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New Website to Promote and Measure Community Health Improvement

Eau Claire Healthy Communities

EAU CLAIRE- November 7, 2013 – Health care professionals, health departments, area nonprofit organizations, schools, media outlets and local households will have an easier way of monitoring community health and wellness through a new website. The [Healthy Communities](#) website collects and displays local health data, such as the prevalence of diseases like diabetes or cancer, or risk factors such as obesity rates. It also provides information about what is happening to improve the health of the community in Eau Claire County through Healthy Communities Council and its action teams.

Community members are invited to a demonstration of the site at 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in Room G302 at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, 720 Second Avenue.

The website makes data available in a consistent format that can be accessed easily by anyone. Health care officials say they hope the abundance of data will allow community organizations to work together in identifying and implementing programs that address health priorities at a local level.

“The Eau Claire Healthy Communities website is an exciting collaborative effort to improve the health of Eau Claire County residents,” says Lieske Giese, Director of the Eau Claire City-County Health Department. “The data available will help the community identify and address health needs, and ultimately help us achieve the shared vision of everyone living better, longer.”

The website was developed by Trilogy as a Network of Care site. It will provide up-to-date local and state health data, a calendar of upcoming Eau Claire Healthy Communities events, agendas and minutes from Healthy Communities meetings, access to the Eau Claire community health assessment and improvement plan, as well as links to local health resources.

The website is sponsored by the [Eau Claire City-County Health Department](#), [Marshfield Clinic](#), [Mayo Clinic Health System](#), [Sacred Heart Hospital](#) and the [United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley](#).

“The Eau Claire Healthy Communities website is an excellent example of collective impact,” says Jan Porath, Executive Director for United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley. “As a community, we can achieve more by partnering to work towards a common goal of addressing public health than any of us can on our own.”

The Eau Claire Healthy Communities website is available at www.echealthycommunities.org. For more information, contact the Eau Claire City-County Health Department at 715-839-4718.

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