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Local residents invited to take community health needs survey

The TSET Healthy Living Program serving Rogers County is asking for your input as it works toward creating healthier environments in Inola.

Local residents can offer their opinions, concerns and insights by taking a community health needs assessment survey, said Lindsey Martin, lead coordinator of the TSET Healthy Living Program grant in Rogers County.

“Your experiences and opinions on health environments in our communities really matter and we want to hear from you,” Lindsey said.

The survey can be accessed via the QR code that accompanies this article or by visiting bit.ly/tsetrogers.

Improving the health of residents in targeted geographic locations throughout Oklahoma is a priority for a new TSET HLP five-year cycle that started on July 1, 2020. The Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust – TSET – awarded the grants to 35 lead agencies, including Volunteers for Youth, in spring 2020.

This grant’s first year is dedicated to gathering health-related data from U.S. Census information and other research-based sources, and by seeking local input from community partners and this health needs survey. That information will be used to create a localized data-driven plan to improve the long-term health of area residents.

“Hearing about your experiences with access to healthy foods and physical activity and to tobacco-free environments through this survey will help us create a comprehensive wellness plan that fits and works best locally in Rogers County,” Lindsey Martin said.

TSET also supports lifesaving research at the Stephenson Cancer Center, the TSET Health Promotion Research Center and the Oklahoma Center for Adult Stem Cell Research. Studies show that TSET funding over the years has contributed to saving at least 42,000 lives and more than \$1.2 billion in direct medical costs in Oklahoma.

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