

Richland County will meet identified community needs by.....

8) Addressing Social and Economic Factors related to Education, Employment and Income

Indicator

<p>8.1 Increase the number of 3-4 year olds attending preschool. (<i>Kids Count data center, 2011-2014</i>)</p>
<p>8.2 Increase the number of adults in Richland County with a bachelor’s degree or higher from 17.7% 25%. (<i>MT Community Health Profile—Richland Co 2015</i>)</p>
<p>8.3 Maintain the percentage of unemployment in Richland County at 2.6% (<i>CDC Community Health Status Indicators 2015</i>)</p>

Strategy

<p>A. Expand early childhood education in Richland County by supporting preschools and parents of young children. Best Beginnings Coalition; Lifelong Learning</p>	<p>-15 preschools and licensed daycares in Richland County. -36 early literacy “checkouts” by childcare/ preschool providers at the Richland County Library -Measure of Shoutbomb use. (Library)</p>
<p>B. Continue to support and expand county wide annual Developmental Screenings for children birth to age 5. Best Beginnings Coalition</p>	<p>-The number of children screened annually increased by 15% over a three year period.</p>
<p>C. The Sidney—Richland Co. library will partner with Sidney Job Service, school districts and advanced/secondary education institutions throughout Montana and North Dakota to offer extended and post-secondary classes via the Internet at the library. Lifelong Learning</p>	<p>-2 classes offered annually with an 80% participation rate.</p>
<p>D. Partner across agencies to support job searchers and Sidney Job Service. Lifelong Learning</p>	<p>-Richland County unemployment rate of 5% or less in 2019.</p>

Measure

Alignment

<p>Healthy People 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Increase opportunities for life –long learning ⇒ SDOH-3.1 Proportion of persons living in poverty 	<p>State Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 1.1.1 Support worksites, healthcare organizations, schools, childcare agencies and other settings to implement policies that promote and protect health ⇒ 2.1.3 Provide training and technical assistance to schools and childcare settings to implement evidence-based programs to promote and protect health ⇒ 3.2 Increase use of appropriate health services, particularly by underserved and at-risk populations.
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