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4232 Active Transportation: Designing an Observational Study

Organization Information

The Communities in Action (CIA) Committee in Haliburton County was formed in 2004 to create healthy, active communities by:

- Promoting and advocating for active transportation as a way to improve health,
- Promoting opportunities for walking and cycling within the villages and surrounding areas, and
- Creating active transportation plans for the Villages of Haliburton, Minden and Dorset.

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Project Information

The purpose of this project is to gain a better understanding of how to design and use observation studies to assess the level of active transportation in the community.

Benefit to the Community

The research findings will help the CIA to assess levels of active transportation in a consistent and rigorous way that can be compared from year to year.

The information will be used to inform the work of the CIA to create healthy, active communities through active transportation planning.

Also, because there is a general lack of quantitative measurement of levels of active transportation in communities, the findings may also be of use to other communities who want to do similar assessment.

Potential Learning for the Student

Employability/career development

This project will develop general employment skills such as; research, report writing, and dissemination of information.

Academic experience and pursuits

The project will provide an opportunity to build familiarity with active transportation research and data collection, and connect with professionals in the field. The work of CIA in Haliburton County is widely recognized in other communities and we have regular opportunities to share our work. There is opportunity for recognition beyond this project, if the findings and framework are used by other communities.

Resources Required for Project Provided by Host

Host: The host organization will provide all project-related resources and costs in order for the student to complete the project (e.g. photocopying, office supplies, long distance phone calls) - The project coordinator will be available to support students via email and phone

U-Links: The cost of a rental vehicle **OR** reimbursement for fuel (student owned vehicle) to travel to and from Haliburton County for up to **four (4)** visits.

All costs for transportation beyond the four visits, including rental and fuel costs, as well as fuel costs for project related travel within the county are the responsibility of the host organization.

Screening or Training Requirements

N/A

Skills that Would Be an Asset to the Student(s)

Attention to detail, professional communication skills