

FUTURE OF CHILDREN EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

A Brookings Institution—Woodrow Wilson School Partnership



Childhood Obesity

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

9:00 a.m - 11:30 a.m.

Falk Auditorium
The Brookings Institution
1775 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20036

Over the past three decades, the share of children who are overweight or obese has doubled to nearly 30 percent. This rapidly increasing incidence of obesity among American children poses significant public health hazards, and medical costs as a result of this obesity epidemic are rising. Researchers have identified many possible causes of increasing obesity among children, but they have found few solutions on how to prevent obesity.

Nonetheless, national, state, and local policymakers—along with parents, schools, the medical community, and others—are implementing a variety of policies to help our children have healthier and more productive futures.

The Brookings Institution and Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School are sponsoring a forum in conjunction with the release of the latest *Future of Children* volume "Childhood Obesity." Panelists will examine federal, state, and local initiatives—particularly in public schools—designed to address childhood obesity. Panelists will take questions from the audience.

Introduction: RON HASKINS, Senior Fellow, Economic Studies, Brookings

Overview: CHRIS PAXSON, Director of the Center for Health and Wellbeing, Princeton University

Keynote Speaker: Federal Initiatives

ERIC BOST

Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Panel 1: State Policymakers

Moderator: ELISABETH DONAHUE, Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University

TBD (invited)
State

Senator LETICIA Van De PUTTE
Texas State Senate, and Pharmacist

Panel 2: Local Perspectives

Moderator: C. TRACY ORLEANS, Senior Scientist, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

SYLVIA DUNN
Food Service Director
Cypress Cove Elementary School
Slidell, Louisiana

ROGER KIRK
Parent and District PTA Vice President
Fayette County School District
Lexington, Kentucky

JILL WYNNS
Commissioner
San Francisco Unified School District

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