

## Highlights of NCCOR Accomplishments & Activities

The National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research (NCCOR) is advancing the field through complementary and joint initiatives by its partners: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The following are *select accomplishments and activities* from March through April 2021.

### **Published the 2020 NCCOR Annual Report**

NCCOR released its 2020 annual report titled “New Paths to Equity.” This year’s theme reflects NCCOR’s continued commitment to addressing social determinants of health in reducing childhood obesity. The COVID-19 pandemic amplified the need for this type of research, as the virus disproportionately impacted communities already affected by pre-existing social and health inequities. The annual report highlights these themes and describes the tools and research projects NCCOR created in 2020 to promote equity among populations at high risk for childhood obesity.

### **Launched a Social Media Toolkit to Promote the NCCOR’s 2020 Accomplishments**

NCCOR released a new social media toolkit to coincide with the release of the 2020 annual report. The toolkit complements the annual report and encourages users to share NCCOR’s 2020 products among their partners and stakeholders. The toolkit’s sample social media posts, sample blog posts, and graphics to make it easy to spread the word.

### **Updated the Catalogue of Surveillance Systems**

NCCOR added eight new surveillance systems to the Catalogue of Surveillance Systems. The new entries include:

- American Housing Survey
- Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System
- WIC Participants and Characteristics Report
- WIC Infant and Toddler Feeding Practices Study
- School Nutrition and Meal Cost Study
- SNAP Policy Database
- Linked HUD Administrative Data for the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
- National Health Interview Survey

The Catalogue provides a unique window on obesity-related environmental factors and policies, as well as trends in relevant determinants, health behaviors, and outcomes. In addition to the eight new entries, the Catalogue provides one-stop access to more than 100 surveys and other

data sets, allowing users to search and select surveys that provide data at the national, state, and local levels. Each system includes a range of variables related to childhood obesity, such as health behaviors, outcomes, determinants and policies, and environmental factors.

### **Published a Companion Video for *A Guide to Methods for Assessing Childhood Obesity***

NCCOR released a brief user-friendly video to accompany *A Guide to Methods for Assessing Childhood Obesity*. The video provides an overview of the resource, which helps users select the most appropriate method of measuring adiposity in children. These materials are ideal for anyone interested in researching or evaluating weight-related outcomes, such as researchers, public health practitioners, clinicians, or students.

### **Hosted a Connect & Explore Webinar**

In March, NCCOR hosted a Connect & Explore webinar titled *Childhood Obesity Evidence Base: Using NCCOR's Newest Dataset to Examine Childhood Obesity Interventions*. Presenters Deborah Young-Hyman, Lori Scott-Sheldon, Mackenzie Magnus, and Heather King described the Childhood Obesity Evidence Base and led viewers through the process of conducting a taxonomic meta-analysis with this resource. The audience for this webinar included 163 unique viewers from 16 countries.

### **Presented Trail Use Research During a Webinar Sponsored by American Trails.**

NCCOR members and staff presented during an April webinar sponsored by the American Trails organization. The webinar, titled "Effective Programs to Improve Access and Use of Trails for Youth from Under-Resourced Communities," discussed studies and existing programs that may effectively promote and increase the use of trails among youth, especially those from under-resourced neighborhoods or communities. NCCOR members David Berrigan, David Brown, Mike Hill, and Van Do were among the presenters.

### **Delivered Two Presentations During the Active Living Conference.**

The Active Living Conference brings together researchers, practitioners, and policy makers to advance knowledge and action about evaluating, creating, and sustaining active living environments. Julian Reed, and NCCOR members David Brown, David Berrigan, and Michael Hill presented a session titled "Scientific and Practice-based Findings from Reviews Related to the Importance of Trails for Physical Activity among Under-resourced Communities." Additionally, David Berrigan, Amanda Sharfman, S. Sonia Arteaga, and Latetia V. Moore presented "Measures for Children at High Risk for Obesity: Choosing Whether to Apply, Adapt, or Develop a Measure for My Research Population."