Barnes ON THE MOVE Partnership is a consortium that has evolved over the past 20 years. It began as three partners (the local health unit City County Health District, Mercy Hospital and MeritCare Clinic) and today has grown to include 17 non-profit and governmental organizations. It focuses on programming and policy, systems and environmental change. It is based on the public health approach and strategies designed for different levels of the social ecology model.

Partnerships are a powerful vehicle for bringing about environmental and behavioral changes that will improve the health of the community and its members. Through partnerships the consortium is able to increase capacity and expand to a wider more diverse population.

Examples of ON THE MOVE accomplishments related to policy, systems and environment change:
- School Wellness Policy (nutrition and physical activity)
- Walking paths
- Health Tracks (blood pressure policy for parents)
- City-County Health District (nutrition policy)

A sample of ON THE MOVE accomplishments related to behavior change:
- 4th Grade (Healthy Heart)
- 5 Grade (Healthy Heart)
- ON THE MOVE physical activity and nutrition program
- Student ON THE MOVE (college students model for younger kids)
- Giant Fruit Salad
- Concession Food Expo

The question—How can a community develop a partnership and/or implement similar program, policy, systems & environment change?

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