NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY RESEARCH

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NCCOR Mission and Members

• NCCOR brings together four of the nation's leading research funders to address the problem of childhood obesity in America.
  ▪ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  ▪ National Institutes of Health
  ▪ Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
  ▪ U.S. Department of Agriculture
To accomplish its mission, NCCOR’s projects and activities align with one or more of its five goal areas.
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed)

- NCCOR helped USDA develop guidance to SNAP agencies and states following a major shift in the national approach and delivery of SNAP-Ed.
  - The toolkit is a collection of evidence-based, actionable tools consistent with the context and policies of SNAP and incorporating evidence-based obesity strategies.
- USDA continues to work with NCCOR to refine the toolkit to ensure it provides a current list of strategies, interventions, and resources.
Why Get Research Used Workgroup?

• The NCCOR External Scientific Panel (NESP) drafted a recommendation related to research translation and dissemination.
  ▪ Most research does not get used.
  ▪ Most researchers need to increase their capacity and skills to ensure their work reaches and resonates with key audiences.

• The workgroup works with members of the CDC-supported Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (NOPREN) Policy Research Impact Working Group.
Latest Accomplishments and Activities

• Two papers in *Preventing Chronic Disease*
  ▪ “Getting Research to the Policy Table: A Qualitative Study with Public Health Researchers on Engaging with Policy Makers”
  ▪ “Elevating the Impact of Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation”

• This year, the workgroup will be compiling and promoting research translation and dissemination tips and resources through NCCOR communication channels
Illustrative Examples
Childhood Obesity Declines

- **Purpose:** To explore potential drivers of reported declines in childhood obesity, particularly those that influenced disparities

- **Sites:** Anchorage, AK; Granville County, NC; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA
  - **Inventory of strategies:** Schools, early child education, health care, community
  - **Site visit protocols:** Policy/program developer (how, why); policy/program implementer (how, where, facilitators/barriers [f/b]); community member (f/b, stakeholder involvement); evaluator (evidence)
Fogarty International Center Efforts

• Held fall 2014 meeting on how to engage stakeholders around translational research and build researchers’ capacity in Latin America (LA) around childhood obesity

• Next steps:
  ▪ Stakeholders expressed interest in mapping LA efforts that may be applicable to evaluation
  ▪ Four peer-reviewed papers being planned
    1. Contextual issues of childhood obesity in LA, such as urbanization
    2. Connecting research to policy
    3. Capacity building: Training community and health care workers to participate in research
    4. Research priorities
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