



NCCOR Member Call

Activities and Priorities of Nutrition &
Physical Activity-Related
Organizations

July 23, 2025

Agenda

- **1:30–1:35 Welcome**
 - Karen Hilyard, PhD, NCCOR Coordinating Center
- **1:35–2:20 Panel: Activities and Priorities of Nutrition & Physical Activity-Related Organizations**
 - Megan Lott, MPH, RDN, Healthy Eating Research (HER)
 - Hilary Seligman, MD, MAS, Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (NOPREN)
 - Jamie Chriqui, PhD, MHS, Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (PAPREN)
- **2:20–2:45 Discussion**
- **2:45–2:55 Q&A**
- **2:55–3:00 Wrap-up and Closing**
 - Karen Hilyard, PhD, NCCOR Coordinating Center

Steering Committee Updates

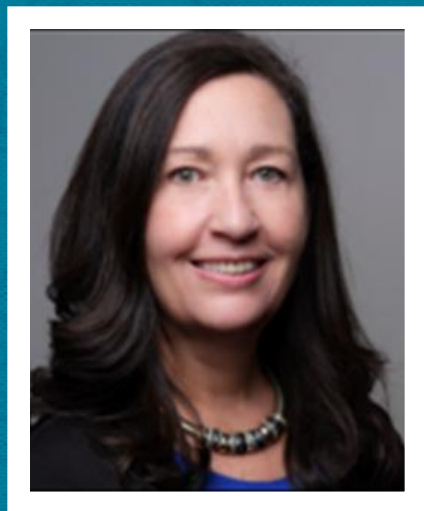
- Our next Member Meeting will be held virtually and at the FHI 360 office in DC on **September 9 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. ET**
- A panel of experts will discuss recent research on the impact of advertising and food labeling on dietary intake:
 - The impact of characters like Tony the Tiger and other child-targeted techniques used in food and beverage marketing (Monique Potvin Kent, PhD, University of Ottawa)
 - Effects of 4 Interpretive Front-of-Package Labeling Systems on Hypothetical Beverage and Snack Selections (Anna Grummon, PhD, Stanford University)
 - Changes in children's and adolescents' dietary intake after the implementation of Chile's law of food labeling, advertising and sales in schools: a longitudinal study (Sean Cash, PhD, Tufts University)
 - Moderator: Robin McKinnon, FDA

August Connect & Explore

- NCCOR will host a **Connect & Explore webinar** on **August 28 from 3–4 p.m. ET** exploring the nutritional risks related to the use of anti-obesity medications.
- Featured speakers:
 - Sandra Christensen, MSN, ARNP, FNP-BC, FOMA, Integrative Medical Weight Management
 - Jaime P. Almandoz, MD, MBA, FTOS, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- The speakers will discuss the impact of anti-obesity medications on diet and whether specific nutrient deficiencies result from rapid weight loss for users of GLP-1s and other AOMs, as well as provide an overview of nutrition-related indicators that should be monitored for patients using GLP-1s.

Panel: Activities and Priorities of Nutrition & Physical Activity-Related Organizations

Panelists



Karen Hilyard, PhD
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Healthy Eating Research (HER)

Megan Lott, MPH, RDN

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The findings and views presented are those of the author and not the official position or views of Duke University.

HER Program Goals

Healthy
Eating
Research

- 1 Build a research base for policy, systems, and environmental change (PSE) strategies that advance health and nutrition equity in the areas of healthy food access and security, diet quality, and healthy weight.
- 2 Foster a vibrant, inclusive, interdisciplinary field of research and a diverse network of researchers.
- 3 Communicate research findings to accelerate policy systems, and environmental changes that promote healthy eating and advance nutrition and health equity.

HER Research

- Children and adolescents from birth to 18 and their families
- Populations and communities at highest risk for obesity and nutritional disparities

Healthy
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focus areas

-  early childhood
-  school & after school
-  healthy communities
-  beverages
-  food access
-  food retail
-  food marketing
-  pricing & economics
-  nutrition policy & programs
-  diet quality & healthy weight

Building the Evidence Base since 2005

Healthy
Eating
Research

To date, HER has been awarded \$66,267,769.

24

CFPs
released to date

306

grants funded

94

commissioned studies

**Over 500
publications**

Majority published in peer-
reviewed journals

119

papers
commissioned

139 research reviews, issue
briefs, and reports

GOAL 1

Field Building & Grantee Support

Healthy
Eating
Research

Meetings/Convenings

- HER annual grantee meeting
- Topic-based convenings
- Expert panels

Active Working Groups

- Healthy Food Retail
- Early Childhood
- WIC Learning Collaborative
- COVID-19
- Early Stage Investigator
- Food Labeling

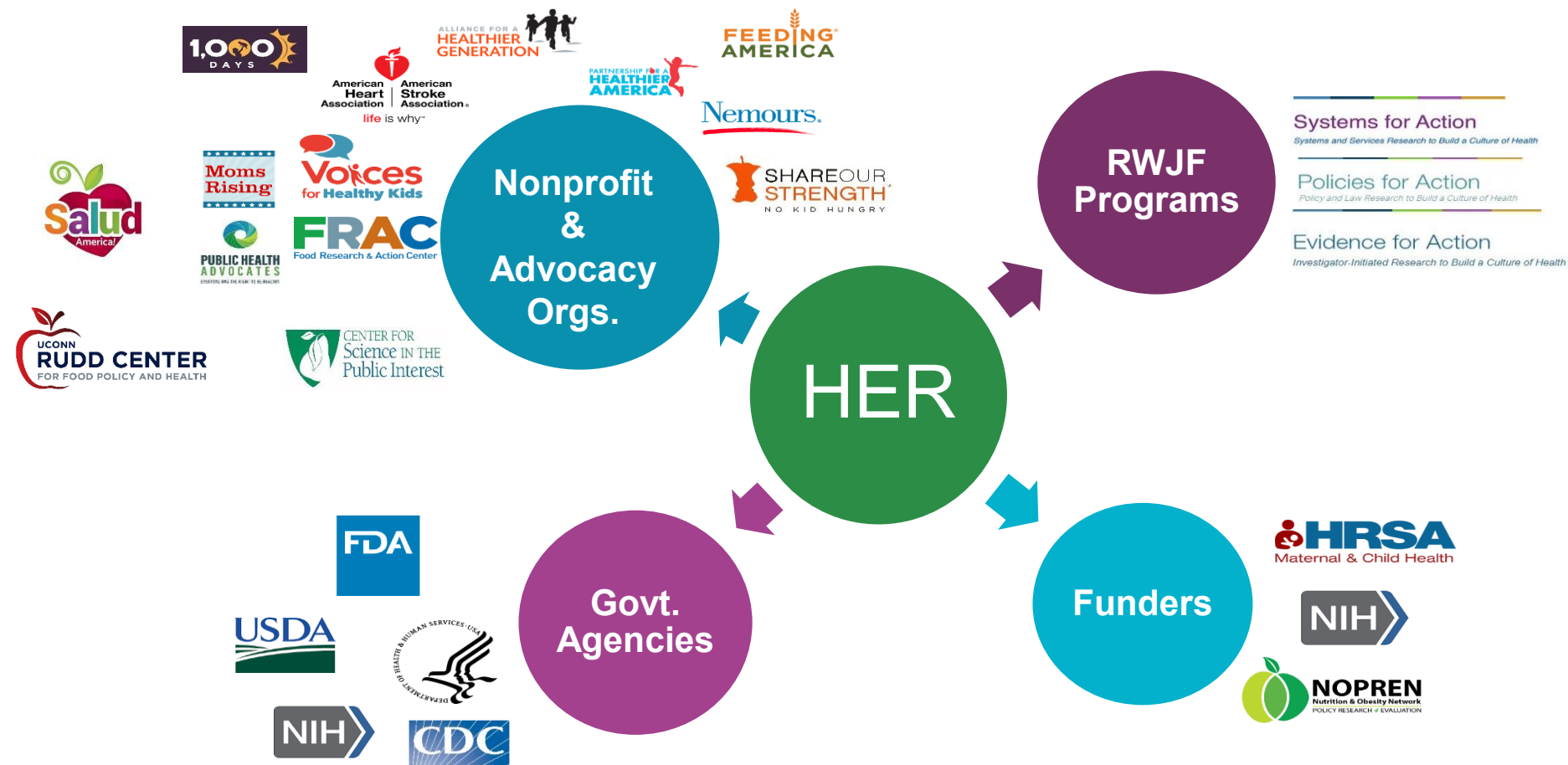
Building the Field

- Facilitating connections
- Training & technical assistance

GOAL 2

Collaborations & Partnerships

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GOAL 2

Research Translation & Dissemination

- Assist grantees with communication and translation of research.
- HER works in partnership with grantees, RWJF, and Burness Communications
- Disseminate research products to researchers, advocates, policymakers, and other stakeholders



GOAL 3

Strengthening the Public Health Impacts of SNAP: Key Opportunities for the Next Farm Bill

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July 2021



WIC Online Ordering: Opportunities and Issues to Consider During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Healthy Eating
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Research Brief, June 2021

Introduction

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a federal nutrition assistance program serving women, infants, and children with low incomes up to their fifth birthday. Challenges to WIC food benefit redemption are well documented and have been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. This report describes opportunities for online ordering to address challenges to WIC shopping and benefit redemption, and issues for researchers and retailers to consider when implementing WIC online ordering in their community.

The considerations presented are based on findings from the Click & Collect Pilot Study for WIC online ordering conducted by researchers at the University of Tennessee, in partnership with a local WIC vendor (grocery retailer), prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Click & Collect model is a three-step process for placing a WIC grocery order online, then picking it up and paying for it at the store, which many retailers can implement with existing e-commerce technology and minimal costs. Additionally, Click & Collect is compliant with regulations for WIC online ordering as it does not require waivers to federal WIC requirements, making it a sustainable solution during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. The pilot study found that this online ordering model was feasible and acceptable to both WIC participants and WIC vendor staff, who both offered suggestions to enhance practicality of the process. The WIC vendor in this pilot study also found this to be sustainable and scalable, and reported offering similar services to other stores after the study completion.



About WIC

WIC participants redeem monthly benefits for specific brands and sizes of approved products at WIC-authorized vendors, who are retailers that supply eligible WIC products to WIC participants and receive reimbursement from WIC agencies. The WIC food package is based on nutrition sciences, and different food packages are provided to participants based on their life-stage. The food package includes breakfast cereal, whole grain products, 100 percent fruit and vegetable juice, eggs, lean meats and poultry, canned fish, dairy products (e.g., milk, cheese, yogurt) and some approved dairy substitutes (e.g., soy milk, tofu), as well as cash value benefits (CVE) to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

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HER Policy Impacts

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Rapid Health Impact Assessment on USDA Proposed Changes to School Nutrition Standards

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March 2020

Introduction

Each day more than 29.5 million children eat school lunches¹ and 14.7 million eat breakfast² through the National School Lunch (NSLP) and School Breakfast (SBP) Programs operated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Schools participating in these programs are generally public or nonprofit private schools serving children in kindergarten through grade 12. Participating schools—currently estimated at 99,000 schools nationwide³—are reimbursed for meals meeting federal nutrition standards and they must provide free or reduced-price meals for eligible children meeting income qualifications.⁴

In December 2010, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) was passed by Congress and signed into law, setting into motion some of the most significant changes in school meal programs in more than 30 years. As a result of this landmark legislation, the USDA updated nutrition standards for school meals for the first time in 15 years; established nutrition standards for items sold outside of the school meal programs, including à la carte lines, vending machines, school stores, and snack bars (these items are also known as competitive foods and beverages, or Smart Snacks); and updated requirements for Local School Wellness Policies. Many of these changes went into effect between 2012 and 2014, and required schools to offer more fruit, more servings and varieties of vegetables, more whole grain-rich foods, and less saturated fat and sodium. In addition, schools were required to offer only fat-free or low-fat fluid milk, minimize trans fats, and set calorie limits for meals based on age/grade-groups (K-5, 6-8, 9-12).⁵ Also, as a result of the HHFKA, USDA now provides schools with an additional reimbursement for



National-
Level Impact



Local-Level
Impact

State-Level
Impact

7 Key Findings on The Benefits of Healthy School Meals for All

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Schools play a vital role in promoting children's health and well-being. In the United States, schools contribute significantly to children's overall diet quality and can provide up to half of their daily calories, especially among children from low-income families. Providing healthy school meals for all is a policy opportunity to help all children eat healthier. Healthy School Meals for all, also known as universal free school meals, provides all enrolled children in a school operating the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs a free breakfast or lunch, regardless of their family's income.

A new [systematic review](#) included in a [Special Issue](#) in the journal [Nutrients](#) highlights the international evidence regarding the impact of healthy school meals for all on students' school meal participation rates, nutrition and dietary intakes, food security, academic performance, attendance, body mass index (BMI), and school finances. A total of 47 studies were included in the review; 25 were conducted in the United States and 22 were conducted in other countries with developed economies.

The 7 key findings from the systematic review in the Special Issue reveal how healthy school meals for all benefit students and schools.

1 School Meal Participation

Nearly all studies found that providing healthy school meals for all is associated with increases in the number of students participating in the school meal program.



2 Diet Quality

The majority of studies found that providing healthy school lunches for all is positively associated with better student diet quality, particularly in the presence of strong school nutrition standards that include fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.



GOAL 3

State and Local Healthy Food Policies

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Availability

- Procurement**
- Kids' meals**
- School food** and marketing
- Early learning food
- Healthy food financing and incentives**
- Retail marketing**
- Stocking requirements
- Water access
- Tax incentives for food donations
- Fast food zoning
- Mobile food vendors
- Transit to food retail
- Portion Size



Acceptability/Appeal

- Warning labels**
- Menu labels



Affordability

- Sweetened beverage tax**
- Nutrition incentives/produce Rx**
- SNAP eligibility expansion
- Minimum pricing



Local/Regional Food System

- Farm to Table
- Food waste and rescue**
- Urban agriculture
- Local food system policy**
- Food policy councils**
- Land use and zoning
- Farmers markets

Expert Panel Impacts

Recommendations for
Healthier Beverages
(2013)

Recommendations for
Responsible Food
Marketing to Children
(2015)

Minimum Stocking
Levels and Marketing
Strategies of Healthful
Foods for Small Retail
Food Stores (2016)

Feeding Guidelines for
Infants and Young
Toddlers: A Responsive
Parenting Approach
(2017)

Consensus Statement:
Healthy Beverage
Consumption in Early
Childhood (2019)

HER Nutrition
Guidelines for the
Charitable Food
System (2020)

Promoting Healthy
Eating Behaviors in
Children 2–8 Years
(2021)

Mitigating Harms from
Digital Food Marketing
to Children Ages 2–17
Years (2024)

Consensus Statement:
Healthy Beverage
Consumption in
School-Age Children
and Adolescents
(2025)

NEW UPF Panel

Our Commitment to Health Equity

Equity Resources

[Equity for researchers toolbox](#): The resources in this document offer tools to help researchers understand and incorporate racial equity principles into their research in order to advance health equity.

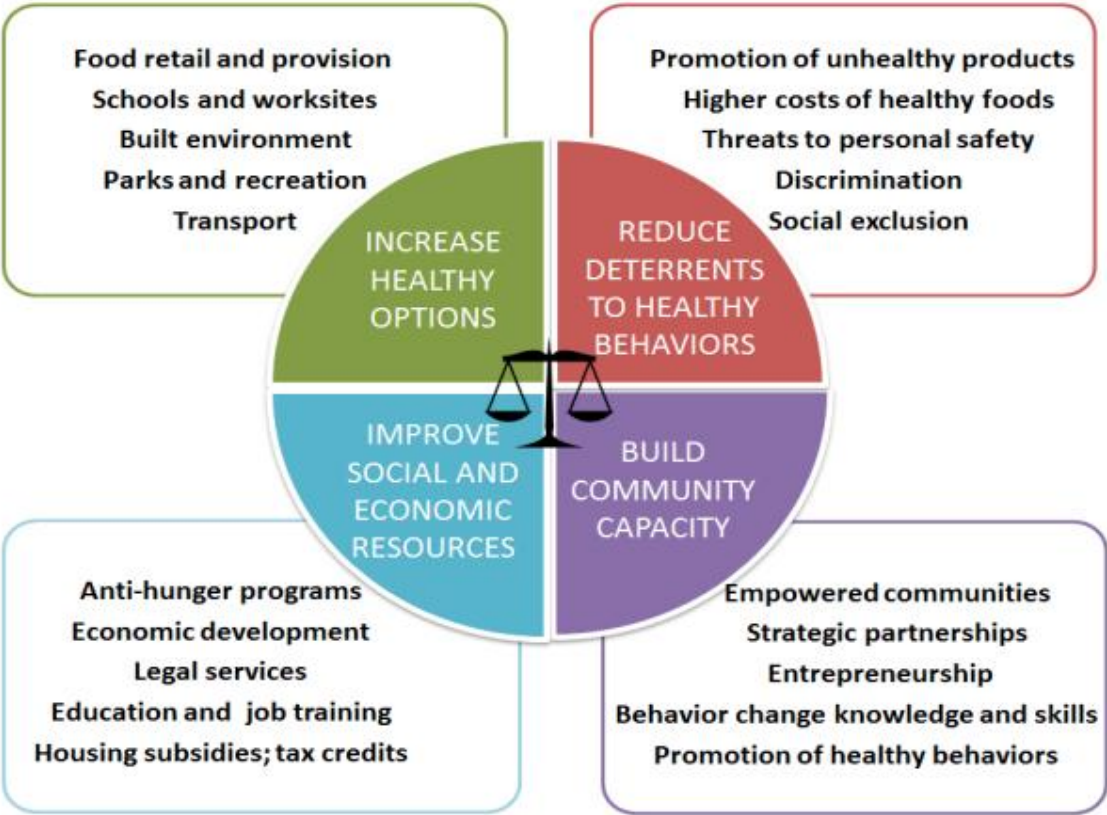
[HER Equity Webinar Series](#): View our series of “equity in research”-focused webinars, with presentations from our grantees and other partners.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Increasing Equity in Community-Based Nutrition Research

DECEMBER 2020

Latinos Rising: Building a Cohesive Culture for Health Equity in the United States



What's next for HER?

- Pursuing new strategic partners and funding opportunities



What's next for HER?

- Rapid-Response Funding Strategy

2025 Call for Proposals

Healthy Eating Research: Special Call for Rapid-Response Projects

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Good nutrition is a cornerstone of health and well-being throughout the lifespan, and it is foundational during childhood and adolescence. In recent months, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has eliminated billions of dollars in government spending on public health programs and proposed significant changes to nutrition programs, such as school meals, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and WIC. These disinvestments in children's health threaten millions of families in the United States, especially low-income households and communities of color. [The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#) estimates that the administration's combination of program cuts and tariffs will hurt most families across the U.S. by making it more difficult for them to buy groceries and other everyday goods, while also reducing their access to assistance programs. As a result, millions of children and families may face hunger and have poorer quality diets, with serious consequences for their overall health and well-being.

In May 2025, the House of Representatives passed a Budget Reconciliation bill, the "[One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#)," which includes roughly \$300 billion in cuts to SNAP and \$700 billion in cuts to Medicaid. The SNAP cuts will reduce benefits (by as much as \$1.40 per day), restrict eligibility (e.g., the work requirement for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) will expand, impacting an estimated 3 to 3.5 million people), and shift some program costs to states. Use of SNAP varies across states, ranging from 5% of households in Utah to 23% of households in New Mexico; as a result, many states will be highly impacted by shifting program costs. Other proposed cuts could reduce access to school meals for children and affect WIC program eligibility (due to changes in SNAP and Medicaid participation). In addition, state budgets, local economies, food retailers, and food banks could face important challenges because of these program changes.

Little is known about the immediate and lasting

HEALTHY EATING RESEARCH PROGRAM

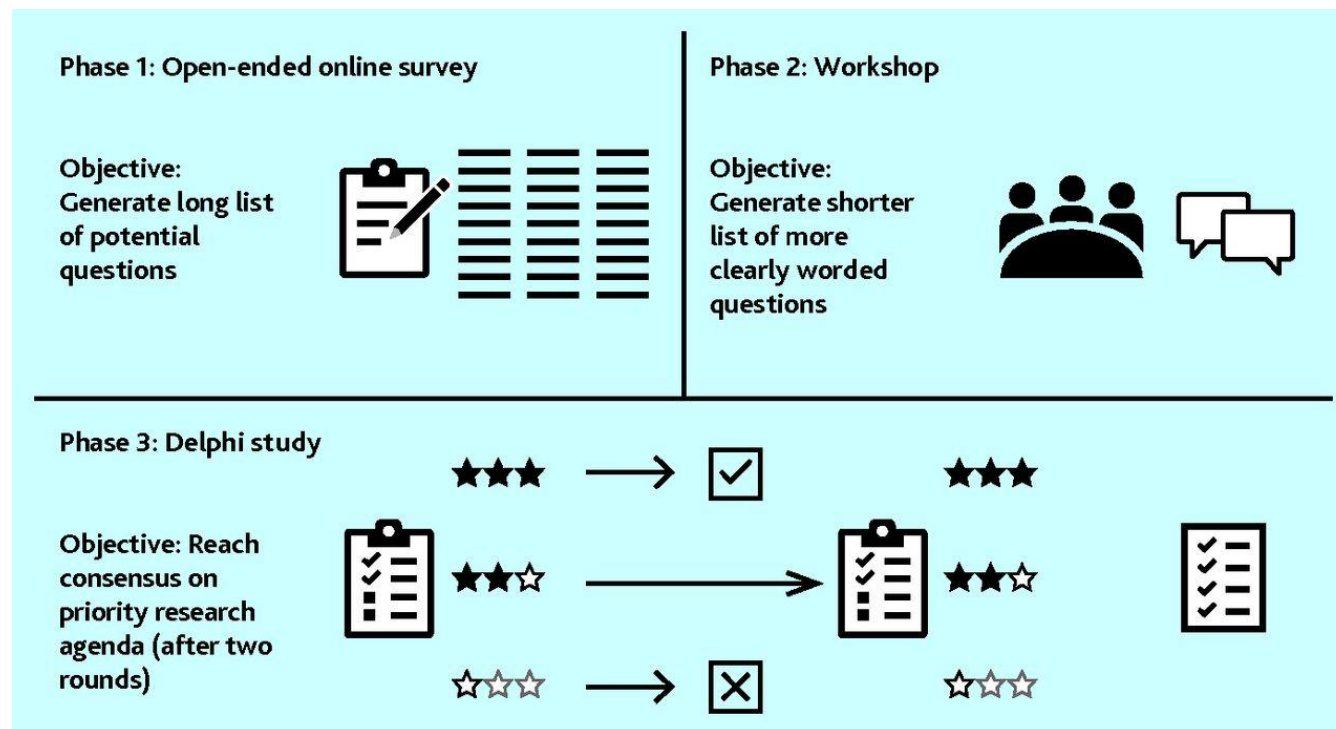
Healthy Eating Research's (HER) mission is to support and disseminate research on policy, systems, and environmental strategies that promote healthy eating among children and advance nutrition and health equity. The program goals are to:

- 1) build a research base for policy, systems, and environmental strategies that advance health and nutrition equity in the areas of healthy food access and security, diet quality, and healthy weight;
- 2) foster a vibrant, inclusive, interdisciplinary field of research and a diverse network of researchers; and
- 3) communicate research findings to accelerate policy, systems, and environmental changes that promote healthy eating and advance nutrition and health equity.

HER issues calls for proposals to solicit scientifically rigorous, solution-oriented proposals from investigators representing diverse disciplines and backgrounds. To learn more about the program, applicants are encouraged to visit the Healthy Eating Research website at www.healthyeatingresearch.org.

What's next for HER?

- Development of a National Research Agenda



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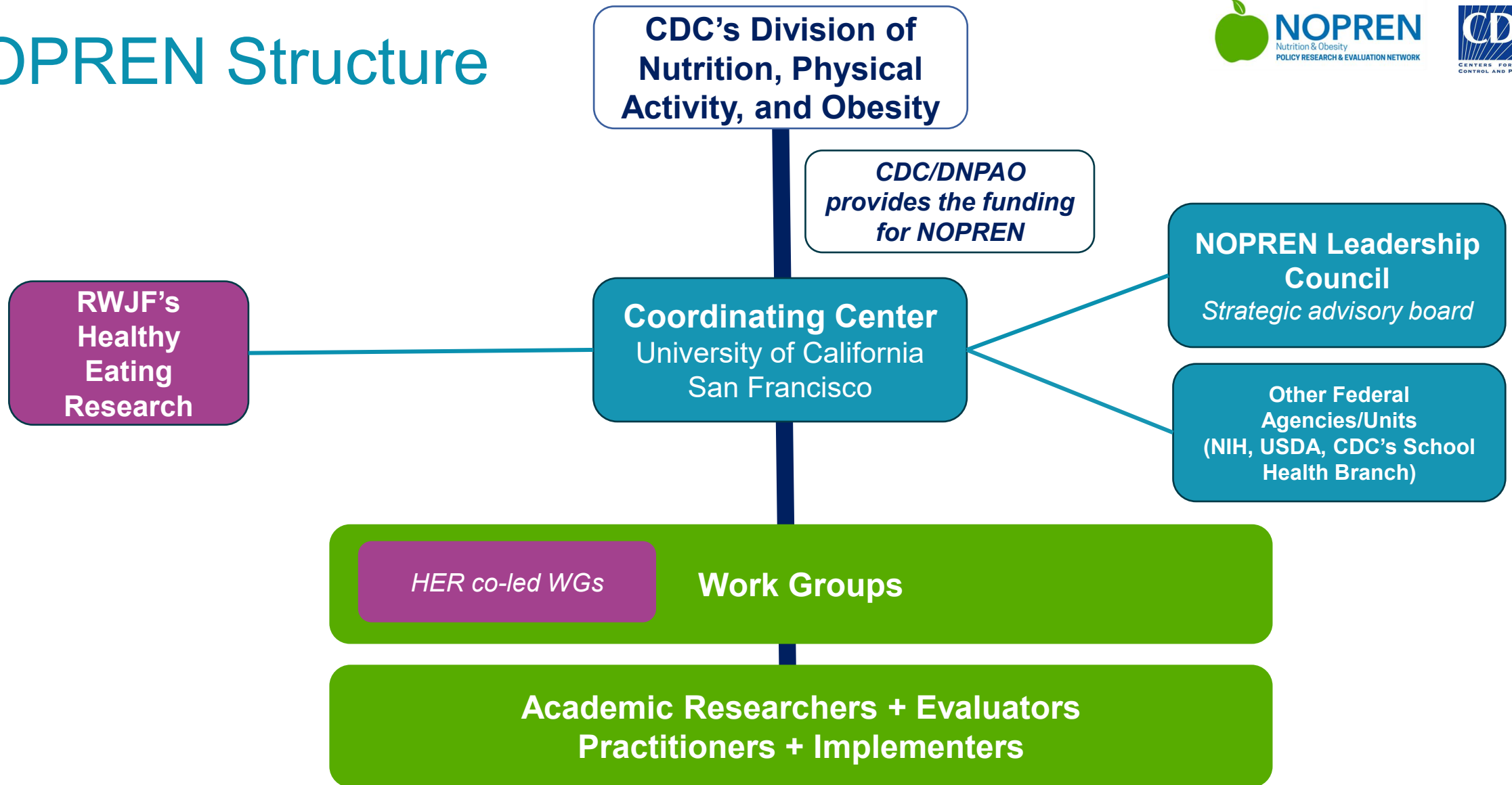
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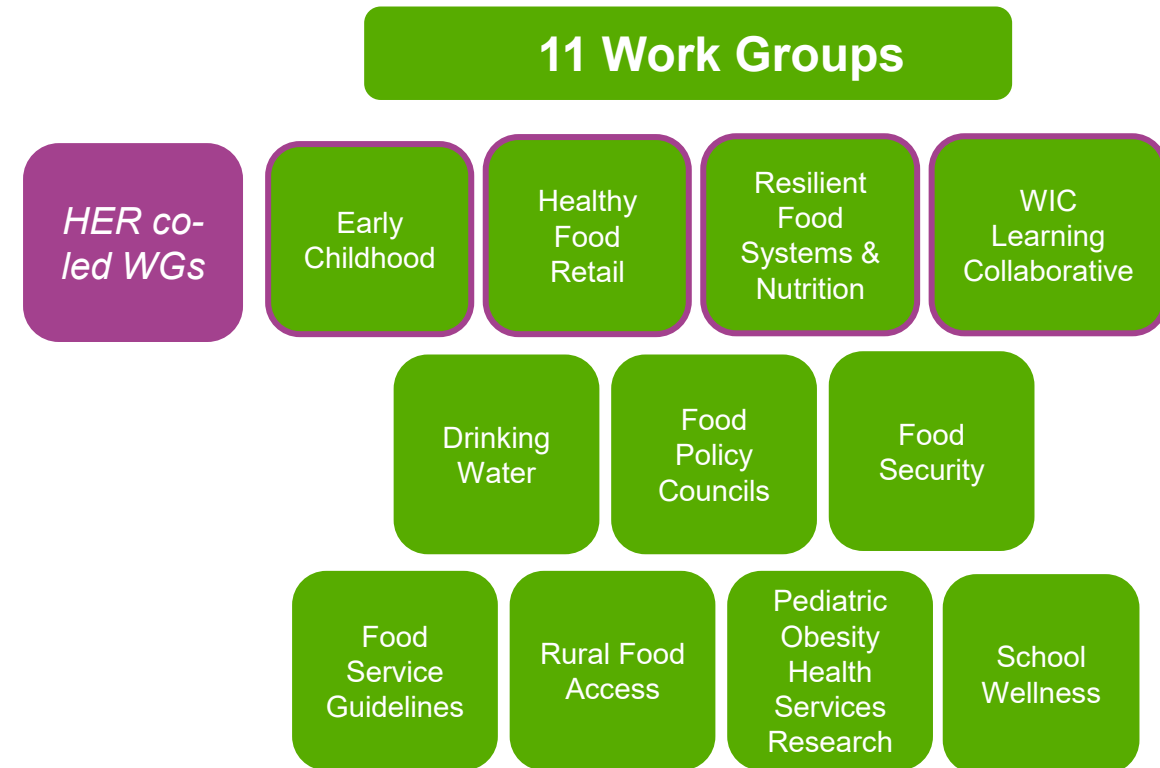
NOPREN Structure



NOPREN Work Groups

Members collaborate on policy-relevant projects and conduct action-oriented research translation to inform implementation and support practitioners. Examples of work group activities include:

- Hosting **expert-led webinars**
- Publishing **editorials and original research**
- Providing **thought leadership and content expertise**
- Developing **measures and tools**
- Creating and disseminating **policy briefs**




NOPREN Coordinating Center – UCSF

The Coordinating Center is funded by the CDC through a cooperative agreement and serves as NOPREN's administrative home. Primary activities include:

- Collaborating with CDC on **strategic direction**
- Facilitating **collaboration** among members
- Providing **professional development** opportunities for members
- Supporting each of the **11 research and evaluation work groups**
- Hosting **monthly state-of-the-science** webinars
- Managing a **3000-member listserv**
- Managing the **NOPREN website (~1600 visits per month)** with updated resources and webinars
- Sending **bi-weekly e-newsletters (45% open rate)**

NOPREN News



NOPREN NEWS

Nutrition & Obesity
POLICY RESEARCH & EVALUATION NETWORK

From the Coordinating Center

State-of-the-Science:
Learning from the pandemic to inform future food system and nutrition security resilience
Date: February 12th @ 9am PT/12pm ET
Presenters: Lauren Clay and Margaret Read
[Click here to join via Zoom](#)
Passcode: 610909
Meeting ID: 910 5393 6229
Missed a State-of-the-Science?
All past recordings can be found [here](#).
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February Work Group Meetings
Topics include:
[The Role of Multigenerational Households in Youth and Food Security](#), Early Childhood WG
[Food Insecurity among Veterans: Resources to Screen and Intervene](#), Food Security WG
[Active transportation and safe routes to school](#), School Wellness WG
And More!
Information about upcoming Work Group meetings can be found [here](#).
Click [here](#) to listen to all past webinar recordings.

Call for Drinking Water Work Group Fellow
The **NOPREN Drinking Water Work Group** is seeking a PhD or post-doctoral student to serve as a work group fellow. This is a 1-year position and requires a commitment of 5-10 hours per month.
If you are interested in the Drinking Water Work Group Fellow position, please contact Angie Cradock for more information (acradock@hsph.harvard.edu). Note "DWWG Student Fellow Position" in the Subject Line.

NOPREN HER Resource Digest

The bi-weekly digest is a joint product of NOPREN and HER.
Send relevant resources to NOPREN@ucsf.edu or [click here](#) for inclusion in a future digest.

PUBLICATIONS

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RESOURCES

Alliance for a Healthier Generation - **Cornerstone of Whole Child Health: Annual Impact Report 2023**
Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition - **Blueprint for WIC Online Shopping Projects**
National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine - **Year in Review 2023: Roundtable on Obesity Solutions**
Urban Institute - **In the Absence of the Expanded Child Tax Credit, Many Families with Children Faced Material Hardship in 2022**

WEBINARS & EVENTS

Alliance for a Healthier Generation - Start Your 2024 Award Application to Become One of America's Healthiest Schools , 1/31/24 @ 3:30p ET	Society of Behavioral Medicine - 45th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions: Moving Behavioral Science Upstream , Philadelphia, PA, 3/13/24-3/16/24
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition - Tribal Listening Session on Front of Package Labeling , 2/9/24 @ 12:30p ET	Urban Institute - Beyond Engagement: Community-Led Initiatives toward Equitable Health , 2/6/24 @ 4p ET
Duke Sanford World Food Policy Center - Empowering Eaters: Access, Affordability, Healthy Choices , 3/3/24 @ 12:30p ET	USDA - Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) Listening Session , 2/23/24 @ 10:15a ET
FRAC - National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference , Washington D.C., 6/3/24 - 6/5/24	
FRAC - Taking a Fresh Look at Summer Meals , 2/1/24 @ 3p ET	

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NOPREN Website

Nutrition & Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network

For 2025:

Visits (monthly): 1,611

Page Views (monthly): 3,331

Unique Visitors (monthly): 1,303

NOPREN informs policies and practices designed to support the intake of healthy, nutritious foods so that everyone has a fair chance at health.

Our collaborative network includes policy researchers and evaluators, practitioners, people representing professional organizations, community organizations, and people working in government agencies.

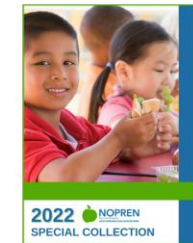
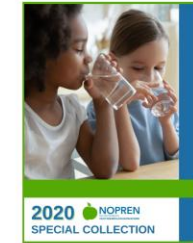
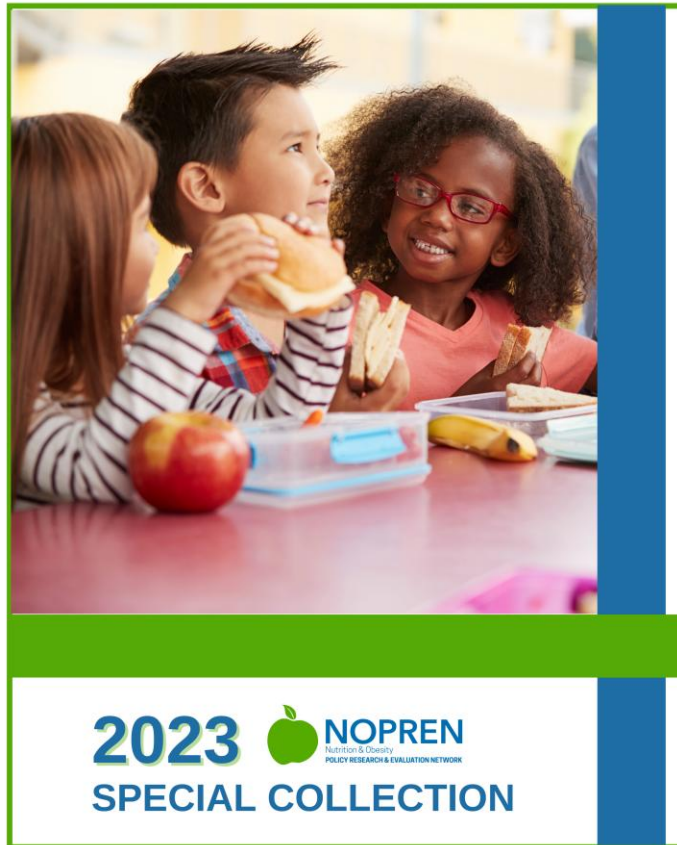
We seek to understand the effectiveness of policies and practices enacted at the federal, state, tribal, and local levels, and their impact on access to healthy food and water, food security, dietary intake, and health.

Presenter: Lisa M. Powell, PhD

To join, click [here](#).

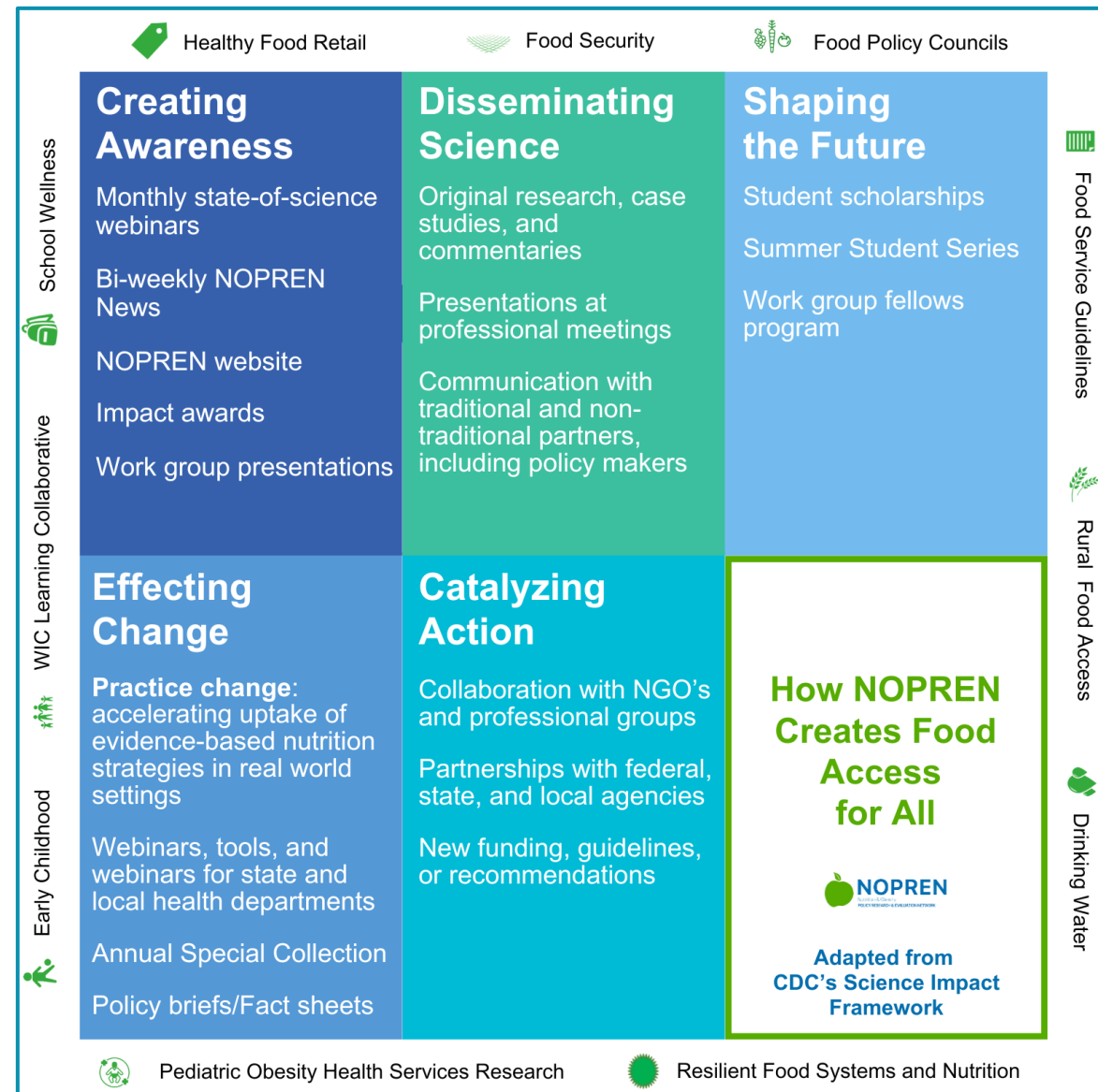
June 2025						
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	June 8th Summer 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm EST	June 9th School Wellness Work Group Meeting 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm EST	June 10th HER NOPREN Summer Speaker Series: Session 1 - P&E Strategies to Support Young Children's Diet and Health 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm EST	June 11th Food Policy Council Work Group Meeting 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm EST		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	June 15th Early Child Work Group 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm EST	June 16th Food Meeting 1:00 pm EST				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			June 24th Resilient Food Systems and Nutrition Work Group Meeting 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm EST	June 25th WIC Learning Collaborative Work Group Meeting 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm EST		
			June 25th HER NOPREN Summer Speaker Series: Session 2 - Federal, State, and Local Nutrition Policy Updates 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm EST	June 26th Food Service Guidelines Work Group Meeting 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm EST		
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
June 29th Food Service Guidelines Work Group 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm EST	June 30th Food and Nutrition Joint Call 1:00 pm EST					

NOPREN Special Collections



Over 54 articles
across the
collections

NOPREN Science Impact Framework



Questions?

Please visit the NOPREN website: nopren.ucsf.edu or email us at nopren@ucsf.edu

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Thank you!

Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (PAPREN)

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PAPREN history



2004–2009, 2009–2014

Funded: 1 Coordinating (Washington University) and 5 Collaborating Centers

Unfunded: Network of public health researchers

Focus: Identification of PA policies and policy determinants across multiple sectors



2014–2019

Funded: 1 Coordinating Center (Hopkins and UCSD) and 5 Collaborating Centers

Unfunded: Network of public health researchers and some practitioners; 5 work groups

Focus: Identification of PA policies and policy determinants across multiple sectors; increased emphasis on translation



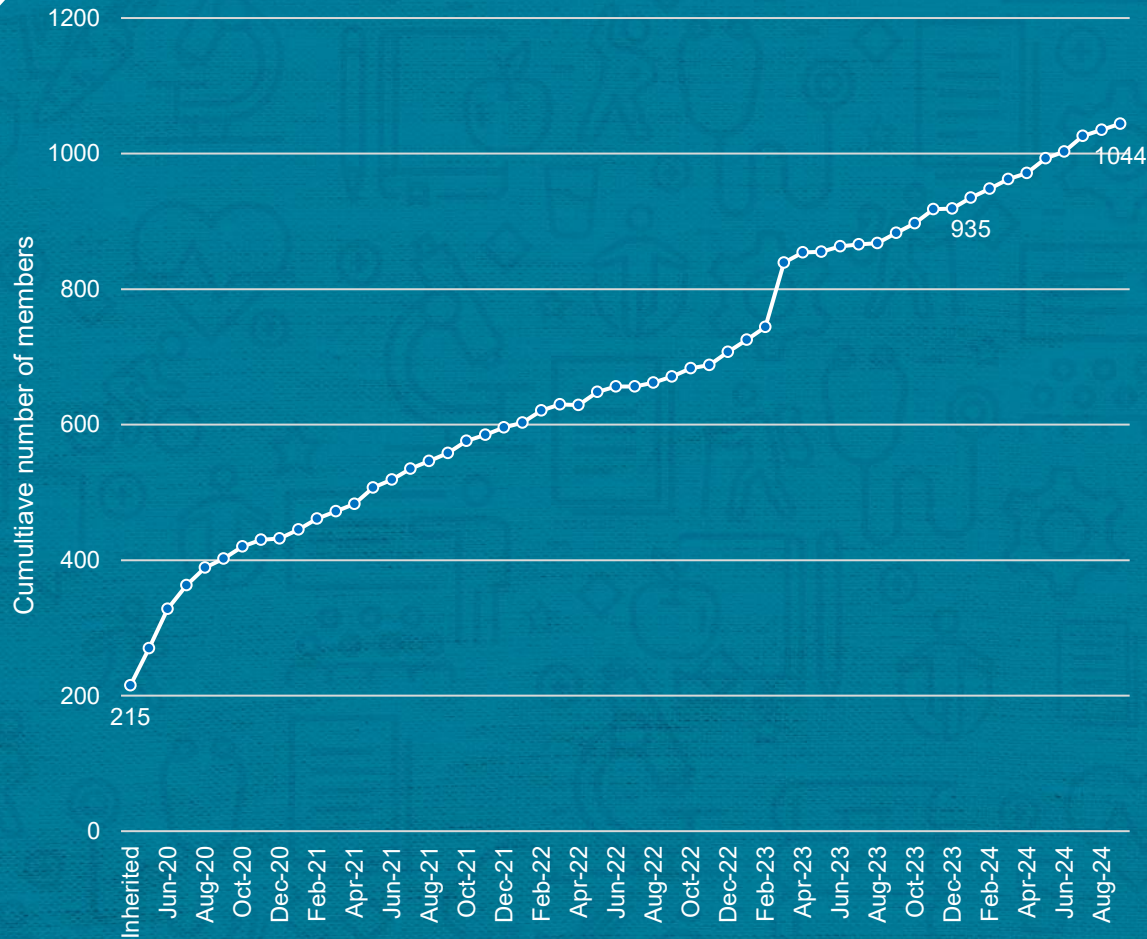
2019–2024

Funded: 1 Coordinating Center (UMass Chan and UIC)

Unfunded: Multi-sector network of researchers, practitioners and government

Focus: Emphasized built environment/community design; evaluation research and some implementation research

2019–2024 PAPREN Network



- >1,000 members
- All 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and 1 tribe represented
- 17 countries outside the U.S. represented
- 46% academia, 16% government, 38% other sectors

PAPREN 2024-2029 Leadership Team



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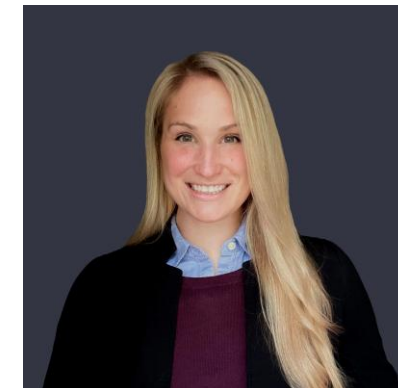
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PAPREN Vision and Mission: 2024–2029

PAPREN is a CDC-funded Network that brings diverse partners together to create environments that maximize physical activity. The Network advances the evidence base and puts research into practice through collaboration across sectors with a shared vision of achieving active communities.

PAPREN seeks to:

- Grow awareness, capacity and collaboration
- Conduct applied, practice-relevant research
- Support the translation of research to practice

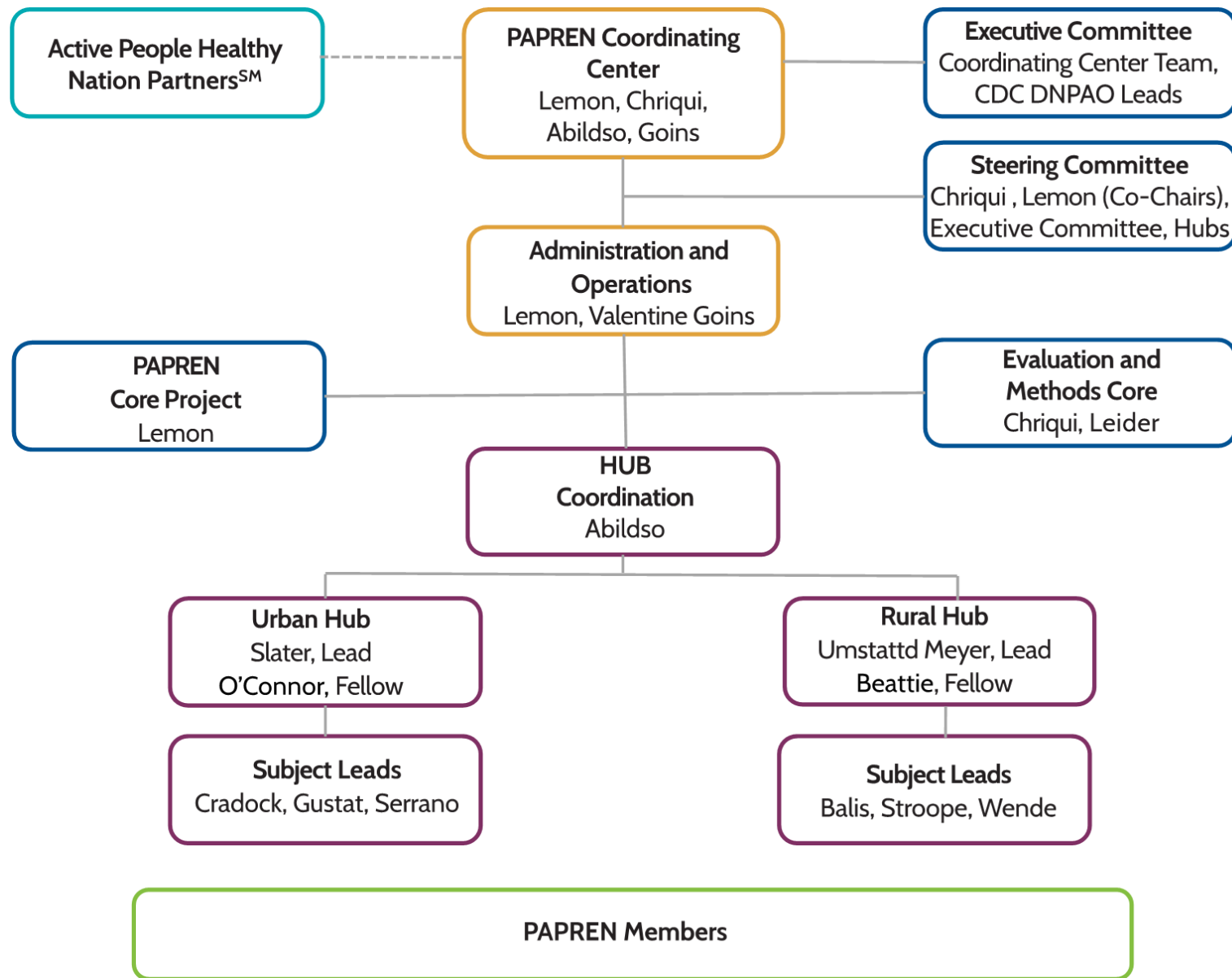
PAPREN Focus Areas: 2024-2029

Focus on DNPAO Priority Strategy:
Increasing Physical Activity Through Community Design

Emphasis on:

- Implementation research in urban and rural settings
- Translation into practice
- Supporting DNPAO recipients

PAPREN Organizational Structure





PAPREN Implementation Research Focus



Pre-implementation research to identify the determinants of implementation



Implementation research to test the impact of implementation strategies that support policy implementation and/or community design changes



Post-implementation research that evaluates actions after they have been implemented in real world practice



Methods development research to build implementation research methods specific to the field of community design and physical activity that can be applied to policy, systems, and environment change more broadly

PAPREN Network Activities: Communications



PAPREN Post monthly newsletter



PAPREN website (www.papren.org)



Blog series



Social media presence

PAPREN Network activities: Monthly Speaker Series



PAPREN
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY POLICY RESEARCH
AND EVALUATION NETWORK

State of the Science

- Cutting edge research
- National priority initiatives

Implementation in Action

- Practice-based presentations that highlight how evidence can be used in the real world

Webinars occur the 4th Wednesday of the month, 12 PM ET, 11 AM CT, 10 AM MT, 9 AM PT. Webinar format; registration is required!

PAPREN Hubs



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Two Hubs: Rural Hub and Urban Hub

Hubs offer a place for members to network, learn and work on projects

Emphasis placed on transportation, land use and parks and greenspace

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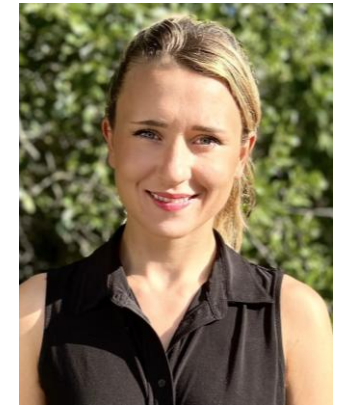
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Monthly Hub Calls

- 2nd Wednesdays @ 1:00 ET

How to Get Involved?

- Register and join us each month!

Engagement Opportunities 2025 – Join Us!

- Wrap-up PAPREN '19–'24 Rural Workgroup products
- Identify speakers for PAPREN Implementation in Action series
- Identify impactful projects to focus Rural Hub efforts
 - Subject specific ideas

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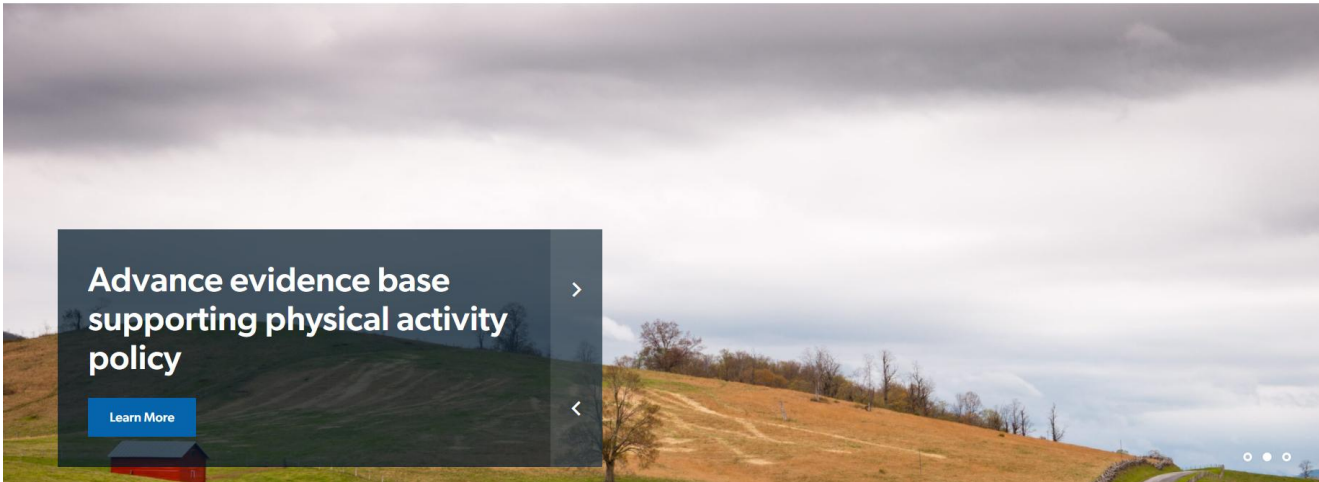
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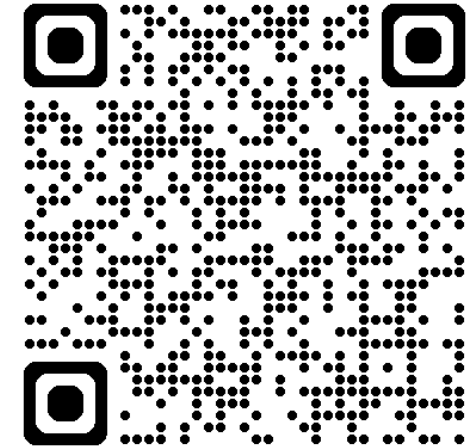
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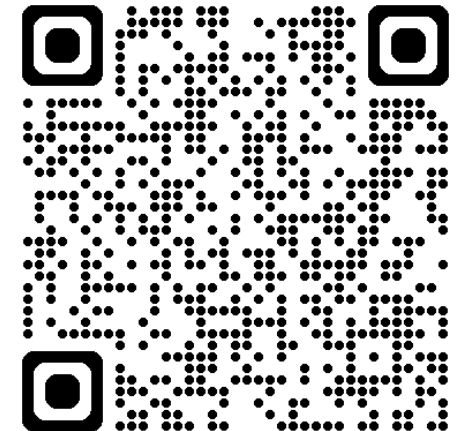


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Rural Hub →→



Urban Hub →→



Thank you!

Discussion

Q&A

Wrap-up and closing

2025 Calendar Reminders

Member Calls

- August 20
- October 15
- November 19
- December 17

Connect & Explore Webinar

- August 28 (3-4 p.m. ET)

Member Meetings

- September 9 – In-person (DC) and virtual

Do you want to present your work to NCCOR members? Let us know at rgrimsland@fhi360.org!

**Thank you to our speakers and guests
for joining us for the
July Member Call!**

