

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 February 2023 through May 2023.

Published a new commentary in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

NCCOR published a commentary titled "[National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research Efforts to Advance Childhood Obesity Research: Progress and Next Steps](#)" in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. The paper explores the history of NCCOR's signature tools, the Measures Registry and Catalogue of Surveillance Systems, and describes how these tools have evolved [since their initial development](#). The commentary concludes by stating the Catalogue and Registry are tools worthy of celebration after a decade of use. Still, more work is needed to optimize the use of appropriate measures and increase access to data for surveillance, evaluation, and public health action. The paper was authored by Amanda S. Sharfman, MS, MPH, from FHI 360; David Berrigan, PhD, MPH, from the National Institutes of Health; Deborah A. Galuska PhD, MPH, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Laura Kettel Khan, PhD, MIM, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Ellen W. Stowe, PhD, MPH, from the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education Research Participation Program; and Jill Reedy, PhD, MPH, RDN, from the National Institutes of Health.

Released the 2022 NCCOR Annual Report highlighting community focused resources.

The 2022 Annual Report, [Connecting Research to Communities](#), highlights NCCOR's unique role in building a community among federal agencies, practitioners, students, and scientists working in children's health. In the past year, NCCOR expanded its reach to new audiences by launching user-friendly tools. The 2022 Annual Report demonstrates how NCCOR connects research to communities and empowers those working to create healthy environments for all children. Featured projects include Create Thriving, Activity-Friendly Communities: Making the Case for Investments in Activity-Friendly Communities, Economic Indicators Library, and NCCOR published research. This year's report also contains a list of conferences, webinars, presentations, and a detailed list of NCCOR members, making it an excellent introduction to NCCOR for those new to childhood obesity research and a helpful catalog of recent achievements in the field. Copies are available to download on the NCCOR website.

Attended the Active Living Conference.

NCCOR delivered a well-attended, interactive workshop during the 2023 Active Living Conference in Bethesda, Maryland. The workshop, titled "Making the Economic Case for Activity-Friendly Places," presented research about the economic benefits of activity-friendly environments and offered practical tips for creating community change. Mark Fenton, MS from Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, led the discussion and invited speakers Yvette Hernandez, City Engineer from El Paso, Texas, and Donald Bennett Board President of Main Street Marion from Marion, Alabama, to share their accomplishments and challenges in advocating for activity-friendly places. The

communities showcased were purposely chosen to represent a larger, diverse community compared to a smaller, more rural community, each with its own set of challenges. Participants divided into small groups to discuss possible solutions to these challenges. The workshop concluded by sharing strategies from NCCOR's Create Thriving, Activity-Friendly Communities toolkit.

Hosted two Connect & Explore webinars to connect the field to emerging issues and findings.

Over 500 people registered for the following webinars:

Clinical Practice Guideline for the Evaluation and Treatment of Children and Adolescents with Obesity

On March 28, authors of the American Academy of Pediatrics' [recently updated clinical practice guideline](#) reviewed the organization's new recommendations for the evaluation and treatment of childhood obesity. In addition, the webinar included an overview of the new "[CDC Extended BMI-for-age Growth Charts](#)," which extended the BMI percentiles based on data for children and adolescents with obesity. The presenters were Sarah Hampl, MD, FAAP, from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine; Sandra Hassink, MD, FAAP, from the American Academy of Pediatrics Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight; and Cynthia Ogden, PhD, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The [recording and slides](#) are available on the NCCOR website.

Cooperative Extension's National Framework for Health Equity and Well-Being: Implementation and Intersections with NCCOR Partners

On April 27, NCCOR partnered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to present their National Framework for Health Equity and share highlights of their work with the [Extension Foundation](#). The Foundation is helping to implement the Framework and accelerate progress on the [White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health](#) and corresponding [National Strategy](#) goals to end hunger, improve nutrition and physical activity, and reduce diet-related diseases and disparities. The presenters were Suzanne Stluka, PhD, RDN, from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA; Sheila Fleischhacker, PhD, JD, RDN, from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA; Roger Rennekamp, PhD, from the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, Cooperative Extension; and Kerry Gabbert, MPH, from the West Virginia University/Extension Foundation. The recording and slides are available on the [NCCOR website](#).

Completed the redesigned NCCOR website.

NCCOR has completed an exciting major redesign of our [website](#). The new site contains a resource library with search and filter functionality, making it easier than ever to find NCCOR publications. In addition, the site offers webinar and newsletter libraries, a social media gallery, and a redesigned student hub. Finally, the site contains a new [member hub](#), which replaces the previous internal resources page. This microsite makes it easy for NCCOR members to find NCCOR templates, meeting notes, and other NCCOR specific materials.