

## Healthy Communities, Healthy People Program Success Story

Title	<b>Joint-Use Agreement for Public Access to Recreational Space on School Grounds</b>
<b>Public Health Issue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are underutilized recreational spaces ripe for public access in Palm Beach County.</li> <li>• Target community lacks parks for physical activity.</li> <li>• Residents in the targeted area have a obesity rate that surpasses the overall county rate.</li> <li>• Successfully establishing a joint-use agreement at a public school site will serve as a model for other schools in the district.</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HCHP coordinator partnered with the School District’s Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities Project Coordinator.</li> <li>• Coordinators met elementary school key personnel to discuss the availability of the blacktop/basketball courts after school hours, and to install a walking trail that can be used by students, staff, and the community.</li> <li>• The project would be of no cost to the school.</li> <li>• Key partners included: County Department of Parks and Recreation, County Office of Community Revitalization, and the School District.</li> <li>• Coordinators applied for a grant to support the installation of a walking trail.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities Coordinator will make arrangements for the installation of the security fence.</li> <li>• The Department of Parks and Recreation will finalize site maintenance agreement.</li> <li>• All parties are awaiting a grant award announcement to support the installation of the walking trail.</li> <li>• The school district will promote the new recreational site to the community and the joint-use agreement to other schools as a model.</li> </ul>
<b>Impact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A joint-use agreement and grant proposal template for application have been created to be used by other schools.</li> <li>• Multi-sectored partnerships are forged to improve the built environment, promote physical activity, and reduce chronic disease associated with obesity.</li> <li>• The catchment area zip code for the joint-use site has a population of 25,000. The entire county stands to benefit from the joint-use agreement as other school administrators take notice and enter into joint-use agreements offering public access to their grounds.</li> </ul>
<b>Lessons Learned</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-sectored collaboration is key.</li> <li>• Inventory and build upon existing assets.</li> <li>• Formulate an action plan and share with key stakeholders prior to commencing work.</li> </ul>