



BACI E-News

Building Active Communities Initiative (BACI)

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2017 BACI Action Institute

We have some exciting news! We have set the dates for the next BACI Action Institute!

For those not familiar with the BACI Action Institute, it is a 3-day training and networking opportunity for Montana cities or counties interested in making their communities safer and more accessible for walking and bicycling. All travel costs to attend are included for those communities selected.

Up to six community teams, representing multiple sectors, will be selected to attend the BACI Action Institute **May 16-18, 2017**, in Butte, Montana. Information about the Action Institute, who can apply and the application are available on our [website](#). We will begin accepting applications January 5th and the application closes on February 10th.

There will be an informational webinar about this opportunity and the application process through the Montana Rural Health Initiative (RHI) on January 5th, 2017 at 10am. Please go to our [website](#) to register for this webinar. We hope you will consider applying!

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2016 BACI Action Institute in Great Falls



Mike Lydon, 2016 keynote speaker and facilitator, talks with the Sidney team about Tactical Urbanism.



Nine Montana community teams attended the 2016 BACI Action Institute.

BACI 2017 Speaker Highlights



Chris Danley is a Senior Planning Associate for Alta Planning + Design in their Boise, Idaho Office. Chris has ten years of planning experience with an emphasis on active living planning and health integration. Throughout his career, in both the public and private sections, he has focused on three principal areas: planning, assessment, and training. In the planning arena, Chris has led numerous bicycle, pedestrian, and Safe Route to School plans, and created a planning model called the Activity Connection Plan, which has been implemented in dozens of communities. He is an expert in assessment, with experience conducting over a dozen Health Impact Assessments. Currently, Chris is also the President of the National Physical Activity Society which aims to get Americans more engaged in regular bouts of physical activity as part of their daily lives.



Bonnie Sachatello-Sawyer is the founder and executive director of Hopa Mountain, a nonprofit based in Bozeman that is dedicated to investing in rural and tribal citizen leaders, adults and youth, who are working to improve education, ecological health, and economic development in their hometowns. Well-versed in the Collective Impact Model, Bonnie has led cross-sector collaborations across the state and region to address complex community issues. She received her Ed.D. from Montana State University in Adult and Community Education and completed her M.A. in Political Science at the University of Richmond. Her undergraduate degree in Political Science is from Vanderbilt University.

The Building Active Communities Initiative (BACI) is a project of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services' Nutrition and Physical Activity Program (NAPA) in partnership with Montana State University's Office of Rural Health and Bike Walk Montana.

The goal of BACI is to create or enhance community environments so that people of all ages, abilities and income levels can safely walk, bike or take public transportation to places they need to go.



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