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Mission of NN/LM
To advance the progress of medicine and improve the public health by providing all U.S. professionals with equal access to biomedical information and improving the public's access to information to enable them to make informed decisions about their health.
Objectives

• Explain the characteristics of evidence-based public health (EBPH)
• Describe at least three different types of evidence that can be used to support public health practice questions
• Identify at least three online public health resources available for free
Evidence-Based + Public Health

➢ “the conscientious, explicit, and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions about

➢ the care of communities and populations in the domain of health protection, disease prevention, health maintenance and improvement.”

Source:
Evidence-Based Public Health

Decisions for Public Health Practice
• Interventions
• Programs
• Policies

Why Evidence-Based Practice?

• Make informed decisions to plan, modify and evaluate public health programs
• Implement effective interventions to improve community health
• Discontinue or modify ineffective interventions
• Optimize the use of limited resources
• Justify proposed public health programs to funders and stakeholders
EBPH & Public Health Accreditation

Domain 10: Contribute to and Apply the Evidence Base of Public Health

- **Standard 10.1**: Identify and Use the Best Available Evidence for Making Informed Public Health Practice Decisions
- **Standard 10.2**: Promote Understanding and Use of Research Results, Evaluations, and Evidence-based Practices with Appropriate Audiences

Evidence-Based Public Health Process

1. Define the problem
2. Identify the evidence
3. Assess the evidence
4. Prioritize and select interventions
5. Implement interventions
6. Evaluate the results

➢ Disseminate your findings
Define the Problem

- The health issue of concern
- Population characteristics:
  - Age, gender, race/ethnicity, income, education, occupation, health behaviors, geographical region, environmental factors
- Size and scope of the problem
  - Morbidity, mortality, disability, quality of life measures
- Outcomes - measurable objectives
- Potential interventions
## Example – Defining the Problem

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<th>Size &amp; Scope</th>
<th>Outcomes</th>
<th>Interventions</th>
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<td>Unintended pregnancy</td>
<td>Adolescent females, 15 to 17 years</td>
<td>40.2 pregnancies per 1,000 females (U.S.)&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Avoidance of unintended pregnancy</td>
<td>School-based sex education</td>
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<td>Consistent contraceptive use</td>
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<sup>1</sup> Health Indicators Warehouse, U.S. Department of Health and Humans Services

Table adapted from Indira Gujral and Ashley Juhl, Epidemiology, Planning & Evaluation Branch, Prevention Services Division, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
Identify the Evidence

➢ So much information, too little time!

➢ Evidence-Based Resources for Public Health Practice:
  • Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health
    http://library.umassmed.edu/ebpph
  • PHPartners.org
    http://PHPartners.org
Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health

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The Pathway to Evidence-Based Resources

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Other Resources

Public Health Journals

Public Health Databases

Knowledge Domains of Public Health
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Interested in Adolescent Health?
See newly published Task Force findings on:
- Helping caregivers reduce their teen’s health risk behaviors
- Abstinence education & comprehensive risk reduction for teens

Task Force Meetings

2012
February 22–23
June 20–21
October 10–11

2013
February 20–21
June 19–20
October 23–24

What is The Community Guide?

The Guide to Community Preventive Services is a free resource to help you choose programs and policies to improve health and prevent disease in your community. Systematic reviews are used to answer these questions:

- Which program and policy interventions have been proven effective?
- Are there effective interventions that are right for my community?
- What might effective interventions cost; what is the likely return on investment?

Learn more about The Community Guide, collaborators involved in its development and dissemination, and methods used to conduct the systematic reviews.
Obesity Prevention and Control

- Overweight and obesity have been shown to increase the likelihood of certain diseases and other health problems, and are important concerns for adults, children, and adolescents in the United States.

- An estimated 26.7 percent of adults in the United States reported being obese in 2009, up 1.1 percentage points since 2007 (Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System).

- Approximately 300,000 deaths per year may be attributable to obesity (Office of the Surgeon General).

- In 2008, the annual healthcare cost of obesity in the US was estimated to be as high as 147 billion dollars a year (Finkelstein 2009).

Community Guide Systematic Reviews

The Community Guide conducted systematic reviews of interventions in the following areas:

- Provider-oriented interventions (e.g., education, reminders)
- Interventions in community settings (e.g., reducing screen time, technology-based interventions, specific settings)

Referenced Documents

Obesity Prevention and Control: Interventions in Community Settings

Reviewed interventions include programs designed to reduce screen time, technology-based strategies, and interventions specific to worksite and school settings.

Summary of Task Force Recommendations & Findings

This table lists interventions reviewed by the Community Guide, with Task Force findings for each (definitions of findings). Click on an underlined intervention title for a summary of the review.

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For More On This Topic

- CDC, Overweight and Obesity
- Healthy People 2020
- Healthy Weight
- Recommended Community Strategies and Measurements to Prevent Obesity in the United States

Related Topics

- Adolescent Health
- Cancer Prevention and Control
- Promoting Good Nutrition
- Promoting Physical Activity
- Worksite Health Promotion
The Effectiveness of Worksite Nutrition and Physical Activity Interventions for Controlling Employee Overweight and Obesity

A Systematic Review

Laurie M. Anderson, PhD, MPH, Toby A. Quinn, MPA, Karen Glanz, PhD, MPH, Gilbert Ramirez, DrPH, Leila C. Kahwati, MD, MPH, Donna B. Johnson, PhD, Leigh Ramsey Buchanan, PhD, W. Roodly Archer, PhD, Sajal Chattopadhyay, PhD, Geetika P. Kalra, MPA, David L. Katz, MD, Task Force on Community Preventive Services

Abstract:

This report presents the results of a systematic review of the effectiveness of worksite nutrition and physical activity programs to promote healthy weight among employees. These results form the basis for the recommendation by the Task Force on Community Preventive Services on the use of these interventions. Weight-related outcomes, including weight in pounds or kilograms, BMI, and percentage body fat were used to assess effectiveness of these programs.

This review found that worksite nutrition and physical activity programs achieve modest improvements in employee weight status at the 6–12-month follow-up. A pooled effect estimate of −2.8 pounds (95% CI= −4.6, −1.0) was found based on nine RCTs, and a decrease in BMI of −0.5 (95% CI= −0.8, −0.2) was found based on six RCTs. The findings appear to be applicable to both male and female employees, across a range of worksite settings.

Most of the studies combined informational and behavioral strategies to influence diet and physical activity; fewer studies modified the work environment (e.g., cafeteria, exercise facilities) to promote healthy choices. Information about other effects, barriers to implementation, cost and cost effectiveness of interventions, and research gaps are also presented in this article. The findings of this systematic review can help inform decisions of employers, planners, researchers, and other public health decision makers. (Am J Prev Med 2009;37(4):340–357) Published by Elsevier Inc. on behalf of American Journal of Preventive Medicine
In 2008, the annual healthcare cost of obesity in the US was estimated to be as high as 147 billion dollars a year.¹ The annual medical burden of obesity increased to 9.1 percent in 2006 compared to 6.5 percent in 1998.² Medical expenses for obese employees are estimated to be 42 percent higher than for a person with a healthy weight.³ Workplace obesity prevention programs can be an effective way for employers to reduce obesity and lower their health care costs, lower absenteeism and increase employee productivity.

What is the cost of obesity to your organization?

“CDC’s LEAN Works! Leading Employees to Activity and Nutrition” is a FREE web-based resource that offers interactive tools and evidence-based resources to design effective worksite obesity prevention and control programs, including an obesity cost calculator to estimate how much obesity is costing your company and how much savings your company could reap with different workplace interventions.

Be the first to benefit! Get started with CDC’s LEAN Works! today by choosing one of the stages below.
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Improved urban design –  
- Sidewalks  
- Save street crossings | Number of students walking to school doubled |
| Vaccines | **Duval County Health Department, FL**  
- Client reminders to increase immunization rates  
- Training of additional staff to administer vaccines  
- Education of parents and caregivers | Vaccination coverage increased by 15% |
| Cancer | **Family Health Center, McClellanville, NC**  
- Client reminders for breast and cervical cancer screening  
- Group education  
- Reduce structural barriers  
- Reduce out-of-pocket costs | Increased screening for breast and cervical cancer by 10% |
| Tobacco | **New York City, NY**  
- Increase cigarette taxes  
- Smoking bans in workplaces, bars and restaurants  
- Mass media campaign | Smoking prevalence among adults decreased by 27% |

Community Preventive Services Task Force, Annual Report to Congress, 2011  
Public Health Foundation, “I’m Your Community Guide” Contest, 2011
Screening for Breast Cancer in Women at Average Risk

Guidelines Being Compared:


Areas of Agreement

Digital Mammography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

USPSTF concluded that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the additional benefits and harms of using either digital mammography or MRI instead of film mammography as a screening modality for breast cancer. According to ACOG, breast MRI is not recommended for screening women at average risk of developing breast cancer. ACOG does not provide recommendations on digital mammography, but states that a recent meta-analysis of data from eight large randomized studies found that, overall, digital mammography demonstrated a slightly higher detection rate than film mammography, particularly for women aged 60 years or younger. ACP does not address digital mammography or MRI.

Areas of Difference

Mammographic Screening

The USPSTF recommends biennial screening mammography for women aged 50 to 74 years, noting that the decision to start regular, biennial screening mammography before the age of 50 years should be an individual one and take patient context into account, including the patient’s values regarding specific benefits and harms.
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Welcome!

health-evidence.ca aims to support evidence-informed decision making (EIDM) in public health organizations across Canada by providing:

- easy access to current review-level research evidence through a searchable online registry
- organizational assessments of readiness for using research to guide decision making
- customized knowledge broker consultation and support for individuals, organizations, and communities

New in Evidence-Informed Decision Making...

This week's featured review
March 05, 2012

Vitamin D supplementation for prevention of mortality in adults

NCCPH Knowledge Translation Graduate Student Awards
February 27, 2012

The National Collaborating Centres for Public Health (NCCPH) is awarding up to three graduate students to recognize their work regarding knowledge translation in public health in Canada. Awards will be given at the CPHA 2012 Annual Conference and will cover travel, accommodation and registration fees up to a maximum of $1,500. Application deadline: March 30, 2012.
### Heath-Evidence.ca Search Options

#### Focus of Review
- Addiction/Substance Use
- Adolescent Health
- Adult Health
- Child Health
- Chronic Diseases
- Communicable Disease/Infection
- Dental Health
- Environmental Health
- Food Safety & Inspection
- Healthy Communities
- Infant Health
- Injury Prevention/Safety
- Mental Health
- Nutrition
- Parenting, Infants and Children
- Physical Activity
- Reproductive Health
- Senior Health
- Sexual Health
- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
- Social Determinants of Health

#### Review Type
- meta-analysis
- narrative
- systematic

#### Population Characteristics
- Age Groups
- Cultural Group
- Family
- First Nations and Inuit
- Gender
- General Public/All age groups
- High Risk Group
- Low socioeconomic status

#### Intervention Location
- Camp
- City/regional/provincial/state/national
- Clinic
- Commercial site
- Community
- Community health centre
- Community/recreation centre
- Correctional institution
- Day care centre
- Dentist
- Family centre
- Farm
- Health bus
- Health departments

#### Intervention Strategies
- Advocacy
- Behaviour modification
- Creating supportive environments
- Education/awareness & Skill development/training
- Emergency preparedness
- Immunization
- Public health inspection & Environmental health
- Screening
- Surveillance
### Health-Evidence.ca Search Results

**School-based interventions to reduce and prevent obesity in children**

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<td>A meta-analytic review of obesity prevention programs for children and adolescents: The skinny on interventions that work</td>
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Behavior and Psychology


School-based Obesity Prevention Programs: An Evidence-based Review

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Received 15 January 2007; Accepted 7 August 2007; Published online 28 February 2008.

Abstract

Objective: This review seeks to examine the effectiveness of school-based programs for reducing childhood overweight or obesity.

Methods and Procedures: A systematic review of the research literature published since 1990 was conducted to identify experimental or quasi-experimental school-based curricular or environmental preventive interventions, with evaluation ≥6 months after baseline, which reported outcomes in terms of a measure of overweight.

Results: Fourteen studies were identified, including one involving a nutrition-only program, two physical activity promotion interventions and eleven studies combining nutrition and physical activity components. Most studies (n = 10) offered weak (grade 2) quality evidence. One study offered strong (grade 4) evidence reducing the odds ratio for overweight in girls only, while four grade 2 studies reported significant improvements in BMI or at-risk-for overweight or overweight prevalence in boys, girls, or overall.

Figures and Tables

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This site lets you search for published literature related to the Healthy People 2020 topic areas.

- Access to Health Services
- Arthritis, Osteoporosis, and Chronic Back Conditions
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Dementias, Including Alzheimer's Disease
- Diabetes
- Early and Middle Childhood
- Family Planning
- Food Safety
- Genomics
- Health Communication and Health IT
- Healthcare-Associated Infections
- Medical Product Safety
- Mental Health and Mental Disorders
- Oral Health
- Physical Activity
- Preparedness
- Substance Abuse
- Tobacco Use
- Vision
Physical Activity

Healthy People 2020 Structured Evidence Queries: Physical Activity
http://phpartners.org/hp2020/physical_activity.html

Click the PubMed search button to run the search in PubMed.

Download all Physical Activity Objectives

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PA-6 Increase regularly scheduled elementary school recess in the United States (Objective PA-6)

PA-7 Increase the proportion of school districts that require or recommend elementary school recess for an appropriate period of time (Objective PA-7)

PA-8 Increase the proportion of children and adolescents who do not exceed recommended limits for screen time (Objective PA-8)

PA-9 Increase the number of States with licensing regulations for physical activity provided in child care (Objective PA-9)

PA-10 Increase the proportion of the Nation's public and private schools that provide access to their physical activity spaces and facilities for all persons outside of normal school hours (that is, before and after the school day, on weekends, and during summer and other vacations) (Objective PA-10)
### PA-5

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<th>Baseline:</th>
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<td>Target:</td>
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<td>Data Source:</td>
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**More Information:**
- [Data from the HHS Health Indicators Warehouse](http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/default.aspx)
- The HP2010 objective with the same definition was 22-09: [View on DATA2010](http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/default.aspx)
- [Search PubMed for Literature Relating to this Objective](http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/default.aspx)
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# Model Practice Database

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Public health programs, interventions, and policies that have been evaluated, shown to be successful, and have the potential to be adapted and transformed by others working in the same field.

United States

- **Center of Excellence for Training and Research Translation** (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) – Interventions and strategies on preventing and controlling obesity, heart disease and stroke, and other chronic diseases through nutrition and physical activity.
- **Model Practice Database** (National Association of County and City Health Officials) – Collection of projects from around the United States highlighting successful public health projects.
- **National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP)** (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) – Searchable online registry of interventions supporting mental health promotion, substance abuse prevention, and mental health and substance abuse treatment.
- **Promising Practices Network** (RAND Corporation) – Collection of summaries of successful projects, programs and practices addressing the needs of children and youth.
- **Research-tested Intervention Programs (RTIPs)** (National Cancer Institute) – Searchable database of cancer control interventions and program materials that have been shown to be effective, published in a peer-reviewed journal, and reviewed by a panel of experts in the field.

International

- **Canadian Best Practices Portal** (Public Health Agency of Canada) – Compendium of community interventions related to chronic disease prevention and health promotion that have been evaluated, shown to be successful, and have the potential to be adapted and replicated by other health practitioners working in similar fields.
Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health Website

http://library.umassmed.edu/ebpph

The Pathway to Evidence-Based Resources

Evidence-Based Guidelines
Evidence-based public health guidelines based on systematic reviews of the research literature.

Systematic Reviews
Systematic reviews and meta-analyses of the public health literature.

Pre-Formulated and Filtered Searches of Published Studies
Specialized searches of PubMed/MEDLINE on specific health topics or type of research study.

Best Practices
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Other Resources

Public Health Journals

Public Health Databases

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- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Medical Library Association (MLA)
- National Agricultural Library (NAL)
- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
- National Association of Local Boards of Public Health
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Literature and Guidelines:

- Surgeon General Releases New Report on Youth Smoking - 08-MAR-2012
- New CDC Campaign Aims to Stem HIV Crisis Among Black Women - 08-MAR-2012
- One in Three Persons Experience Financial Burden of Medical Care - 08-MAR-2012
- Surgeon General’s Video Contest: Tobacco - I’m Not Buying It - Deadline April 20 - 08-MAR-2012
- Institute of Medicine and Avon Foundation for Women Issue Challenge for Apps to Prevent Domestic Violence - Registration Due May 31 - 08-MAR-2012

Health Data Tools and Statistics:

- Local, state, and national health data

Legislation and Policy:

- Health policy statements and briefs

Conferences and Meetings:

- Conference proceedings and abstracts
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- Government reports & documents
- Research & technical reports
- Fact sheets & research briefs
Examples - Reports and Publications

http://phpartners.org/guide.html#Reports%20and%20Other%20Publications
PHPartners: Health Data Tools and Statistics
http://phpartners.org/health_stats.html

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/index.htm

County Health Rankings
http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/
Reversing the Trend in Childhood Obesity: Policies to Promote Healthy Kids and Communities

Introduction

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has witnessed increasing interest among state legislatures in policies designed to reduce and prevent childhood obesity as demonstrated through enactment of legislation. In an earlier report, Promoting Healthy Communities and Preventing Childhood Obesity: Trends in Recent Legislation, NCSL found similar trends when studying enacted legislation in 16 topic areas during the 2009 legislative sessions. This report focuses on enacted legislation in 2010.

Report Organization

The report summarizes enacted state legislation in two broad policy categories—healthy eating and physical activity, and healthy community design and access to healthy food. These are further divided into 17 topic areas.

The first broad category focuses on nutrition and physical activity/physical education issues, primarily in schools. It is divided into nine topics:

- School Nutrition
- Nutrition Education
- Body Mass Index Measurement for Students
- Diabetes Screening at School
- Insurance Coverage for Obesity Prevention
- School Wellness
- Physical Activity or Physical Education in School
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Past Years Abstracts and Locations

2011 October 29 - November 2, Washington, DC (139th Meeting)
Healthy Communities Promote Healthy Minds and Bodies
2011 Program & Abstracts
2011 Virtual Expo
2011 Annual Meeting Photographs - Now Available
2011 E-ssentialLearning - Available for purchase

2010 November 6-10, Denver, CO (138th Meeting)
Social Justice: A Public Health Imperative
2010 Program & Abstracts
2010 Virtual Expo
2010 E-ssentialLearning - Available for purchase

2009 November 7-11, Philadelphia, PA (137th Meeting)
Water and Public Health: the 21st Century Challenge
2009 Program & Abstracts - E-ssentialLearning is available for Free
2009 Virtual Expo

2008 October 25-29, San Diego, CA (136th Meeting)
Public Health Without Borders

Health Story - How to Affect Policy, Engage Elected Officials, and Inspire Citizens," with speaker Andy Goodman, Cofounder and Director of The Goodman Center.

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http://phpartners.org/conf_mtgs.html

APHA Past Years Abstracts
http://www.apha.org/meetings/past_future/pastannualmeetings.htm
Suggest new links and provide feedback
Summary of EBPH Information Resources

1. Evidence-based guidelines
2. Systematic reviews
3. Formulated searches of the literature
4. Peer-reviewed research
5. Best and promising practices

- Government and research reports
- Data and statistics
- Policy statements and issue briefs
- Conference proceedings and abstracts
Conclusion - Evidence-Based Public Health

Find and use the best available evidence to:

- Make informed public health practice decisions
- Ensure the effectiveness of programs and interventions
- Assure that resources are used in the most effective manner
- Strengthen funding proposals and gain support from stakeholders
Thank you!

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