When it comes to developing and implementing solutions to problems that affect our communities, evidence matters. Strategies that are tested and shown to work are smart investments that can stretch the impact of scarce dollars. But how do you know which strategies are effective? What policy, program or system change should you implement in your community to improve health?

Developed by experts at the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, What Works for Health is an interactive online tool that you can use to find effective strategies to improve community health.

What Works for Health is an easy-to-use, searchable menu of policies and programs that focus on the factors we know make communities healthier places to live, learn, work, and play. Community leaders and other stakeholders can choose a health factor of interest (e.g., tobacco use, employment, access to care, or housing & transit) and browse through evidence ratings and summaries for specific policies, programs, or system changes that address the health factor. Listings also include examples and toolkits to help communities move toward action.

With the combined power of the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps and What Works for Health, you have a profile of your county’s health AND information on strategies that can make your community healthier.

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