

**Live Well Geary County** exists for the purpose of inspiring and advancing healthy lifestyles in Geary County. We work closely with health and wellness stakeholders to close the gaps in services and resources to create healthy choices where residents live, learn, work, and play. Community is who we are.

### Community Perception

- When asked how concerned they are about vaping in our community, approximately 63% of respondents indicated they are extremely or very concerned about youth vaping in the community.
- In response to a survey question on daily exercise, 53% reported less than 30 minutes of activity. Of those, 38% cited time constraints as the main reason for limited activity.
- When asked if they have visited the Geary Community Farmers Market located at 1025 S. Washington Street (JC Naz), approximately 62% of respondents answered "Yes," indicating they have visited the market at the JC Naz location.



“With our Pathways grant, we offer a diverse selection of healthy foods, actively reducing food insecurity and providing high-quality nutrition to our neighbors.”

— Deborah Johns  
Director Geary County Food Pantry

# Geary County



### Healthy Eating

**Geary County Food Pantry** received a *Pathways* grant to implement **Supporting Wellness at Pantries (SWAP)** food nutrition ranking and the client choice experience. This initiative improves access to healthy food by promoting healthy food choices for their neighbors and encouraging healthy food donations from the community.

### Active Living

**Live Well Geary County** received *Pathways* funding and a **Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Transportation Alternatives (TA)** grant in partnership with the **City of Junction City** and **Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** to install the **7th Bike Blvd.** This project will provide safer walking and biking in the community and encourage a more active lifestyle for residents.

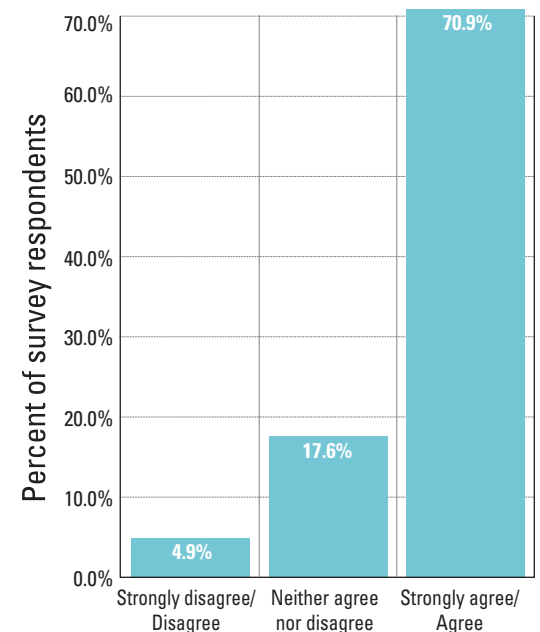


### Commercial Tobacco Control



**Live Well Geary County** is working with the **Fort Riley Middle School Resist Chapter** and **Geary County 4-H** clubs to support their efforts on commercial tobacco control and prevention. Through peer-to-peer education, and awareness building, they are addressing vaping and commercial tobacco use in our community.

### Initiative Wide: Community conditions (e.g. housing, transportation, education) impact overall health.



### Key findings:

Seven-in-10 respondents across the 24 *Pathways* communities agree or strongly agree that community conditions such as housing, transportation and education impact overall health.

Results are based on data from an initiative-wide survey of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas members for whom e-mail addresses were available in each of the 26 counties in which BCBSKS has funded coalitions as part of the Pathways to a Healthy Kansas Initiative. N = 3,708. The survey response rate was 5.3 percent. For this question, 6.6 percent of respondents did not provide an answer (blank response).



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Projects

**\$319,991**

Pathways Grant  
Funding

**\$549,943**

In-Kind, Matching, and  
Related Grant Funding

*Pathways to a Healthy Kansas* combines evidence-based solutions and promising practices for improving healthy eating, active living and tobacco prevention to make a large impact in communities. The program provides community coalitions with the tools and resources needed to remove barriers and engage their communities – and represents the largest community grant program ever funded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas.

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