

## **Food Outlet / Access Workgroup**

The mission of the Food Outlet/Access Group is to identify existing strategies, and propose feasible new strategies, to improve food environments with a goal of: 1) increasing fruit and vegetable consumption; 2) decreasing sugar-sweetened beverage consumption; and 3) decreasing consumption of energy-dense foods. Interventions may focus on: access (increasing access to low-energy-dense foods and decreasing access to high-energy-dense foods); price (decreasing prices for fruits and vegetables and increasing prices for high-energy-dense foods; and other issues (such as education and advertising). Settings may include: restaurants; food stores and other retail outlets; commodities and assistance programs; and organizations/institutions such as child care centers, senior centers. (Please note that the nutrition environment in schools and worksites will be addressed in separate groups.) Strategies should ultimately improve nutrition environments for all Montanans and should therefore include strategies to ameliorate existing disparities.