



Lincoln Vital Signs Update: August 2014

It is exciting to begin to see how organizations are starting to use the information shared in Lincoln Vital Signs. This information is building, conversations and community meetings are taking place. We'd like to share a few new examples of how the community is taking action.

Bridges out of Poverty

You should have recently received an invitation to attend a seminar hosted by the Food Bank of Lincoln and the Community Foundation. The purpose of the one day event is to begin to build a comprehensive community approach to reduce poverty. Philip DeVol, author of *Bridges to Sustainable Communities*, will talk about creating communities where everyone can live well, the need for all sectors and economic classes to speak the same language and work toward the goal of a sustainable community and the cost for communities that continue to see an increase in poverty.

The **community meeting is Friday, September 26** at the Hilton Garden Inn. The morning session runs from 8:00 to noon. Phil will speak about the Bridges initiative. The afternoon session starts with lunch at noon and is intended as a planning session to identify action steps. You may attend one or both sessions and there is no cost to participate.

This is an important opportunity to learn more so we hope you will attend, especially the morning session or evening session if your time is limited. If you know of others who would value the opportunity to learn more, you may forward the invitation to them also.

To RSVP, email Alynn Sampson at asampson@lincolnfoodbank.org or call 402-466-8170 and let her know if you will attend the morning or both sessions.

Lincoln Vital Signs data helps successful Grant Application

University of Nebraska-Lincoln 4-H Youth Development used Lincoln Vital Signs as a component of a winning grant proposal to USDA to provide afterschool programming for children and their families. The project is designed to strengthen high-risk youth and families through intense programming focused on nutritious, balanced meals and physical activity. They will be working in two Lincoln sites – Airpark and West Lincoln Elementary.

Make It Work For Lincoln

The Lincoln Chapter of the Association for Talent Development; Knowledge Management Council; the City of Lincoln; Nebraska Department of Labor; and Nebraska Department of Economic Development are leading the *Make It Work For Lincoln* program.

Lincoln is full of excellent resources that are not always visible to individuals and employers. In order to better connect people, businesses and resources in our community, *Make It Work for Lincoln* has commissioned the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Bureau of Business Research to conduct two surveys. The surveys are designed to identify who are underemployed, those who are unemployed, and business/industry skill gaps that adversely affect the productivity of Lincoln businesses. After the data is gathered, a gap analysis will be performed to identify training and education needs.

opportunities in the Lincoln community. Results will be presented at a capstone event in November.

Find more information at: <http://www.astdlincoln.org/KMC>

Community Education

During the coming months, sponsors of the Lincoln Vital Signs report are focusing on communicating the results to the community through community-wide events, presentations to various community groups, media releases, and an email newsletter. Visit www.lincolnvitalsigns.org for more information and a list of upcoming community meetings.

Participating Organizations:

Abel Foundation
City of Lincoln
Community Health Endowment
Cooper Foundation
Educare of Lincoln
Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools
Lancaster County
Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development
Lincoln Community Foundation
Nebraska Children and Families Foundation
United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County
University of Nebraska Foundation
Woods Charitable Fund