into a written agreement (i.e., contract) with an individual or group to use its space under specific terms
 - Many FBOs have Facility Use Policies that set forth the terms by which community members can rent FBO facilities

Shared Use Framework





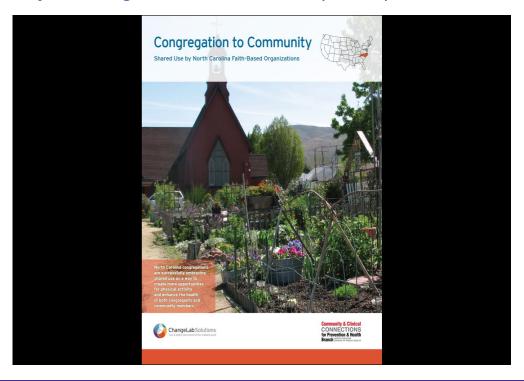
Getting Started

Faithful Families

Fating Smart
Moving More

- Identify existing congregational polices
- Designate a shared use point person or committee
- Consider which facilities would be appropriate to open to the public and under what terms
- Include community members to determine what would be helpful to them
- Create or update policies as needed
- Review insurance coverage
- Get the word out to the community
- Use signage to advertise availability of spaces for use and rules for use

From Congregation to Community: Shared Use by North Carolina Faith-Based Organizations, by ChangeLab Solutions (2014)



Shared Use: the School Context

- NC law has long allowed schools to enter into agreements with organizations to use school property for recreation (NCGS § 115C-524)
- A 2015 amendment recognizes that schools are authorized to open their outdoor property to the public for recreation in an informal manner, without an agreement
- Law grants immunity from liability to schools that provide open use of outdoor grounds





A Toolkit for Promoting Open Use of School Property in North Carolina

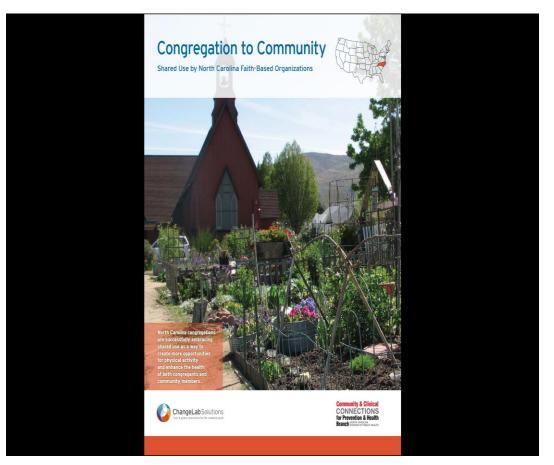
New toolkit from the NC Division of Public Health and partners

http://www.eatsmartmovemorenc.com/SharedUsePoliciesAndAgreements/SharedUsePoliciesAndAgreements.html

Congregation to Community



- Explains shared use terms
- Gives examples of North Carolina FBOs that are engaging in shared use
- Addresses insurance and liability concerns
- Provides checklist for working on shared use
- Offers a model Open Use Policy



http://www.changelabsolutions.org/publications/congregation-community

Faith Community Assessment

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY – ENVIRONMENT	YES	NO	NOT SURE
26. Does the faith community have a gym and/or exercise room?			
27. If yes, does the faith community have written policies or guidelines that allow outside groups or individuals access to the gym and/or exercise room?			
28. Does the faith community have a walking trail?			
29. If yes, does the faith community have written policies or guidelines that allow outside groups or individuals access to the walking trail?			
30. Does the faith community have any outdoor courts or ball fields?			
31. If yes, does the faith community have written policies or guidelines that allow outside groups or individuals access to any outdoor courts or ball fields?			
32. Does the faith community have a playground?			
33. If yes, does the faith community have written policies or guidelines that allow outside groups or individuals access to the playground?			
34. Does the faith community have a classroom/meeting room?			





FAITH COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY – ENVIRONMENT	YES	NO	NOT SURE
35. If yes, does the faith community have written policies or guidelines that allow outside groups or individuals access to the classroom/meeting room?			
36. Does the faith community have an athletic/open field space?			
37. If yes, does the faith community have written policies or guidelines that allow outside groups or individuals access to the athletic/open field space?			
38. Does the faith community have any other facilities used by an outside group or individual?			
39. If yes, does the faith community have written policies or guidelines that allow outside groups or individuals access to these facilities?			

Resources

Visit: EatSmartMoveMoreNC.com

- North Carolina Faith-based Organization Facility Use **Assessment Report and Executive Summary**
- Congregation to Community: Shared Use by North Carolina Faith-based Organizations
- Move More: A Toolkit for Promoting Open Use of School Property in North Carolina
- Shared Use of School Property in North Carolina: The Role of Unorganized Recreation
- Promoting Physical Activity through Joint Use Agreements: A Guide for North Carolina Schools and Communities to Develop and Use Joint Use Agreements



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Faith-Based Organizations

North Carolina Faith-based Organization Facility Use Assessment Report can be used to understand shared use efforts and associated barriers in North Carolina faith-based

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North Carolina Faith-based Organization Facility Use Assessment Executive

Congregation to Community: Shared Use by North Carolina Faith-based Organizations was developed by ChangeLab Solutions, in partnership with the North Carolina Division of Public Health. This fact sheet can be used demonstrate how faith-based organizations can play an important role in improving the health and well-being of their neighbors by opening up their facilities and programs.

Congregation to Community: Shared Use by North Carolina Faith-based Organizations



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Schools

Move More: A Toolkit for Promoting Open Use of School Property in North Carolina provides information on how schools in North Carolina can make their facilities availability to the public for physical activity. It includes background on the importance of increasing access to places for physical activity, relevant North Carolina law, a checklist for developing open use policies and a list of resources that support open use.

Move More: A Toolkit for Promoting Open Use of School Property in North Carolina

In 2014, Shared Use of School Property in North Carolina: The Role of Unorganized Recreation was created to provide education on existing North Carolina policies that govern shared use (opening access to recreational facilities to community residents) of school facilities, and specifically addresses the role of "unorganized use" of school facilities by the public.

In 2015, an amendment to NC General Statute § 115C-524 put open use of school grounds for recreation on the same legal footing as joint use agreements. Previously, the law recognized the ability of schools to enter into agreements with non-school groups to allow use of school property (e.g., a rental agreement with the YMCA to hold an after-school program on campus or with a local soccer league to use fields). The law provided that schools have no liability for injuries that occur during activities arising out of these agreements. The law was previously silent on the ability of schools to allow the general public to use school grounds for recreation outside of these agreements (open use). This was a gap, because people who use playgrounds and school tracks and walking trails on an informal basis are not going to be entering into an agreement, or a contract, with a school to do so. The new amendment makes it clear that schools are allowed to open their grounds to the public for recreational purposes outside of agreements. It also specifies that schools will have no liability

Shared Use of School Property in North Carolina: The Role of Unorganized Recreation

Promoting Physical Activity through Joint Use Agreements: A Guide for North Carolina Schools and Communities to Develop and Use Joint Use Agreements can be used to provide information on how to share physical activity resources through joint use agreements in North Carolina.

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for injuries that occur during this "open use" of school grounds.





Eat Smart, Move More NC exists through the work of its many partner organizations Please address all inquiries to the Eat Smart. Move More NC Webmaste











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Why Shared Use as a Strategy to increase Physical Activity?

School facilities create opportunities for physical activity during and after school (Durant et al., 2009).



School facilities are SAFE places to PLAY





1/3 of children's recommended 60 minutes MVPA provided by After School Programs

Trost, Rosenkranz & Dxewaltowski, 2008

8.4 million U.S. children afterschool programs.

18.5 million more would participate if quality programs were available. (Afterschool Alliance, 2012).

School athletic facilities are often empty after school

Bocarro, Kanters, Cerin, Floyd, Casper, Suau, & McKenzie, 2012



Barriers to Shared Use include increased Liability, Scheduling, and Costs Spengler, Connaughton, Maddock, 2011







RESEARCH ARTICLE

Shared Use of School Facilities With Community Organizations and Afterschool Physical Activity Program Participation: A Cost-Benefit Assessment

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ABSTRACT

BACKCROUND: Partnerships between school districts and community-based organizations to share school facilities during afterschool hours can be an effective strategy for increasing physical activity. However, the perceived cost of shared use has been noted as an important reason for restricting community access to schools. This study examined shared use of middle school facilities, the amount and type of afterschool physical activity programs provided at middle schools together with the costs of operating the facilities.

METHODS: Afterschool programs were assessed for frequency, duration, and type of structured physical activity programs provided and the number of boys and girls in each program. School operating costs were used to calculate a cost per student and costs per building square foot measure. Data were collected at all 9 omitides schools in a large school district over 12 months?

RESULTS: Policies that permitted more use of school facilities for community-sponsored programs increased participation in afterschool programs without a significant increase in operating expenses.

CONCLUSIONS: These results suggest partnerships between schools and other community agencies to share facilities and create new opportunities for afterschool physical activity programs are a promising health promotion strategy.

Keywords: school facilities; afterschool physical activity; school facility costs.

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creating and enhancing access to community recreation facilities can increase opportunities for physical activity.¹⁻⁴ Partnerships between schools and other community organizations that include shared use of recreation facilities can increase access to physical activity opportunities and represent a promising childhood obesity prevention strategy.² For example, research indicates that children are more likely to be physically active if there is easy access (eg. proximity to facilities; low- or no-cost programs) to parks or other recreational facilities.⁶⁻⁴ School facilities, in particular, have been identified.

important environmental settings to facilitate physical

Afferschool programs have been noted as an imporant setting for promoting physical activity among children.¹³ For example, 2 randomized controlled rial studies found afterschool programs positively impacted children's physical activity.^{12,13} Although approximately 8.4 million US children (8-12h grade) participate in afterschool programs, an estimated 18,5 million more would participate if quality programs were available in their communities.¹⁴ Afterschool programs, especially those offered at schools, are more

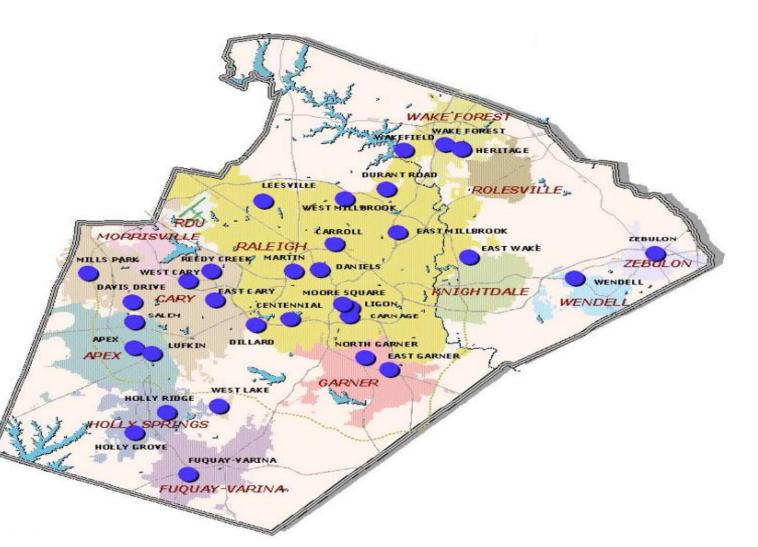
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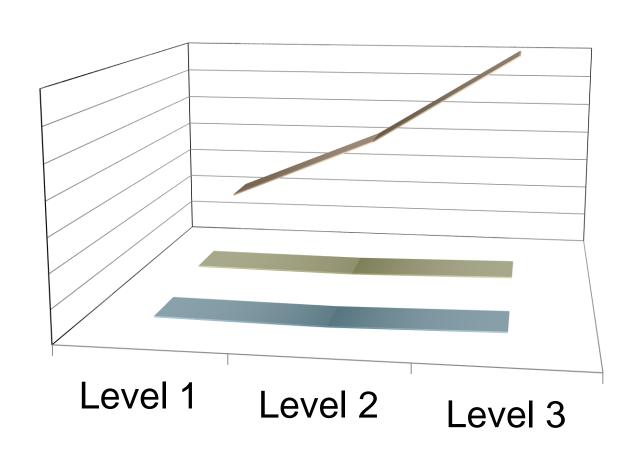
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Shared use Increased Physical Activity without increasing expenses



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School facilities used by outside groups

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Afterschool shared use of public school facilities for physical activity in North Carolina



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ARTICLE INFO

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Objective: To determine the status and common characteristics of shared use in public schools in North

Method: All public school principals (N = 2,359) in North Carolina were invited to participate in an online survey (February – May, 2013) designed to provide baseline information about the extent and nature of shared use of school facilities.

Results: Responses (n = 1182, 50.1%) indicated that most schools share their facilities (88.9%). Formal agreements were more common when schools shared gyms and outdoor athletic fields. Informal agreements were most common with playgrounds and track facilities. Schools with more low income or Black students were less likely to share facilities. For schools that did not share use of their facilities the most frequent reason was no outside groups had ever asked.

Conclusion: Schools may be more accommodating to shared use partnerships. Community organizations Concussion: School may be more accommodating to stated use partnerships. Community organizations seeking to use indoor school facilities or athletic fields should be prepared to complete a formal written agreement. Preconceived notions that schools are unwilling to share their facilities may be preventing community organizations from initiating shared use inquiries. Schools located in the middle tier of economic distress and schools with a greater concentration of Black students were less likely to share their facilities.

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share facilities can create new opportunities for community-based physical activity (PA) (Kapters et al., 2014), Increasing access to safe and accessible opportunities for PA is especially important for disadvan-taged populations (Powell et al., 2006). Prior research has shown that and communities with a higher percentage of Black and/or Hispanic families are less likely to have access to recreation facilities and amenities (Powell et al., 2006) and less likely to be physically active (Babey et al., 2007). Concerns about environmental safety has also been identified as a barrier to PA in low SES neighborhoods (Wilson et al., 2004). One method of increasing access to places for PA is the sharing of public school facilities and spaces designed to facilitate PA (Institute of members to engage in physical activity (Booth and Okely, 2005).

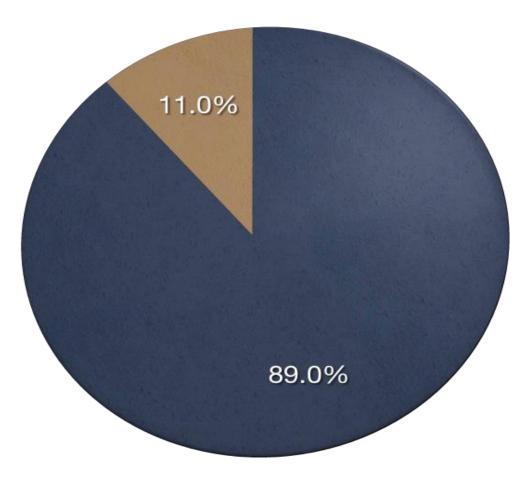
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Shared use, also termed joint use, refers to the sharing of a facility by two or more organizations. Shared use can be both formal (e.g., a YMCA Partnerships between schools and other community agencies to enters into a contract with a local elementary school to use a gymnasium for afterschool daycare) or informal (e.g., high school running tracks are used by local residents for unstructured PA). Shared use is not a new concept (Spengler et al., 2007) but its resurgence as an efficient and ef-fective way to create community based physical activity opportunities families who live in low socioeconomic status (SES) neighborhoods comes at a time when researchers, practitioners, and policy-makers have adopted ecological frameworks to develop interventions to in crease physical activity (Sallis et al., 2006). However, local agencies of community groups seeking to use public school buildings and grounds for community based programs often find it difficult to access these spaces during afterschool hours (Evenson and McGinn, 2004), For ex ample, Lee, Burgeson, Fulton, and Spain reported that only 59.6% of all public schools made their physical activity facilities available for chil-Medicine, 2009). Schools are more conveniently located in most com-munities and offer an accessible and safe environment for community

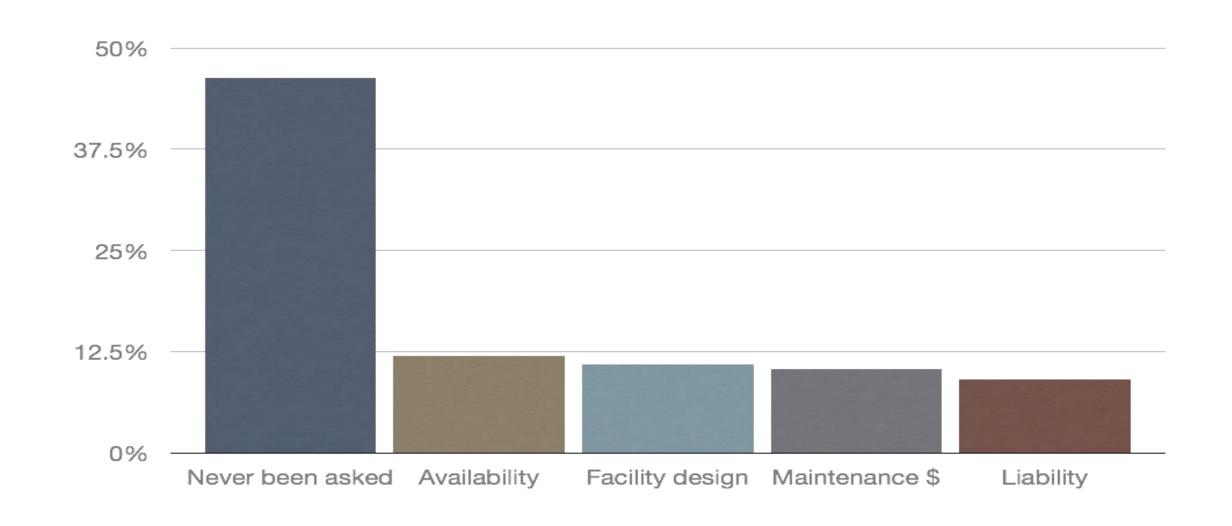
and 46% on weekends (Lee et al., 2007). Frequently cited barriers to shared use include concerns about liability (Spengler et al., 2011) and the perceived operating cost increases associated with the additional

use of facilities (Spengler), National organizations like the Institute of Medicine (Institute of Medicine, 2009), the American Heart Association (American Heart Association, 2012), and the U.S. Department of Health and Human





Barriers to shared use - Schools



Conclusions

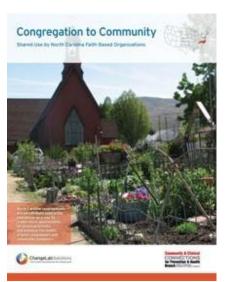
1. Liability & cost less likely to be a barrier....just ask

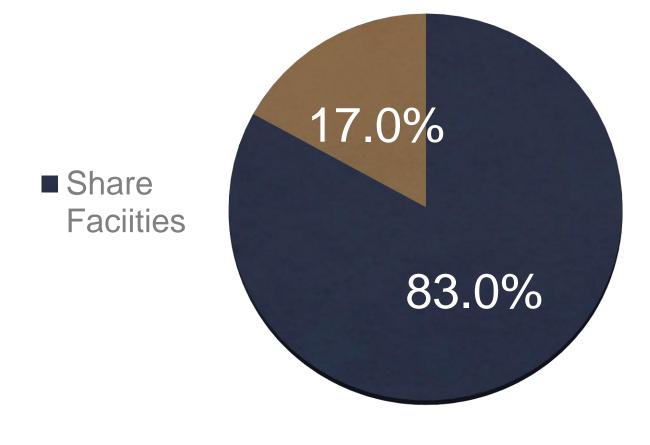
2. Schools with more low income or black students are less likely to share facilities



Faith community facilities used by outside groups







Faith communities and shared use

- Large faith communities (300 + members)
 more likely to engage in shared use
- Most cited barriers: Not knowing where to start & Never been asked
- Faith communities reported that they most often shared:
 - Classroom/meeting room spaces (90%), gyms (66%), playgrounds (59%), and athletic/open fields (55%)

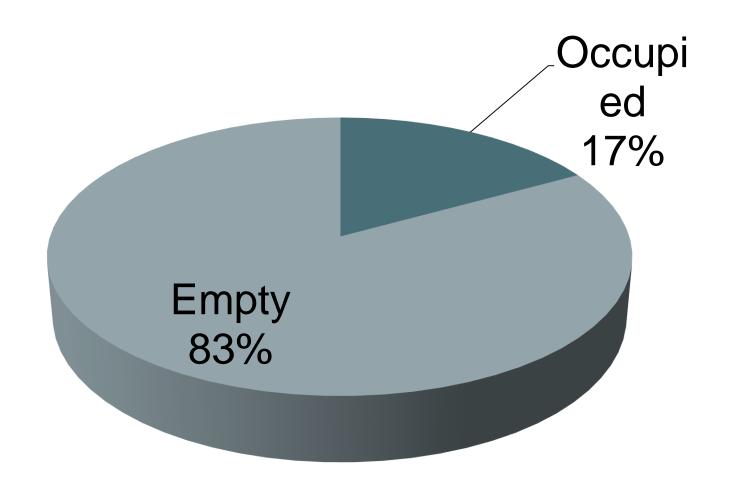




Community Transformation Grant Study - North Carolina







Key Findings

- 88.1 % of facility observations were EMPTY (9,541 observations)
- Middle schools more likely to share facilities but lower quality
- Outdoor tracks & tennis courts most consistently used
- Gyms little to no PA observed
- Supervised & Organized activities generated most MVPA.

Strategies for Success

- □ Relationships Matter
- □ Shared Vision

- □ Top Level Support
- Mutually Beneficial
- □ Reality



Relationships Matter



Shared Vision

Smart Use of Community
Resources: An Interactive Lesson
for Public Schools on Joint Use
Agreements









Top Level Support

"It works so well because my principal believes in the program we have. He's big into athletics, he really believes in what we're doing, and he always wants to make sure we have the best." — Athletic Director





Mutually Beneficial



Reality

"Without [shared] use we'd be dead, we'd be dead in the water. We wouldn't be able to accommodate the number of programs we have."





Fences matter

Which facility is more inviting?



Signs matter



Quality Matters



Programs matter



Questions?

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What is Active Routes to School?

Partnership

- NC Division of Public Health and NC Department of Transportation
- Administered through the local NC health departments

Alignment

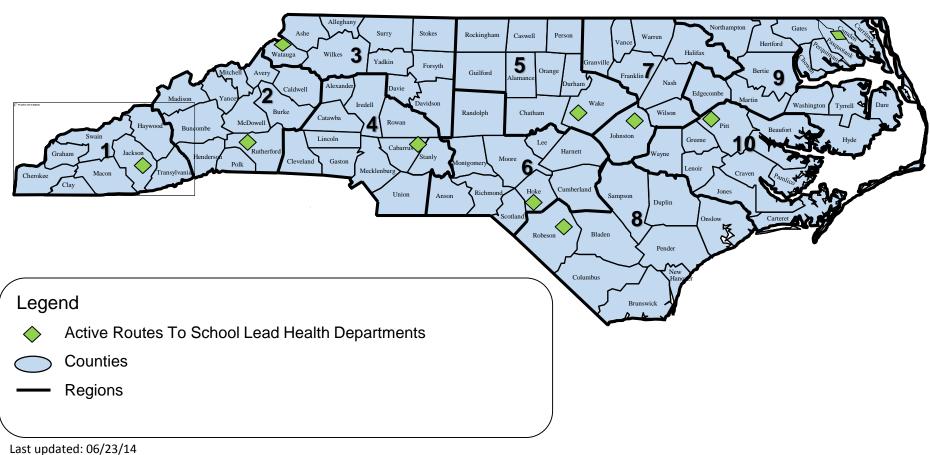
- NC Safe Routes to School initiatives
- Local, regional and state community safety and health initiatives

Timing

- Three year project (October 1, 2013 through May 31st, 2016)
- As of July 17, 2015, ARTS has been expanded through June 2019.



Active Routes to School Regions





Active Routes to School Goal

Increase the number of elementary and middle school students who *safely* walk and bike to school.





Project Activities

Awareness-Raising	
Events	

 Increase one-time awareness events about the importance of Safe Routes to School

Ongoing Programs

 Increase the number of ongoing programs that encourage walking and biking to or at school

Trainings/Workshops

• Increase the number of trainings on how to implement Safe Routes to School-related activities

Policy Changes

 Increase the number of policies that support walking and biking to or at school

Built Environment Changes

 Develop a plan to identify and address safety features near schools that need improvement



Active Routes is implementing Safe Routes to School initiatives through local health departments across the state.

active kids learn better



physical activity at school is a win-win for students and teachers

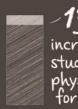
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STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES:



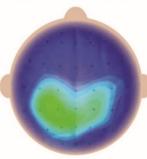
JUST ONE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE LESSON CREATES:



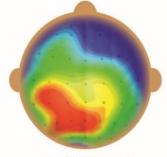
13% increase in students' physical activity for the week

21% decrease in teachers' time managing behavior

physically active kids have more active brains
BRAIN SCANS OF STUDENTS TAKING A TEST:



after 20 minutes of sitting quietly



after 20 minutes of walking

Red areas are very active; blue areas are least active.

MORE RESULTS:

after 20 minutes of physical activity:

students tested better in reading, spelling & math and were more likely to read above their grade level

after being in a physically active afterschool program for 9 months:

memory tasks improved 16%

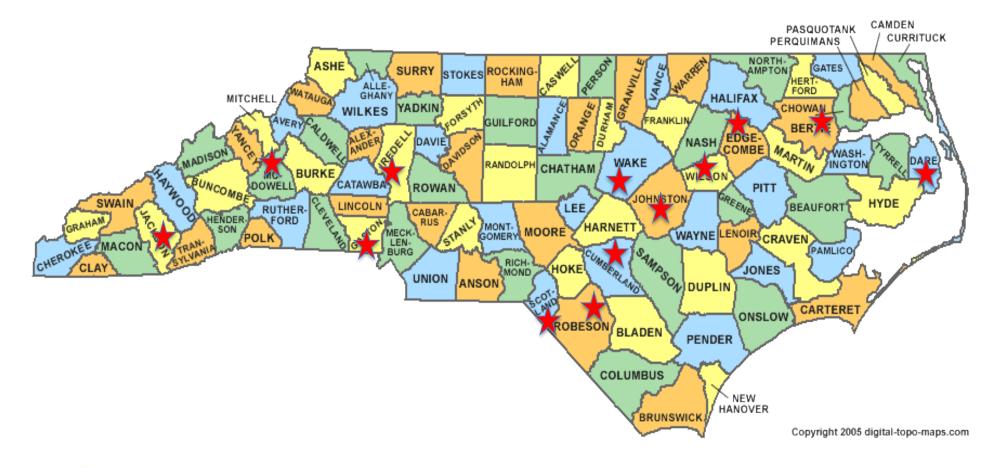


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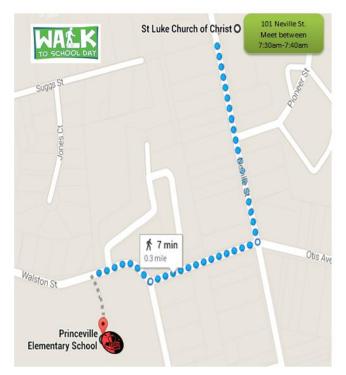


Stocks Elementary, Tarboro, 2014



Princeville Elementary & St. Luke Church of Christ Edgecombe County, Region 9

Remote Drop Off Location









Princeville Elementary & St. Luke Church of Christ Edgecombe County, Region 9

Remote Drop Off Location

"St. Luke Church of Christ has been a tremendous help with our Walk to School Day. They are perfectly situated near the school which makes it convenient for our students and parents to meet and walk to the school. They make sure the gates are opened and are present for Walk to School Day. If it wasn't for the support and partnership the school has with St. Luke Church of Christ, I do not know if our Walk to School Day efforts would be as successful as they have been."

-Yolanda Jones, Princeville Elementary Guidance Counselor



Walk & Bike to School Day(s)

Remote Drop Off Locations



McDowell County, Reg. 2 **Old Fort Baptist Church's Former Associate Pastor** serves as Lion greeter.



Wake County, Reg. 5 **Temple Baptist Church** Conn Elementary, 2014



Johnston County, Reg. 7

Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church

Dare County, Reg. 9





ONGOING WALKING PROGRAMS





Walking on Wednesday (WoW) Program **Gaston County, Region 4**

Ongoing Walking Program



Belmont Central Elementary, 2009





"Almost 100 students participated in the 1st WOW Wednesday on September 2, 2009. Belmont Central Elementary is now in its 4th year of its WOW Wednesdays, a year-long program encouraging students to walk or bike all or part of the way to school on Wednesdays.

- Parents are encouraged to walk or ride bikes with their children or to park at First Foursquare Church and let their children walk the last quarter mile to the school building.
- Adult volunteers will be available to ensure that the students arrive safely to school.
- Prizes will be given throughout the school year for students who participate."

-City of Belmont SRTS Action Plan,

http://www.cityofbelmont.org/206/Safe-Routes-to-

School

Kids for Christ Johnston County, Region 7

Ongoing Walking Program





When: Every Tuesday
(from Labor Day through
the end of April)

Devotion starts: 7:40am

Walk begins: 8:05am

Location: First Baptist Church





EDUCATION & SKILL BUILDING







First Baptist Church Summer Bike Program, Jackson County, Reg. 1

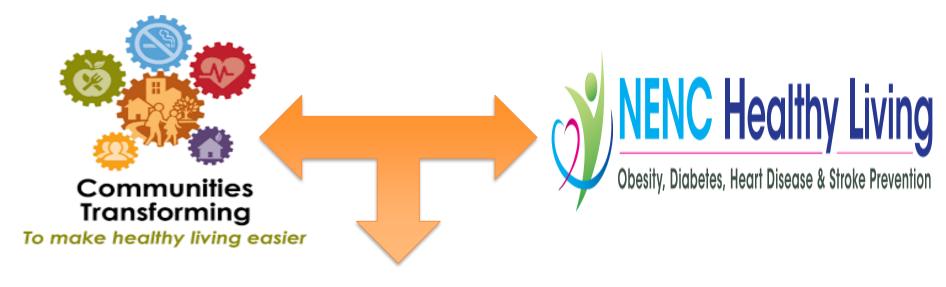
EDUCATION & SKILL BUILDING

- Let's Go NC! Curriculum at Faith-Based Summer Programs & After-School Programs
 - Wilson County, Chowan County, Jackson County
- Bicycle Skills Clinic
 - Wilson County, Chowan County, Jackson County, Iredell County, Edgecombe County
- Pedestrian Education
 - Cumberland County, Scotland County, Robeson County



First Baptist Church Summer Bike Program, Jackson County

OPEN USE & FAITHFUL FAMILIES



Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church,

Bertie County (Colerain), Reg. 9





- Continue & expand upon current programs
 - Remote drop off locations
 - Ongoing walking/biking programs
 - Bike & pedestrian safety education
- Collaboration with ARTS, ODHDSP & Faithful Families
 - Policy school/congregation walking programs
 - Policy Open Use or Shared Use of school/church walking trail(s)
 - Let's Go NC! training of faith leaders
 - Designate church to school route as safe walking zone for walking or biking to school







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Active Routes to School Project coordinators		
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- Romans 13:13 KJV Let us **walk**_honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.
- ❖ Galatians 5:16 KJV- [This] I say then, **Walk** in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
- ❖ 3 John 1:2 NIV Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy **good health** and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.
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