

# Texas Healthy Communities



healthy places to live, work and play

# 2014 Awardees

## Texas Healthy Communities Recognition Program

The Texas Healthy Communities Program assists communities to assess their existing environments, implement changes in local environmental and policy infrastructure and adopt priority public health practices to reduce risk factors for chronic diseases, and honors cities that advance recognized best practices for preventing and controlling heart disease, stroke and other chronic diseases.

Communities are assessed on eight indicators to determine recognition as a Texas Healthy Community. Environmental indicators include offering physical activity areas, healthy eating options, mother-friendly worksites and an evidence-based health curriculum in schools. Policy indicators include a 100% smoke free city smoking ordinance; an EMS system which maintains a rapid response time for cardiac events and treatment of stroke as an emergency in the community, with appropriate acute stroke treatment protocols in place.



2014

Harris County  
City of Houston



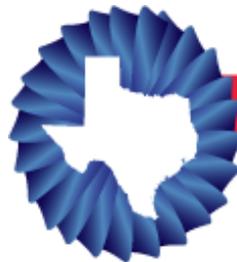
2014

Nueces County  
Webb County  
Wichita County



2014

Angelina County  
Lubbock County



*Honorable  
Mention*

2014

City of Temple,  
Ector County, Hidalgo County,  
Jasper County, Lamar County,  
McLennan County, Newton County,  
Parker County, Smith County,  
Taylor County, Tom Green County,  
Victoria County, Wood County

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