

North Carolina Faith-based Organization Facility Use Assessment

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

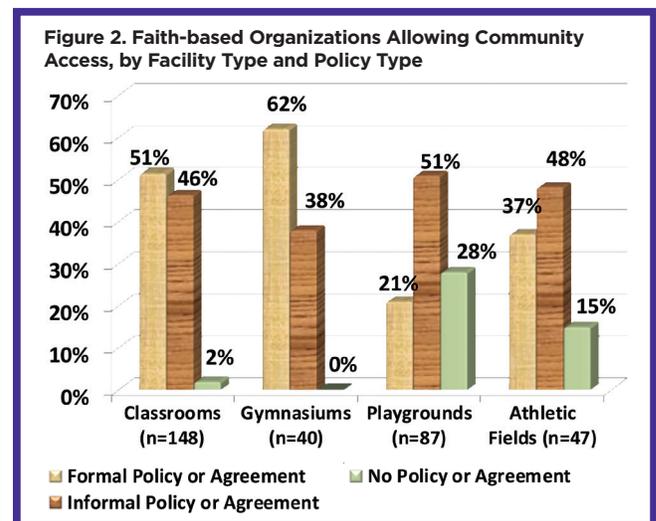
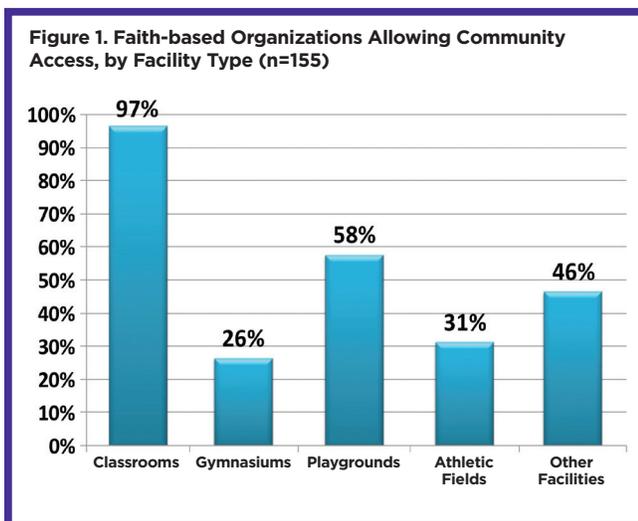
Physical activity rates among North Carolina (N.C.) adults and youth are below the national average.^{1,2} Increasing physical activity is necessary to promote health benefits and reduce chronic diseases such as heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes.¹ Providing communities with access to safe, affordable recreational facilities is an important strategy to increase physical activity.² Working with entities like faith-based organizations to promote community access to their facilities for recreational activities (an initiative referred to as shared use) is a promising strategy for increasing access to places to be physically active.³

In order to develop an understanding of current community access (for outside groups and/or individuals) to N.C. faith-based organization physical activity facilities, several faith-based organizations and community partners formed a partnership. This partnership consisted of Faithful Families Eating Smart and Moving More, N.C. Council of Churches: Partners in Health and Wholeness, N.C. Division of Public Health (Community Transformation Grant (CTG) Project and the Community and Clinical Connections for Prevention and Health Branch), and Voices Into Action: The Families, Food, and Health Project. The partnership created a survey to assess current shared use practices among faith-based organizations in N.C.,

and regional and statewide staff of the partnership organizations administered the survey between October 28 and December 16, 2013.

Faith-based organizations from 51 of North Carolina's 100 counties completed the assessment. The results showed that, of the 177 faith-based organizations surveyed, 87.57 percent grant community access to their facilities, with classrooms and playgrounds being the most common (Figure 1). Regarding policy type, formal policies or agreements (e.g., written contracts) were more common for use of gymnasiums and classrooms, while informal policies or agreements (e.g., verbal permission) were more common for use of playgrounds and athletic fields (Figure 2). Among the faith-based organizations that did not grant community access to facilities for physical activity, the majority reported lack of space availability, liability issues, and facility maintenance costs as reasons.

After the completion of the assessment, the partnership continues to support faith-based organizations in their efforts to increase North Carolinians' physical activity rates by creating greater community access to facilities for physical activity. For example, the partnership is working with a national public health law organization to create resources



to assist faith-based organizations to overcome identified barriers to opening their facilities for use by the community, such as liability concerns. Also, the partnership developed a listing of faith-based organizations that grant community access to their facilities for physical activity to share with community residents based on assessment results (Appendix A).

For more information or questions about the assessment or to request a copy of the full report, call the North Carolina Division of Public Health, Community and Clinical Connections for Prevention and Health Branch at 919-707-5215 or contact@communityclinicalconnections.com.

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- Safe Routes to School National Partnership. (2013). Share Use: Increasing Access to Physical Activity Opportunities. Retrieved November 26, 2013 from: <http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/sites/default/files/pdf/Shared-Use-Increasing-Access-to-Physical-Activity-Opportunities.pdf>.



Appendix A: Listing of Faith-based Organization Facilities that Allow Community Use

Note: Alphabetized by City Name

Andrews United Methodist Church
101 Chestnut Street
Andrews, NC 28901
Website: N/A

First Baptist Church
133 Church Street
Asheboro, NC 27203
Website: fbcasheboro.com

West Asheboro Church
841 Uwharrie Street
Asheboro, NC 27205
Website: www.westasheborobaptist.com

FaithBridge United Methodist Church
194 Aho Road
Blowing Rock, NC 28605
Website: www.faithbridgeumc.org

The Take Back Tour Health Ministry
629 Cameron Street
Burlington, NC 27215
Website: www.thetakebacktour.com

Binkley Baptist Church
1712 Willow Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Website: binkleychurch.org

University United Methodist Church
150 E. Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Website: chapelhilluumc.org

Trinity Episcopal Church
182 NC Hwy 33 West
Chocowinity, NC 27817
Website: www.trinitychocowinity.org

Centenary United Methodist Church
5280 Hampton Road
Clemmons, NC 27012
Website: N/A

Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church
435 Carson Road
Cleveland, NC 27013
Website: N/A

Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church
5200 Shady Bluff Street
Durham, NC 27704
Website: N/A

St. Philip's Episcopal Church
403 E. Main Street
Durham, NC 27701
Website:
<http://st-philips-durham.dionc.org/>

Edenton United Methodist Church
225 Virginia Road
Edenton, NC 27932
Website: N/A

Watson's Chapel
3088 Nebraska Road
Engelhard, NC 27824
Website: N/A

Element Church
1071 South Broadway Street
Forest City, NC 28043
Website: elementc3.com

Chapel Grove Baptist
716 Camp Rotary Road
Gastonia, NC 28052
Website: www.chapelgrove.com

Lighthouse Baptist Church
151 Lighthouse Church Lane
Gastonia, NC 28056
Website: lighthousebaptistnc.org

Tabernacle Baptist Church
519 W 19th Avenue
Gastonia, NC 28054
Website: www.tbcbastonia.org

Bethany Baptist Church/Gaston Faith Network
2903 Goble Street
Gastonia, NC 28056
Website: www.gastonfaithnetwork.org

Bethel Light FWB Church Ministries, Inc.
2499-A Highway 117 South
Goldsboro, NC 27530
Website: N/A

Eastern Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
1401 N. Carolina Street
Goldsboro, NC 27530
Website: www.easternchapelmbc.org

Guilford College United Methodist Church
1205 Fleming Road
Greensboro, NC 27410
Website: www.guilfordcollegeumc.org

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
1100 Curtis Street
Greensboro, NC 27406
Website: N/A

Shalom Community Christian Church
2227 Pineroft Road
Greensboro, NC 27406
Website: N/A

Genesis Baptist Church
2812 E. Bessemmer Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27045
Website: www.genesisbaptistchurch.org

St. Paul United Methodist Church
2616 Buck Shoals Road
Hamptonville, NC 27020
Website: N/A

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church
836 West Lexington Avenue
High Point, NC 27262
Website: www.foresthillspres.com

Ward Street Mission United Methodist Church
1619 W. Ward Avenue
High Point, NC 27260
Website: www.wardstreetmission.com

Christ Gospel Church of Hope Mills
3533 N. Main Street
Hope Mills, NC 28348
Website: christgospelhopemills.org

Main Street United Methodist Church
306 S. Main Street
Kernersville, NC 27284
Website: www.mainstreetumc.org

Palmer Grove Baptist Church
1606 Kingston Road
Kingstown, NC 28150
Website: N/A

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
439 Stewartville Road
Laurinburg, NC 28353
Website: houseofbread1872@sc.twcbc.com

Saint Luke United Methodist Church
1501 Turnpike Road
Laurinburg, NC 28352
Website: saintlukemethodist.org

Lewisville United Methodist Church
6290 Shallowford Road
Lewisville, NC 27023
Website: www.lewisvilleumc.org

Sunrise United Methodist Church
1111 Lewisville-Clemmons Road
Lewisville, NC 27023
Website: sunrise-umc.org

Divine Refuge Ministries
908 Hardin Road
Lumberton, NC 28358
Website: N/A

First Baptist Church
99 N. Main Street
Marion, NC 28752
Website: www.fbcmarion.org

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
46963 Wesley Chapel Road
Misenheimer, NC 28109
Website: www.wesleychapelmethodist.org

Central United Methodist Church
1909 N. Main Street
Mount Airy, NC 27030
Website: www.centralumcma.org

Yokefellow Cooperative Ministry
215 Jones School Road
Mt. Airy, NC 27030
Website: N/A

Pathway to Peace Ministries
11775 NC 109 South
Peachland, NC 28133
Website: www.pathwaytopeace.net

Sacred Pathways
303 West College Street PO Box 84
Pembroke, NC 28372
Website: sacredpathways.org

Adonai Home and Family Outreach Care
3408 Lake Woodard Drive
Raleigh, NC 27604
Website: www.adonaihomefamilyoutreachcare.org

Agape Word Fellowship
1430 South New Hope Rd
Raleigh, NC 27610
Website: www.agapeword.net

Avent Ferry United Methodist Church
2700 Avent Ferry Road
Raleigh, NC 27606
Website: www.afumc.com

New Bethel Christian Church
4307 Old Poole Road
Raleigh, NC 27610
Website: www.newbethelchristianchurch.org

Trinity United Methodist Church
824 N. Bloodworth Street
Raleigh, NC 27604
Website: trinityumcraleigh.org

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
PO Box 1414
Reidsville, NC 27323
Website: N/A

Harvest Time Church
106 S. Grove Street
Rockingham, NC 28352
Website: N/A

Old Mt. Zion Baptist Church
PO Box 1729
Roxboro, NC 27573
Website: N/A

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Salisbury, Inc.
1920 Shirley Avenue
Salisbury, NC 28147
Website: N/A

First Baptist Church
202 Summit Drive
Sanford, NC 27330
Website: www.firstbaptistsanford.com

Word of Life Church
218 E. Main Street
Sanford, NC 27330
Website: N/A

Corinth AME Zion Church
PO Box 441
Siler City, NC 27344
Website: N/A

Sparta Presbyterian Church
160 S. Main Street
Sparta, NC 28675
Website: spartapresbyterian.org

Care Networks, Inc
PO Box 1704
Spring Hope, NC 27882
Website: N/A

Disciples of Christ Faith Ministries
13705 Hwy 98 West
Spring Hope, NC 27882
Website: N/A

Star First Baptist Church
126 East Street
Star, NC 27356
Website: STFBC.net

First Baptist Church
815 Davie Avenue
Statesville, NC 28677
Website: www.statesvillefbc.org

Horizon Church
316 Signal Hill Drive
Statesville, NC 28625
Website: www.horizonchurch.net

Memorial United Methodist Church
101 Randolph Street
Thomasville, NC 27360
Website: www.mumctville.org

Troutman 1st United Methodist Church
204 Mills Avenue PO Box 717
Troutman, NC 28166
Website: www.troutmanmethodist.com

Bridge of Life Community Fellowship
4154 Shearon Farms Avenue
Wake Forest, NC 27587
Website: thebridgeoflife.org

Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church
904 Licksillet Road
Warrenton, NC 27589
Website: www.jerusalemmbc.org

Riley Hill Baptist
6101 Riley Hill Road
Wendell, NC 27591
Website: N/A

Ardmore Baptist Church
501 Miller Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
Website: www.ardmorebaptist.org

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church
4129 Northampton Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27105
Website: N/A

Konnoak Hills Moravian Church
3401 Konnoak Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27127
Website: www.khmoravian.org

Macedonia Worship Center
500 Kinard Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
Website: N/A

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
950 File Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
Website: N/A

Parkway United Church of Christ
2151 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
Website: www.parkwayunited.org

Saints Home United Methodist Church
1390 Thurmond Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27105
Website: N/A

Trinity Presbyterian Church
1416 Bolton Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
Website: trinitypresbyterianchurch.org

Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ
3435 Carver School Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27127
Website: wentzmemorialucc.org

Woodleaf United Methodist Church
9000 Church Street PO Box 299
Woodleaf, NC 27054
Website: N/A

Zebulon First Baptist Church
304 E. Barbee Street
Zebulon, NC 27597
Website: www.zfbc1.com

