WHAT WORKS FOR HEALTH

When it comes to developing and implementing solutions to problems that affect our communities, evidence matters. Strategies that are tested and shown to work can stretch the impact of scarce dollars. But how do you know which strategies are effective?

Developed by experts at the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, What Works for Health (WWFH) is an easy-to-use, online tool that can help you find policies, programs, and systems changes that affect the factors we know make communities healthier places to live, learn, work, and play.

With evidence ratings, literature summaries, and implementation resources for nearly 400 strategies, WWFH is a great place to find approaches to address your priorities. You can search by keyword (e.g., obesity, poverty), or browse by health factor (e.g., Tobacco Use, Community Safety), decision maker, or evidence rating. You’ll find:

- Expected beneficial outcomes;
- Key points from relevant literature;
- Examples, toolkits, and other information to move toward action;
- An indication of the strategy’s likely impact on disparities.

With the combined power of the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps and What Works for Health, you have a profile of your county’s health and information on strategies that can make your community healthier.