Childhood Wellness and Obesity

Tools to Help Schools Take Action
A free, one-day conference for school administrators

The prevalence of obesity in children in America has more than doubled in the past 20 years, and approximately 14 percent of children are now considered overweight. There is growing recognition among policymakers that this problem requires action; however, there is uncertainty about which policies and programs will most effectively address the problem.

This conference is designed as a follow-up to the latest issue of the journal The Future of Children, “Childhood Obesity.” This issue, due to be released in March 2006, shines a spotlight on childhood obesity, focusing mainly on the policies and programs aimed at reducing overweight and obesity.

The purpose of this conference is to link the latest research on overweight and obesity to potential school strategies and policies that address this growing problem.

Panels will highlight easy-to-implement strategies in schools that focus on enhancing nutrition and increasing physical activity. The conference will end with a discussion of the school wellness policy requirements and will emphasize model programs.

A special reception for attendees will be held on the day of the conference. The Woodrow Wilson School will be showing works by two photographers in the Bernstein Gallery, Robertson Hall, on the topic of childhood obesity. The works by photographers Joan Lifitn and Craig Terry will be on display from February 6 through March 31, 2006.

Register online at:
www.futureofchildren.princeton.edu/practitioners/obesity_conf/index.asp

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Space is limited, register early! Registration is required in order to attend. Only two registrants per mailing; please call or email if additional forms are needed.

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In order to structure our conference to better meet your needs, please answer the following questions:

1. What are the three largest obstacles your schools currently face in providing adequate physical activity for students?
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GETTING TO THE CONFERENCE...

DIRECTIONS TO PRINCETON, NJ BY CAR

From the New Jersey Turnpike heading South - Take Exit 9 (New Brunswick) and follow signs for Trenton (Route 18 North, then Route 1 South). Take the first right after toll booths, up the ramp and onto 18 North. Immediately, shift to lane second from left and, less than half a mile from entry point, exit left (over Route 1 overpass). Stay in right lane—the exit to Route 1 South is on the right just beyond the overpass. Follow signs on Route 1 to Princeton, about 15 miles. Turn right onto Washington Road/Route 571 West and follow into Princeton. “Turn right at the first traffic light onto Faculty Road. “Follow less than one mile to the first left onto FirstRandolph Road. The parking lot will be immediately on the left, take the first OR second left to enter and park in the areas that are NOT designated for decal parking. The Blue Line shuttle departs approximately every 5 minutes from the covered bus stop area near the football field; the shuttle’s second stop is directly in front of Robertson Hall.

From the New Jersey Turnpike heading North - Take Exit 8 (Hightstown), and follow signs to Route 133/Princeton. Route 133 to end and exit onto Route 571 West, following straight across Route 1 and into Princeton. Follow from above for parking.

From Interstate 95 North or South - Exit at Route 1 North. Follow Route 1 North and exit at Alexander Road, making a left onto Alexander Road. Follow this road into Princeton. Turn right onto Faculty Road (traffic light, gas station) and follow the first exit off the circle to stay on Faculty Road. Stay in right lane to go through traffic light (Washington Road) and follow from above.

Note: Detailed instructions for driving to Princeton are also available by telephone. For a recorded message, call 609-258-2222 using a touch-tone telephone.

Detailed instructions for traveling by train or bus can be found on the Princeton University website at www.princeton.edu/pr/admis-sions/u/visit.html.

PARKING AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Parking will be available on-campus ONLY to attendees who have pre-registered. Once your registration is received, you will receive a confirmation by return mail or email. The confirmation will include your parking pass and a map of the Princeton University campus, indicating the available lot. Shuttle service will be available from the assigned lot to Robertson Hall; times and locations will be indicated on your confirmation.
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WHAT:
What policies and programs most effectively combat childhood obesity and overweight?
What information do schools need to implement a successful school wellness policy?

WHEN:
Friday, March 31, 2006
8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

WHERE:
Robertson Hall, on the campus of Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Jim Marks, Senior Vice President and Director of the Health Group, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

PANELISTS:
Lori Benson, Director of Fitness and Physical Education, New York City Department of Education
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