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Organization Name	Montana Academy for Healthy Kids
Name of Project/Initiative	Innovation and Collaboration for Healthy Living
Major Partners and Funders	MAHK and partners: YMCA of Helena, Montana Department of Commerce, Heritage Gardens, Helena Public School District, Montana Conservation Corps, Montana State Fund, L&C County Sheriff Department
What issues does your project/initiative address? (Check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Access to health care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to healthy foods <input type="checkbox"/> Access to healthy and affordable housing <input type="checkbox"/> Developing economic opportunities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promoting a culture of health <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunities for physical activity and active living <input type="checkbox"/> Quality, access and continuity of care for mental health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality early childhood education or services <input type="checkbox"/> Universal Design or access for those with disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Worksite wellness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other issue Please specify other issue: <i>Overall one stop shop for health and safety services for teens preparing for summer jobs and beyond</i>
What does your initiative/project do? Briefly describe your project including major goals and activities.	Montana Academy for Healthy Kids (MAHK) opened a new outpost at the local Senior Center at Heritage Gardens in downtown Helena. The outpost is a fully accessible kids health and safety center where they can access wellness activities and information, learn safety protocols for various jobs and train for a variety of work. The outpost was created with “green” technologies and local construction companies as well as listed partners helped with to remodel the space.
What geographic areas does it serve? (Check all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific Community, please list: <u>Helena and Lewis & Clark County</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Specify Reservation , please list: <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide

<p>What is the target population? Briefly describe the demographics.</p>	<p>MAHK targets all kids ages 13-20 who are in school, homeschooled and finishing diplomas or GEDs.</p>
<p>To date, have you successfully implemented any of the following strategies in your effort?</p>	
<p>Developed a shared vision or common goals that partners from all sectors could support</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide more details, such as what did you do, how did you do it, what factors were key in your success?</p> <p>Working with such diverse partners, early on, we identified our leader, who then seamlessly served to develop vision and core values as the foundation of services and expected outcomes.</p>
<p>Effectively pooled funding or other resources from multiple sectors to support the project</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide more details, such as what did you do, how did you do it, what factors were key in your success?</p> <p>Grant funds received for the development of the outpost; additional funds received to complete the overall program development, construction and staff time has been donated as in-kind services.</p>
<p>Used data and measure to demonstrate need or prove success</p>	<p>No</p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide more details, such as what did you do, how did you do it, what factors were key in your success?</p> <p>This project generated from public meetings and concerns of various professionals that work with kids. We are collecting data as we assist kids, documenting growth and success.</p>
<p>Engaged community members in the design, decision-making, or implementation processes</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide more details, such as what did you do, how did you do it, what factors were key in your success?</p> <p>Numerous focus groups were held with MAHK partners, kids, parents, employers and related professionals. As we developed and refined the</p>

	outpost and related services we continued to update partners and stakeholders.
Used a new or innovative approach to promote or support community health	<p>Yes</p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide more details, such as what did you do, how did you do it, what factors were key in your success?</p> <p>MAHK, in partnership with (7) well-established agencies, has formed a healthy living outpost for kids in Helena and beyond. The partnership goes beyond paper contracts and services and entails regular meetings for ongoing collaboration of services/programs.</p>
What have been the major outcomes or accomplishments of your project/initiative to date?	Establishment of a fully accessible healthy living outpost focused on kids health and safety where they can access wellness activities and information, learn safety protocols for various jobs and train for a variety of work.
Based on your experience, what advice or recommendations do you have for other organizations working across sectors to improve community health?	Identify areas of collaboration and partnership for overall success of services as well as opportunities to enhance the services/programs.
For others interested in joining or replicating your project/initiative, who should they contact? (Please provide a name and email address)	Evelyn O'Hare, Assistant Director of Heritage Gardens ehare@email.com