

Overview of Active NCCOR Workgroups and Projects

NCCOR members continually assess the needs of the field, develop joint projects to address gaps and make strategic advancements, and work together to generate new ideas to reduce childhood obesity.

Catalogue of Surveillance Systems

Lead: *Sue Krebs-Smith, NIH, krebssms@mail.nih.gov*

This project maintains a tool that provides one-stop access to federal, state, academic, and private sector data resources related to health behaviors, outcomes, and determinants of obesity. The Catalogue includes more than 100 systems that track environmental and policy factors.

Childhood Obesity Declines

Leads: *Tina Kauh, RWJF, tkauh@rwjf.org; and Laura Kettel Khan, CDC, ldk7@cdc.gov*

This project addresses the need to thoroughly understand and document reductions in and/or stabilization of obesity rates in U.S. communities. NCCOR is exploring opportunities to build on this work by examining more communities and taking a closer look at disparities. The workgroup is currently developing a set of manuscripts for a supplement in *Childhood Obesity*.

Engaging Health Care Providers and Systems

Leads: *Brook Belay, CDC, bbelay@cdc.gov; and Sue Yanovski, NIH, yanovskis@extra.niddk.nih.gov*

This project considers ways for NCCOR to partner with health care providers and health systems to learn how childhood obesity prevention and control research can be used in clinical settings. The workgroup is currently planning focus groups with stakeholders in the field to determine the support needed for evaluation of clinically embedded (e.g., primary care, tertiary care, or hospital-based) and community-based childhood weight management programs.

Health, Behavioral Design, and the Built Environment

Leads: *Rachel Ballard, NIH, rachel.ballard@nih.gov; and Joel Kimmons, CDC, bra9@cdc.gov*

This project aims to inform practice through evidence-based recommendations that result in healthier places for individuals to live, work, and play. The workgroup recently published a white paper on the NCCOR website to encourage researchers and practitioners to consider behavioral design critically in their work.

Measures Registry and User Guides

Leads: *Jill Reedy, NIH, reedyj@mail.nih.gov; and David Berrigan, NIH, berrigad@mail.nih.gov*

This project maintains a web-based tool with more than 1,000 studies on more than 100 discrete measures related to diet and physical activity. NCCOR has developed four user guides to provide an overview of measurement; describe general principles of measurement selection; present case studies on selecting measures; describe challenges to measures harmonization; and highlight other resources.

Registry of Studies

Leads: *Sonia Arteaga, NIH, arteagass@nhlbi.nih.gov; Carrie Dooyema, CDC, igb7@cdc.gov; and Tina Kauh, RWJF, tkauh@rwjf.org*

This project maintains a searchable database of community-based studies that assess known factors impacting rates of childhood obesity. It provides information on the study design, measures, content

areas, and populations examined. A second phase of the Registry of Studies project is currently underway. The Matrix Project will provide a comparison of measurements and methods across studies, along with definitions of constructs measured in order to promote harmonization of outcomes once studies have been completed.

SNAP-Ed

Leads: *Andy Naja-Riese, USDA FNS Western Regional Office, Andrew.Naja-Riese@fns.usda.gov; and Lisa Mays, USDA, lisa.mays@fns.usda.gov*

NCCOR worked closely with USDA to rapidly develop, refine, and update the SNAP-Ed Toolkit—a portfolio of existing, evidence-based, and actionable tools consistent with the context and policies of SNAP and incorporating evidence-based obesity strategies. Currently the group is developing criterion for a call for submissions to update the toolkit. A second SNAP-Ed group focuses on helping state implementing agencies adopt and implement the SNAP-Ed Evaluation Framework and Interpretive Guide in their work.

Youth Energy Expenditure

Leads: *David Berrigan, NIH, berrigad@mail.nih.gov; Kathleen Watson, CDC, icyr@cdc.gov; and Janet Fulton, CDC, jkf2@cdc.gov*

This project supports researchers in achieving consensus on methods and measurements for improving youth energy expenditure values and in building a comprehensive compendium of these values for use by researchers and practitioners. The group is currently working on the development of a web-based youth compendium of physical activities for the NCCOR website and has submitted complementary manuscripts.

Operational Workgroups

These workgroups are led and maintained by the NCCOR Coordinating Center.

Communications

This workgroup is responsible for amplifying NCCOR communication channels to increase outside engagement with the Collaborative and attendance at NCCOR webinars and events.

Evaluation

This workgroup monitors and evaluates awareness of the Collaborative, its accomplishments, and its impact. An evaluation report summarizing investigators' impressions of NCCOR and its tools is produced each year.