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**SPOTLIGHT:** The National League of Cities' (NLC) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families (YEF Institute) led a Mayors' Institute on Advancing Education and Health through a Community Schools Strategy on May 2-4, 2017, in Philadelphia. One of the cities featured was the City of Caldwell, Idaho and its program "Leveraging Community Health Needs Assessments to Better Understand Health Barriers to Learning." Commissioned by the United Way of Treasure Valley and funded by a Trinity Health System "Transforming Communities" grant, the 2016-2017 Health Conditions Assessment, required as part of the Affordable Care Act, evaluated over 21 health and economic indicators across all census tracts in Caldwell. The HCA helped the City of Caldwell identify Census tracts as a "health hot spot that features a disproportionately high percentage of households at or below the Federal Poverty Level, higher rates of unemployment and substandard housing, and a large uninsured population.

For more information, visit the NLC website to read "[Cities Advancing Education & Health: A Summary from our recent Mayor's Institute.](#)"

The National League of Cities (NLC) selected six mayors through a competitive application process to participate in the May 2017 Mayors' Institute. The six cities represented were the City of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, the City of Toledo in Ohio, the City of Rancho Cucamonga in California, the City of Houston in Texas, the City of Brooklyn Center in Minnesota, and the City of Caldwell in Idaho. During the institute, "each mayor shared case statements outlining their specific goals and challenges at the intersection of education and health . . . around five key themes essential to building a culture of health: data and metrics, financing strategies, equity, the role of parent and community engagement ."

Through the collaboration between the City of Caldwell, the United Way of the Treasure Valley, and a Trinity Health System grant, Sacajawea Elementary School was identified as a “health hot spot” in Caldwell, with “few safe spaces for walking and biking, and lack easy access to public transportation and medical, dental, vision and behavioral health services. The needs assessment was the catalyst for the City of Caldwell choosing Sacajawea Elementary School as its Community Schools pilot site.” *(from page 6 of the NLC Cultural of Health November 2017 Newsletter)*

For more information, visit the NLC website to read the entire summary: “Cities Advancing Education & Health: A summary from our recent Mayor’s Institute”. Or go to: [http://www.nlc.org/sites/default/files/users/user75/YEF\\_MayorsInst\\_ExecutiveSummary\\_final.pdf](http://www.nlc.org/sites/default/files/users/user75/YEF_MayorsInst_ExecutiveSummary_final.pdf)

