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Training Resources

- » Access HIA resources at:
 - [APA/NACCHO HIA course](#)
 - [WPHA HIA/HiAP](#)
 - [WDHS](#)
 - [WHO](#)
 - [NNPHI](#)
 - [HIP](#)
- » Access HiAP resources at:
 - [APHA](#)
 - [ChangeLab Solns](#)
 - [NACCHO](#)
 - [Prevention Institute](#)
 - [WHO Europe](#)
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Save the Date

- » Our next quarterly section meeting is on **Thursday April 21st from 11.00am-12.00pm central time**. During this meeting Audrey Boerner from the Institute for Wisconsin's Health, Inc. will be sharing updates on the Industrial Sand Mining HIA. Register [here](#).

Please Do....

- » Keep on sending us information on any cross-sector collaborative projects you may be engaged in. We will feature your projects in our monthly newsletters. Requested information includes:
 - Project title
 - Lead organization & collaborators/sectors you are collaborating with
 - Project information: goals, objectives, activities
 - Contact information of project coordinator
 - Project web-link if available
- » Please send your project info to deniseatsac@gmail.com.

Project of the Month:

Health Impact Assessment of Industrial Sand Mining in Western Wisconsin

- » This HIA is a collaborative effort of the [Institute for Wisconsin's Health](#) in partnership with 14 health departments in Western WI ([Barron](#), [Buffalo](#), [Chippewa](#), [Clark](#), [Dunn](#), [Eau Claire](#), [Jackson](#), [La Crosse](#), [Monroe](#), [Pepin](#), [Pierce](#), [Rusk](#), [St. Croix](#), [Trempealeau](#)), 1 tribal health department (the [Ho-Chunk Nation](#)), and the [University of Iowa's Environmental Health Research Center](#). The Institute for Wisconsin's Health, Inc. is an independent, non-partisan public health institute. Its mission is to strengthen Wisconsin's public health system through capacity building and innovation. The HIA was supported by a grant from the [Health Impact Project](#).
- » The goal of this project was to provide an unbiased and scientific assessment of the potential positive and negative health impacts of industrial sand mining. This HIA collaboration worked with expert reviewers, community members and sand mining industry representatives, over the past year, to gather and analyze information on the potential health benefits and risks associated with industrial sand mining in Western Wisconsin. This is first the comprehensive study that examines the potential impacts of industrial sand mining at a community level.
- » The impetus for the assessment was the recent rapid growth of industrial sand mining in Western Wisconsin and related concerns from community members about the potential environmental and health impacts of this type of industry. The health departments and UI partners played a major role throughout the HIA. Input was also sought from community members, environmental and health researchers, industry representatives, local government, and advocacy groups. Assessment activities included the collection and analysis of local public health data, mine tours and interviews with mine operators, and key-informant interviews with local community members and subject-area experts. Environmental data from Wisconsin and Minnesota mines, as well as a review of related scientific literature were used to draw conclusions on the likelihood of potential health effects (positive or negative) arising from industrial sand mining and to inform the development of the HIA's recommendations. The HIA provides recommendations for improving positive health outcomes and minimizing negative health effects in 4 areas related to industrial sand mining: **air quality, water resources, land reclamation & value, and quality of life**.
- » Information about this project has been shared through local, regional, and national channels, including boards of health in Western Wisconsin, the Western Regional WALHDAB, the National HIA Meeting (2015), the National Environmental Public Health Tracking HIA Workgroup, and various print, broadcast, and web-based media outlets.
- » To learn more about this interesting resource of information as provided by this HIA and its recommendations, please visit [Industrial Sand Mining HIA](#), or contact **Nancy Young** at nyoung@instituteforwihealth.org, or tune in to our section meeting on April 21st!

Health Impacts of Predatory Lending

- » This recently released HIA investigates the impacts of payday loans on individual, family and community health. Wealth drain may have both direct and indirect impacts on health with financial stress being associated with hypertension, stroke, diabetes cancer, heart disease and more. This HIA was conducted by [ISAIAH](#), a Minnesota community based organization, in partnership with [Human Impact Partners](#). The HIA report provides recommendations aimed to inform Minnesotan legislation governing payday loans, as well as steps that need to be taken to eventually ban this practice within Minnesota. Access the HIA report [here](#).

Reconnecting Urban Planning and Public Health

- » The City of Dubuque, Iowa has won a \$31.5 million grant to flood proof 320 houses and build a series of upgrades to its storm water infrastructure. The project is a joint effort between the City's planning and public health officials. Funding is being provided by HUD through its National Disaster Resilience Competition. Read more about it [here](#).

Toolkits, Webinars & More

» *Parks, Trails and Health Workbook*

This informative workbook may be used as a quick guide for incorporating public health considerations when designing and developing parks and trails. It is composed of five sections as follows: Community Health Profile; Site assessment; Site Planning; Park and Trail System Planning; and Monitoring and Evaluation.



The information the document provides may be used to facilitate interagency and stakeholder discussions, in enlisting potential project partners in assessing community needs in relation to new parks and trails projects, and in seeking supporting data as well as sources of funding. Click on the document to right to access further information.

- » ***The Active Communities Kit.*** This engaging toolkit provides you with all the essentials required to get started in making your community more active. It includes information on how to identify, map and assess local assets, assessment checklists, strategies for building active communities and measures to evaluate success. The toolkit also covers overarching considerations such as health equity concerns and rural and urban differences. Access this toolkit by clicking [here](#). This kit is being provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services through support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

» *Upcoming Webinars – Series 2 – Call to Action in Action*

This webinar series, which forms part of the American Walks webinar series for 2016, presents the following 3 webinars:

- Surgeon General's Call to Action – Walking as a Practice. 4/14/16 at 2pm EST. Register [here](#).
- Surgeon General's Call to Action on the Ground. 5/12/16 at 2pm EST. Register [here](#).
- Surgeon General's Call to Action – What's Next? 6/9/16 at 2pm EST. Register [here](#).

- » ***April is Alcohol Awareness Month.*** Check out the associated toolkit provided by the US Department of Health and Human Services, by clicking [here](#).

Have you visited our LinkedIn group yet?

- » View directions on how to access or become a member of the group via the monthly HIA Buzz. (Link works best with Chrome or current version of Internet Explorer.)
- » Start discussions about the latest HIA/HiAP news happening in Wisconsin. (Members are encouraged to post or contribute to a discussion at least once every quarter.)
- » Read timely articles posted by WPHA HIA/HiAP Section Members.

