NYC: Promising and Innovative Cross-Sector Solutions



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Overview

- Childhood obesity in NYC
- Approach
- Priorities
- Lessons learned



The Costs of Obesity to NYC

- Overweight and obesity are responsible for 5,000+ deaths per year¹
- Hospitalizations among adults with diabetes accounted for 24% of all hospitalizations in 2011²
- Obesity-related healthcare expenditures:^{3,4}
 - > \$4.7 billion per year
 - ~ \$1,500 per household
- 1. NYC DOHMH, Bureau of Epidemiology Services and Bureau of Vital Statistics, 2012
- 2. Chamany, S, Wu W, Parton H. Diabetes and its complications. NYC DOHMH: Epi Data Brief (36); Nov 2013.
- 3. Calculated in 2012 based on Trogdon JG, Finkelstein EA, Feagan CW, Cohen JW. State- and Payer-Specific Estimates of Annual Medical Expenditures Attributable to Obesity. Obesity 2012;20(1):2014-20.
- 4. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County Quick Facts. NYC. 6 June 2012. http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/36/3651000.html.



Rates of Obesity, NYC public schools K-8, overall and by sex, 2006-2013





NYC Fitnessgram, BMI calculated from measured height and weight.

Our Children's Communities: Health Inequity in NYC





Self-reported health status - NYC DOHMH Community Health Survey, 2011-2013. Premature death rates – NYC DOHMH Bureau of Vital Statistics, 2009-2013

Low-Income Communities Bear the Burden

Rates of sugary drink consumption, obesity and diabetes



Health

Make the Healthy Choice the Easier Choice

Individual

- Culture
- Attitudes/Beliefs
- Skills
- Knowledge
- Time
- Affordability

Health Promoting Behaviors

Community, Environment & Systems

- Physical Access/Availability
- Pricing/Economic
- Communication/Media
- Point of Decision
- Education/Promotion

Environment



Adapted from presentation by Dr. Heidi Blanch, CDC, NCCHPDP, DNPAO

Health Code Modification: Group Child Care Centers 2007





- Limits on TV
 - No TV for children <2 years old</p>
 - 60 min/day max
 - Beverage Standards
 - Water must be easily accessible
 - No sugary drinks
 - 1% milk for children 2+ years
 - No more than 6 oz 100% juice per day
- Daily Physical Activity
 - 60 minutes daily; at least 30 minutes must be structured for 3+ years old



Health Code Modification: Group Child Care Centers 2015





- Limits on TV
 - No TV for children <2 years old
 - 30 min/week max
- Beverage Standards
 - Water must be easily accessible
 - No sugary drinks
 - 1% milk for children 2+ years
 - No more than 4 oz 100% juice per day
 - Juice only for children >2 years
- Daily Physical Activity
 - 60 minutes daily; at least 30 minutes must be structured for 3+ years old
 - Decreases sedentary time to no more than 30 minutes at a time

Health

Educating Individuals, Transforming Environments

- NYC Food Procurement Guidelines
- Child Care Centers
 - Health Code Amendment
 - Move to Improve
 - Eat Well Play Hard in Child Care Settings
 - Farm to Preschool

- Public Schools
 - NYC Fitness Gram
 - School nurse support
 - Move to Improve
 - Active Design in Schools
- Farmers Markets
 - Health Bucks
 - Stellar Farmers Markets
 - Farmers Markets for Kids



Obesity Prevalence, 3-4 Year Olds: Before & After Modification

High-Risk Neighborhoods

Low-Risk Neighborhoods

	2004- 2006	2008- 2010	Change	P Value	2004- 2006	2008- 2010	Change	P Value
Bronx	19.1	17.1	-2.0	<.001	17.4	16.1	-1.3	.008
Brooklyn	15.7	14.8	-0.9	<.001	13.6	12.8	-0.8	.004
Manhattan	18.6	15.3	-3.3	<.001	12.0	11.5	-0.5	.302





Layering: Policies to Reduce Sugary Drink Consumption

2007:

Health Code for Early Child Care

2008:

Food Standards for City Agencies

2012:

Day Camp Regulations

Federal Policy & Guidelines

Other jurisdictions

Media

Health

2013:

Portion Cap Regulation (unsuccessful)

Sugary Drink Media Campaigns



Lessons Learned

- Pursue interventions that are informed or based in evidence, scalable, and sustainable.
- Traditional public approaches are good. So is innovation.

Health equity must be a lens for our work.

• We're smarter together.



Thank you!