

Rural Active Living Assessment (RALA) Program & Policy Assessment Tool

Community Name: _____

Auditor's Name: _____

Programs & Policies	Check One
Does the community have a policy that requires bikeways or pedestrian walkways in new public infrastructure projects?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know <input type="radio"/> N/A
Comments:	
Does the community have a program/policy in place to ensure regular clearing of snow and ice from sidewalks?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know <input type="radio"/> N/A
Comments:	
Does the community have a public recreation department that offers physical activity programming?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
If yes, do they offer...	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs for youth? • Ages served: _____ 	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs for adults? • Ages served: _____ 	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs for older adults? • Ages served: _____ 	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are physical activity resources/facilities available for local resident use outside of formal programming? 	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there funding or a 'sliding fee scale' available for lower income residents to access recreation programs and services in the community? 	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know

Comments:	
Does the community have a private organization (such as the YMCA or a religious organization) that offers physical activity programming?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
If yes, do they offer...	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical activity programming for youth? • Ages served: _____ 	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical activity programming for adults? • Ages served: _____ 	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs for older adults? • Ages served: _____ 	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there membership requirements to participate in these programs? 	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are physical activity resources/facilities available for local resident use outside of programming? 	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the organization provide scholarships or offer a sliding fee scale for lower income residents? 	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
Comments:	
Does the community offer any local public transportation options, such as public busses or vans?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
If yes please specify: _____	
Comments:	
Are there any long-distance public transportation options available in your community, such as a train or Bus?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know <input type="radio"/> N/A

If yes please specify: _____	
Comments:	
School Programs and Policies	
Check One	
Does the community have any "Walk to School" programs or other programs that encourage children to walk or bike to school?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
Comments:	
Does the community participate in the National "Active & Safe Routes to School" program? http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
Comments:	
Do the public schools in the community offer other sponsored physical activity initiatives for students?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
Comments:	
Do the public schools in the community allow public access to their recreation facilities after school hours?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
Comments:	
Do the public schools have a late bus option for children that stay after school for sponsored activities?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Don't Know
Comments:	
What Percent (%) of children live within 2 kilometers of their school?	_____% <input type="radio"/> Don't Know <input type="radio"/> N/A
Comments:	

Other	Check One
_____	<input type="radio"/> Yes
_____	<input type="radio"/> No
_____	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
Comments:	
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_____	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
Comments:	
Other	Check One
_____	<input type="radio"/> Yes
_____	<input type="radio"/> No
_____	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
Comments:	

Do community policies, procedures, and/or culture play into the unique or innovative physical activity opportunity you outlined above? If yes, please identify and explain how.

Please Note: The Program & Policy Assessment Tool was originally designed by researchers at the Maine Rural Health Research Center, University of Southern Maine, and were tested and refined by researchers at the University of Southern Maine, Tufts University, University of Alabama, and University of Mississippi. This version has been further revised for use within Canadian communities through the Healthy Canada By Design CLASP Initiative. For additional rural active living resource and RALA tool components go to: <http://www.activelivingresearch.org/node/11947>.