

# 2 coalitions get \$45,000 for safe school routes



Two coalitions working together to enhance the safety of students who walk and bike to school in the community received grants totaling \$45,000.

Safe Kids USA/Safe Kids Southeast Wisconsin awarded \$25,000 to the Washington County Injury Prevention Coalition and the YMCA of the USA and the CDC awarded \$20,000 to the Healthy People Project of Washington County for Safe Routes to School initiatives.

The grant money will develop environmental safety features in and around local schools.

The main goal of Safe Routes to School is to improve children's safety while walking and biking to school. Safe Routes to School initiatives can help educate communities on pedestrian and bicycle safety, reduce speeds in school zones, and build sidewalks and bike paths.

Walking or biking to and from school helps children reach the recommended goal of 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

"This has been a wonderful partnership of two community coalitions working together to enhance the safety of students and the routes they take to school," said Aaron Schmidt, Healthy People Project team leader and associate executive director, Kettle Moraine YMCA.

For more information, contact Christine Glaszcz with the Healthy People Project at 247-1057 or [hppwc@kmymca.org](mailto:hppwc@kmymca.org) or visit the Washington County Health Department at [www.co.washington.wi.us/chn](http://www.co.washington.wi.us/chn).

**Submitted photo**  
The Healthy People Project is working to get state residents exercising, including through the Safe Routes to School Initiative in Washington County. County groups received \$45,000 in grants for the project.

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