Initiating Partnerships and Projects on Food and Nutrition in Montana
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We seek to develop research and outreach projects in the area of food environments and nutrition in tribal and other health disparate communities in Montana through a collaborative approach with community members. The ultimate goal of collaboratively developing research projects is to apply for future grants that will enable us to effectively design evidence-based interventions in tribal and health-disparate populations in Montana to prevent diet-related chronic disease. This work will involve initiating new partnerships as well as strengthening existing partnerships that we are developing. Our planning project will build on partnerships, ideas, and findings from our 2013-14 INBRE-funded research on food environments in rural Montana along with our HHD seed grant on the FDPIR program and our USDA FDPNE-funded project in collaboration with Salish Kootenai College, “Maximizing Nutritious Choices within the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) for Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.”