Policies to Promote Physical Activity and Prevent Obesity in Children

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# Kids Need More Physical Activity



# WHO Global Recommendations on Physical Activity for Health

### 5-17 Years Old

- Children and youth aged 5-17 should accumulate at least 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity daily
- Amounts of physical activity greater than 60 minutes provide additional health benefits
- Most of the daily physical activity should be aerobic. Vigorous-intensity activities should be incorporated, including those that strengthen muscle and bone, at least 3 times per week.

### Prevalence of achieving 60 min/d of MVPA on all 7 days - YRBS 2013 50 40 **9**th 30 ■ 10th 20 11th 12th 10 0 Males Females Total

CDC MMWR 2014;63(4):1-172

# **Accelerometer Placement**





Troiano et al. *Med Sci Sports Exerc* 2008;40(1):181-188

# **National Trends of Obesity** in Youth





**NHANES** 

12-19 y

# **Global Prevalence of Childhood Obesity**



Source: International Association for the Study of Obesity (2011).

Prospective associations between objective measures of PA & fat mass in 12-14 year old children: ALSPAC



# Methods

- 12-y olds followed for 2 years
- n = 4150
- Fat mass measured with DEXA
- PA measured with accelerometry
  - 7 days
  - Total PA = counts per minute
  - MVPA > 3600 counts per minute
- Potential Confounders
  - Age, sex, maternal education, maternal smoking during pregnancy, mother's pre-pregnancy BMI, child's pubertal status



# Percent change in fat mass with 15 minutes of additional MVPA per day - ALSPAC

Outcome	Exposure	% Change in Fat Mass (95% CI)
Boys		
Fat mass at 14	MVPA at 12	-11.9 (-14.3 to -9.5)
Change in fat mass	Change in MVPA	-2.4 (-3.6 to -1.1)
Girls		
Fat mass at 14	MVPA at 12	-9.8 (-12.8 to -6.7)
Change in fat mass	Change in MVPA	-2.3 (-3.5 to -1.2)

Riddoch et al. 2009

# Sustained effect of early PA on body fat mass in older children

Janz KF, Letuchy EM, Eichenberger Gilmore JM, Burns TL, Torner JC, Willing MC, Levy SM. Am J Prev Med 2009;37:35-40

### **Methods**

- Iowa Bone Development Study
- 5-y olds followed for 6 years
- n = 333
- Fat mass measured with DEXA
- PA measured with accelerometry
  - 5 & 8 y olds: 4 days, 11 y olds: 5 days
  - MVPA  $\geq$  3000 counts per minute



### Results



- For boys & girls, MVPA at 5 y predicted fat mass at age 8 & 11
  - For girls, when adjusted for fat mass at age 5 y, MVPA was not significant
- Boys & girls in highest quartile of MVPA at 5 y had lower fat mass at 8 y & 11 y than children in lowest quartile of MVPA at 5 y
- Early-childhood MVPA reduces fatness throughout childhood

Factors associated with development of excessive fatness in children and adolescents: a review of prospective studies



Pate RR, O'Neill JR, Liese AD, Janz KF, Granberg EM, Colabianchi N, Harsha DW, Condrasky MM, O'Neil PM, Lau EY, Taverno Ross SE. *Obesity Reviews* 2013; **14:** 645-658

# **Review Findings**

- Low PA and genetic factors are associated with excessive fatness in children and youth
- Mixed evidence for:
  - Sedentary behavior
  - Dietary intake
  - Biomarkers
  - Family factors
  - PA environment
- No conclusions could be made about:
  - Social cognitive factors
  - Peer factors
  - School nutrition and PA
  - Nutrition environment



# Policies to Promote Physical Activity in Youth







# Preventing Childhood Obesity: Health in the Balance



Institute of Medicine Committee on Prevention of Obesity in Children and Youth

# **Policy Recommendations**

- 1. National Priority
- 2. Industry
- 3. Nutrition Labeling
- 4. Advertising & Marketing
- 5. Multimedia & Public Relations Campaign
- 6. Community Programs
- 7. Built Environment
- 8. Health Care
- 9. Schools

### 10. **Home**

# INITIATIVES THAT CAN **ADDRESS THE** PROBLEM



# ESTABLISHComprehensive SchoolPhysical Activity Model



# Changes in daily physical activity during school, after school, and in the evening



# **Meta-analysis of multi-component** school interventions to increase physical activity





Decreased Daily Physical Activity (Intervention < Control)

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(Intervention > Control)

Reasons to

Russ et al. J Phys Act Health. 2015





COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS: A GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS







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# SHAPE SOCIETY OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATORS health. moves. minds.



# DEMAND High Quality Physical Education

# Percentage of U.S. High School Students Attending Daily Physical Education - YRBS 1991-2013.



Clennin et al., In Development.

### **Percentage of elementary school PE** lesson time spent in MVPA



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Hollis et al., Prev Med. 2016.

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# **Percent Contribution of PE to School Day MVPA**



### Percentage of girls with ≥ 1 block of vigorous physical activity by PE enrollment



# Every Student Succeeds Act, S. 1177



"Well Rounded Education - The term 'well-rounded education' means courses, activities, and programming in subjects such as English, reading or language arts, writing, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, geography, computer science, music, career and technical education, health, **physical education**, and any other subject, as determined by the State or local educational agency, with the purpose of providing all students access to an enriched curriculum and educational experience."



# United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Quality Physical Education Guidelines

 Developed to inform the provision of quality physical education across the full age range from early years through secondary education

# REQUIRE



Physical Activity in Early Childcare and Education
### Directly observed physical activity levels of preschoolers



### **Physical Activity Guidelines for Young Children**



- 3 hours per day (120 min) of total physical activity
  - United States, Institute of Medicine, 2011
  - Canada, Canadian Society of Exercise Physiology, 2012
  - Australia Dept. of Health and Ageing, 2010
  - UK Dept. of Health, Physical Activity, Health Improvement and Protection, 2011

### Prevalence of Compliance with a New Physical Activity Guidelines for Preschoolers





#### Institute of Medicine Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Policies,



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Indication of Progress ABC Grow Healthy (South Carolina) Physical Activity Standards for 3- to 5year olds

- Offer *teacher planned physical* activities of 5-10 min ≥ 2 times a day
- *Do not withhold PA* as punishment & do not use PA as punishment
- Provide *daily outdoor play* for all children ages 1-5, weather permitting
- Provide a variety of *play materials* that promote PA indoors & outdoors
- Provide open *outdoor play space* that allows for active play



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### Percentage of states with early child care physical activity policies



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## Physical Activity in Afterschool Programs

### **Physical activity levels among** children attending after-school programs



Trost et al., Med Sci Sports Exerc. 2008

# Percent of children who achieved the 30 min/day of MVPA following an after-school intervention



Girls

Beets et al., Am J Prev Med. 2015.

### YMCA After-School Physical Activity Policies

- Provide children and youth with at least 30 minutes of physical activity
- Include a mixture of moderate and vigorous activity and bone/muscle strengthening activities

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• Play will take place outdoors whenever possible.



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT \* FOR HEALTHY LIVING FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

#### **Boys and Girls Club**

# a game plan for the mind, body and soul

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### CREATE

## Equity in Community Resources

### Inequality in the built environment

- Higher-SES block groups had greater odds of having > 1 PA facility
- Low-SES and minority block groups were less likely to have PA facilities
- Increasing number of PA facilities was associated with decreased overweight and increased odds of achieving > 5 bouts/week of MVPA

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- Urban Park Movement to revitalize the Los Angeles River - 2009
  - The City Project provided policy and legal advocacy to help create the 40-acre Rio de Los Angeles State Park





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MEXICO www.cityprojectca.org

This Map shows in red the counties with the combined highest levels of child obesity, fewest acres of parks per thousand residents, highest levels of poverty, and most children and people of color. The counties with the lowest combined levels are shown in yellow-green. The counties in orange are in between. The Map also shows 37 public school districts that do not enforce physical education requirements of 200 minutes of instruction every 10 school days.

#### • United Teachers of LA

• City Project filed complaints under civil rights and education laws

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 Board of Education passed resolution to enforce PE laws

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arcia et al., Prev Med. 2009

School Districts Failing to Meet Physical Education Requirements

Low Medium

High

84.6% of US youth live in neighborhoods with at least one park or playground area







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## ACTIVATE

## Youth Sports Programs



# Physical activity during dance class among adolescent girls







Associations between sports team participation and US high school students meeting the physical activity guidelines

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<b>Sports participation (&gt; 1 team in the past 12 months)</b>		
Meeting guidelines for	OR	
MVPA ( $\geq$ 60 min/day, 7 days/week)	1.74	
VPA ( $\geq 20 \text{ min/day}$ , $\geq 3 \text{ days/week}$	1.92	
Muscle-strengthening activities ( $\geq$ 3 days/week)	1.53	



### The Aspen Institute - Project Play



Strategies specific to physical activity:

- Reintroduce free play
- Developmental appropriateness
- Think small
- Revitalize in-town leagues
- Ask kids what they want

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# **RE-NORMALIZE Active Transport** to School

### Percent of Students who Walk or Bike to School in Morning – SHPPS, 2014



### Percent of time in MVPA for children who walked/biked to school versus those who did not



# Percent of children who actively commuted to school



#### **MVPA for children who actively** commuted to school 50 Time 1 48 $\blacksquare$ Time 2 46 44 % 42 40 38 36 Intervention Control Documented Reasons to Indication of **Suggest Solution** Progress Problem

Mendoza et al., Pediatrics. 2011



# INSTITUTIONALIZE Clinic-Based **Physical Activity Assessment and** Counseling

### **Barriers to Physician Counseling**

- 80% of US children and adolescents visit a primary care physician in a given year
- Barriers to physical activity counseling include:
  - Lack of time/payment
  - Lack of office staff support
  - Lack of systems for follow-up
  - Lack of essential knowledge and skills related to physical activity counseling



### Changes in active days/week following primary care physical activity intervention





## Healthcare

#### WEIVE WEIL **Rxtolive Well** A prescription for kids, TEENS, AND FAMILIES

To reach and keep a healthy weight, build better habits together. The 8 habits prescribed below are the best place to start. Scientific studies show that these have the biggest impact on your weight, your health, and your outlook.

This prescription is for (name):		Date:
ACTIVITY		
<ul> <li><b>1. MOVE MORE (aim for 60 minutes every day)</b> <ul> <li>Daily activity: minutes times a week             (breathing harder than normal, heart beating faster than normal)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	GOALS:	NDATIONS /
<ul> <li>Walk or bike to school:</li></ul>		
<ul> <li>O Sports or group exercise:</li></ul>		
<ul> <li>SIT LESS — AND LIMIT SCREEN TIME</li> <li>Less than hours a day (aim for less than 1 or 2 hours)</li> </ul>		

## BUILD



## Activity-Friendly Home Environments

### Prevalence of adult support for physical activity among US high school students

#### Adult support for physical activity ( >1 time/week)

How often does the adult in the household	%
Encourage the adolescent to participate in physical activity	73.0%
or play sports?	
Do physical activity/plays sports with the adolescent?	48.5%
Provide transportation to physical activity or sports adolescent participates in?	67.8%
Watch the adolescent do physical activity/play sports	61.8%


# Effect of family-based interventions on children's physical activity

Study (author, date)	Effect size (95% CI)	Study weight (%)
Patterson, 1988 (Anglo-American data)	-0.02 (-0.72, 0.67)	4.39
Patterson, 1988 (Mexican-American data)	0.62 (-0.10, 1.33)	4.31
Story, 2003	0.43 (-0.11, 0.96)	5.04
Beech, 2003	0.51 (-0.12, 1.13)	4.67
Randsell, 2004	0.82 (0.05, 1.57)	4.12
Shelton, 2007	0.21 (-0.41, 0.82)	4.71
Hovell, 2009	0.69 (-0.05, 1.41)	4.25
Hardman, 2009	0.13 (-0.25, 0.51)	5.65
Trost, 2009	0.00 (-0.39, 0.39)	5.61
Olvera (weekly), 2010	0.20 (-0.27, 0.68)	5.28
Chen, 2010	0.94 (0.33, 1.54)	4.76
Duncan, 2011	0.56 (-0.02, 1.14)	4.86
Chen, 2011		4.96
Crespo, 2012		6 19
Finikelstein, 2013		5.89
Eather, 2013	0.49 (0.27, 1.23)	4 18
Jago. 2013	-0.33 (-0.85 0.19)	5 10
Morgan, 2014 -	-0.21 (-0.87, 0.45)	4.53
Morrison, 2013	0.63 (0.25, 1.01)	5.64
Nyberg, 2015	-0.14 (-0.46, 0.17)	5.87
Overall (I-squared = 83.5%, p=0.000)	0.41 (0.15, 0.67)	100.00
NOTE: weights are from random effe	s analysis	
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Brown et al., Obesity Reviews. 2016

## **YMCA's Healthy Family Home**



### **PLAY EVERY DAY**

You don't have to be an athlete or in love with exercise equipment to practice healthy living. In fact, when your family makes play a priority, you'll probably find yourself having so much fun that you won't even notice how active you are. Adding short periods of playful activity to your day helps provide you with the energy that you need to live a full and balanced life. It is also one of the keys to avoiding a variety of chronic conditions down the road, and what better way to spend time with your kids now?

#### **O DOWNLOAD THE QUICK START KIT (.PDF)**

#### Families at Play for an Hour a Day

6 350

Playful movement is one of the keys to a healthy family home. It doesn't matter what you choose to do. As long as your arms and legs are moving, it's good for you To get 60 minutes of activity throughout your day just add ten minutes here and fifteen minutes there. It adds up and it all counts, so get playing!



#### FIND YOUR Y City, State, or Zip GO

#### HEALTHY FAMILY HOME STARTER KIT

READ MORE

READ MORE

HEALTHY FAMILY HOME NEWSLETTER

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http://ymca.net/healthy-family-home/play-every-day.html

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## WHO Population-based Approaches to Childhood Obesity Prevention







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#### POPULATION-BASED APPROACHES TO CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION

Structures to support policies & interventions	Population-wide policies and initiatives	Community-based interventions
<ul> <li>Leadership</li> <li>'Health-in-all' policies</li> <li>Dedicated funding for health promotion</li> <li>NCD monitoring systems</li> <li>Workforce capacity</li> <li>Networks and partnerships</li> <li>Standards and guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages to children</li> <li>Nutrition labelling</li> <li>Food taxes and subsidies</li> <li>Fruit and vegetable initiatives</li> <li>Physical activity policies</li> <li>Social marketing campaigns</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Multi-component community-based interventions</li> <li>Early childcare settings</li> <li>Primary and secondary schools</li> <li>Other community settings</li> </ul>



