Obesity
is associated with many chronic conditions including high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, diabetes and some cancers.

In Adams, Clay, Nuckolls and Webster Counties: heart disease, stroke, and diabetes account for half of all deaths.

What is going on in South Heartland?

- 6% of adults have heart disease
- 11% of adults have diabetes
- 35% of adults have high blood pressure
- 1 in 3 high school students and...
- ...7 in 10 adults are overweight or obese
- 23% of total U.S. healthcare costs are related to diabetes
- $1.42 trillion in U.S. healthcare costs can be linked to obesity

What can I do?

- DECREASE Salt
- INCREASE Physical activity
- DECREASE Processed food and sugar
- INCREASE Fruits, vegetables, whole grains
- WATCH PORTION SIZES

“We are seeing a huge surge of patients with obesity and obesity-related health problems. There needs to be a way to educate our community on nutrition.”

Health care provider response to SHDHD Community Themes and Strengths Assessment, 2018

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Our goal is to reduce obesity and related health conditions through prevention and chronic disease management. We are working together to change our environment and culture to make healthy choices the easy choices!

**STRATEGIES/OBJECTIVES**

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**EXPECTED RESULTS**

Improving the culture and the environment increases opportunities for healthy choices.

- Fewer people are overweight or obese
- More people are empowered to manage their health
- Fewer people are at risk for chronic conditions
- More people are physically active and choosing healthy foods and beverages

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