Employing PRISM to Evaluate PP4H’s **Food Access** Programs: A user guide

# Background

This document aims to provide a step-by-step summary of how CDC’s Prevention Impacts Simulation Model (PRISM) was used to evaluate a variety of PP4H’s healthy food access programs. It provides links to the spreadsheets and online tools and resources that were used to develop and run a simulation based on PP4H’s activities. The document also provides guidance as to how to explore, interpret and communicate evaluation results to community as well as external stakeholders.

## PP4H’s healthy food access programs

PP4H has engaged in a wide variety of programs to improve community access to healthy food. These programs include the development and management of farmer’s markets, community gardens, healthy vending machines, school-based nutrition programs among many other activities. CDC’s PRISM provides a framework for evaluating these types of programs to examine the impact they may have on the resident population.

## Establishing the demographic characteristics

## Choosing levers, interventions

## Running scenarios

## Exploring, interpreting and communicating results

## Discussion and next steps