

Education Summit moves the Salmon community to action

AT A GLANCE

Community members form prioritized action teams to improve education in Salmon.

The Situation

A group of community members have been interested in improving education from cradle to career in the Salmon community. The group realized that education can play a beneficial role in the reduction of poverty and food insecurity. The University of Idaho Extension Lemhi County office applied for and received an almost \$1,000 grant from the UI Extension Community Development team to implement a community change process that culminated in an Education Summit held in February of 2017.

Our Response

The Education Summit team facilitated four guided community discussions. Discussion participants were led by neutral facilitators through a series of discussions building trust, relationships and a vision of education in Salmon. They shared action plans to make that vision a reality. Action plans were shared at the Education Summit. Summit participants brainstormed their own action plans in the areas of early education, the school system, higher education and lifelong learners. The group also participated in developing an educational asset. The 46 participants finalized the meeting by narrowing action items down to four areas of most priority.



Mike Crosby, keynote speaker, address the Salmon Education Summit.

Program Outcomes

The first priority area was an improvement in communication between the community and the school system. Second was a community committee to work closely with the school system to create a common vision and goals. Third was to increase the higher education opportunities available in the community. And fourth was to support Adverse Child Events (ACE's) training in the community. The summit participants held a follow up meeting three months after the summit. At the event, team leads reported progress in each area. Most notable were the advances in the ACE's team to begin development of a statewide ACE's training program. The community team has acquired sponsorship to fund a facilitator-led discussion with the school district.

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