

Service-Learning in Health

Course: **Comprehensive Health**

School: **Milwaukee High School of the Arts**

Community Partners:

**Medical College of Wisconsin Cancer Center,
American Cancer Society, Kohl's Healthy Families**

Project Name: **Reducing Cancer Disparities**



Project Snapshot

Health teacher Dakota Berg partnered with the Medical College of Wisconsin Cancer Center to develop a healthy living and cancer prevention unit for his comprehensive health classes. Students study cancer biology, screening, and treatment. They also investigate the social determinates of cancer, cancer disparities, and ways a healthy lifestyle can reduce cancer risk. Guest speakers from the Medical College serve as issue experts for the students.

The final performance outcome for the unit is a community health fair attended by family members and neighbors. Using their artistic talents, students showcase and share what they've learned through games and other fun activities, detailed scientific presentations, spoken word, information booklets, and visual displays.

Students are able to address all eight of the Wisconsin Health Education Standards through this experience: Core Concepts, Analyzing Influences, Accessing Information, Interpersonal Communication, Goal Setting, Decision Making, Self-Management, and Advocacy.

Community Need/Issue Addressed

Good Health and Well-Being and Reduced Inequalities*

According to the 2015–16 City of Milwaukee Community Health Assessment, “although Milwaukee has Wisconsin’s most concentrated health resources, health disparities are also the most pronounced.” One significant disparity has to do with cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. Through their health fairs, students have been able to reach out to underserved communities with information on ways good nutrition and regular physical activity can reduce cancer risk now and into the future.

**from United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development <https://www.globalgoals.org>*

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