

Forces of Change - Threats and Opportunities Worksheet

List the major categories identified in Step 2 of the Forces of Change phase in the left-hand column (“Forces”). Then, for each category, identify the threats and opportunities for the public health system or community created by each. Continue onto another page if needed.

Forces (Trend, Events, Factors)	Threats Posed	Opportunities Created
Limited Desire to Change.		
Water Quality		
Limited or No Services for Homeless		
Restrictive Budgets for Cities and County		
Employment		
School Funding	People don’t like Super so they vote down bond; Poor communication of bond issues; lack of ownership; bad reputation of school board (no one else will run); fear of tax increase	Community can be more involved in writing bond proposals; Better communication of needs; legislative issues w/school funding; Communicate the opportunity for prevention vs. treatment
No Youth Venue for After School Activity	Lack of ownership of the problem; Liability; At-risk youth; transportation; family culture at home; “non-joiners”; Expense (sports)	Grants: Community center & PAN program; Engage churches (ministerial alliance); # of youth w/o afterschool care?; Consider true prevention vs. reaction; Parent Education; Upgrade Parks; Community Service; Organized sports for older kids.
Substance Abuse	Family culture; not enough treatment/prevention facilities; limited communication of existing resources; no drug dog; limited law enforcement outside of Guthrie; Legal vs. Illegal drugs; No social host ordinance	Better education; Interpreters; Clear data for evidence-based practices; existing drug court; Reality Party; Pending county wide social host law; drug testing

