## QUICK START FACT SHEET **KEY PRINCIPLE: LEADERSHIP**

**TOPIC:** Change Agents **IDEA:** Safe Routes to School

## THE IDEA

#### **ACTION GOALS STEPS**

## RESOURCES **MEASURE**

#### What areas do you want to focus on for improvement?

- Areas around the school are safe for biking and walking.
- · Regulations for cars and speed are enforced.
- Increase the number of students who walk or ride bikes to school.
- Understand community safety awareness and find partners to address issues.

### What exactly is it that you want to achieve?

- Implement the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program in one elementary school as pilot project.
- Community assessment to understand why children are not walking or biking to school. This defines the problem to allow for prioritizing and targeting initial interventions through the SR2S program.
- Increase the number of students who walk and/or ride bikes to school. Parents and students learn and understand how to walk and bike to school safely.
- Improve safety issues (physical, environmental, traffic) around the school in collaboration with local municipal, community partners, and police assistance.
- Encourage healthy lifestyle behaviors.

### • Consider who will be affected and how?

- Get buy-in for your initiative. Who are the individuals who must be involved and engaged in your initiative?
- Who can lead the initiative? What partners/stakeholders should be involved?
- What resources will be needed? (i.e. types of staff and required time: supplies and materials, equipment, other resources: estimated costs).
- What are possible challenges and barriers? Reflect on these and think about possible solutions and strategies.
- · What is your timeline?
- Do you have a short-term outcome to demonstrate early visible improvements?
- How will you share/ communicate your proposed initiative and with whom?
- Have you thought about sustainability for your project? Will this be a project you can continue annually?

- What resources can guide this project using evidence-based. best-practices?
- Are there templates. information, guides already in place?
- What are others doing? Find out about other initiatives. What are other schools, districts. states doing? Do not limit yourself to nursing-related initiatives. Be sure to ask what were the lessons learned.
- Are there funding sources and grants that can help off set costs?

# **OUTCOMES**

- How will you measure progress and success?
- What are your outcome measures?
- How often will you check and measure your progress?
- Who will be responsible for collecting and reporting the information/data?
- How will you evaluate your initiative to determine success?

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For more details on this project, see Chapter 3, Idea 2.