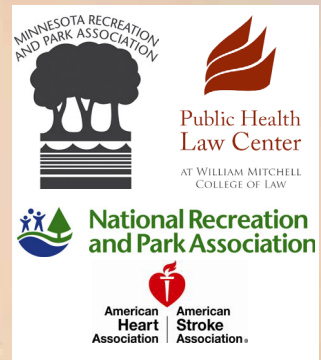


Parks and Recreation Policy and Legal Tools for a Healthier Future

Thursday, March 1, 2012 • 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Maple Grove Community Center • 12951 Weaver Lake Road • Maple Grove, MN



Minnesota Recreation and Park Association, its Step Up to Health Committee, and the William Mitchell College of Law's Public Health Law Center will host a workshop focused on policy and legal tools related to the parks and recreation profession. Obesity rates are on the rise, in part because of the public's lack of access to clean water, healthy food, and safe and accessible places to be physically active.

Learn how local, state, and national leaders are trying to tackle this problem through policy change and challenging the legal landscape. The workshop curriculum aims to analyze how parks and recreation programs fit into the equation, and provide agencies with information and strategies to use when addressing policy and legal issues.

Workshop Schedule and Presenters

8 - 8:30 a.m. Registration Check-In

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Opening Remarks

8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Why Healthy Eating and Active Living Policies are Important to Parks and Recreation Agencies

Rachel Callanan, JD MNM, Regional Vice President of Advocacy, Minnesota & Wisconsin, American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate
Kellie May, Program Manager, National Recreation and Park Association

Presenters will outline the latest science related to the obesity epidemic and its devastating consequences to healthy communities. What "policy change" means in the context of healthy eating and active living, and how policy change in shifting the tide of obesity and promoting healthy living within communities will be discussed.

9:45 - 10 a.m. Break

10 - 11:30 a.m. Liability Issues 101

Natasha Frost, Staff Attorney, Public Health Law Center
Mary Marrow, Staff Attorney, Public Health Law Center

As active living and healthy eating policies are being promoted throughout Minnesota, questions about liability are being raised in a variety of contexts. This presentation will describe the basics of liability, and highlight how liability can be viewed in light of Minnesota law. The presenters will identify laws and risk management strategies relating to waivers and releases, shared use agreements, concussions, food safety issues (school and community gardens), using volunteers and background checks will be discussed.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Luncheon Keynote: American with Disabilities Act

Tracey Crawford, CTRS, CPRP

This session will give an overview of the ADA laws impacting park and recreation agencies and how organizations can work to provide opportunities for people with all disabilities.

12:30 - 2 p.m. ADA: Recreation Inclusion Mandate and Accessible Facilities

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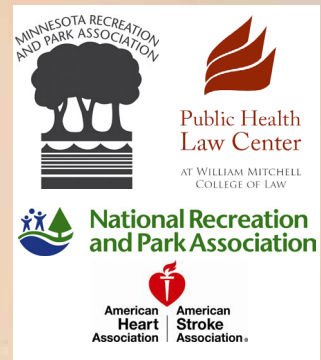
This session will describe in-depth how park and recreation agencies can make accommodations for special needs requests and how organizations can remove physical barriers which may be preventing equitable access for all. The session will also provide information on the new ADA laws which require all park and recreation agencies to be compliant with by March 15, 2012.

Information for 2 to 4:30 p.m. timeframe continued on next page . . .

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2 - 2:15 p.m. Break

2:15 - 3:15 p.m. **Active Living and Healthy Eating as a National Effort**

Dr. Stephen McDonough, M.D., President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition (invited)

Minnesota is part of a larger national movement to combat the problem of obesity. The esteemed Dr. McDonough will present on these national efforts, and how promoting outdoor activity is a critical component to promote a healthier community.

3:15 - 4 p.m. **Minnesota's Legislative Landscape: What Is In Store For Minnesota in 2012**

Rachel Callanan, JD MNM, Regional Vice President of Advocacy, Minnesota & Wisconsin, American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate

4 - 4:30 p.m. **Question and Answers and Evaluation**

Registration Form

Registration Deadline: February 24, 2012

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Participant Names:

Register and Pay Online at mnrpa.org

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Questions?

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