

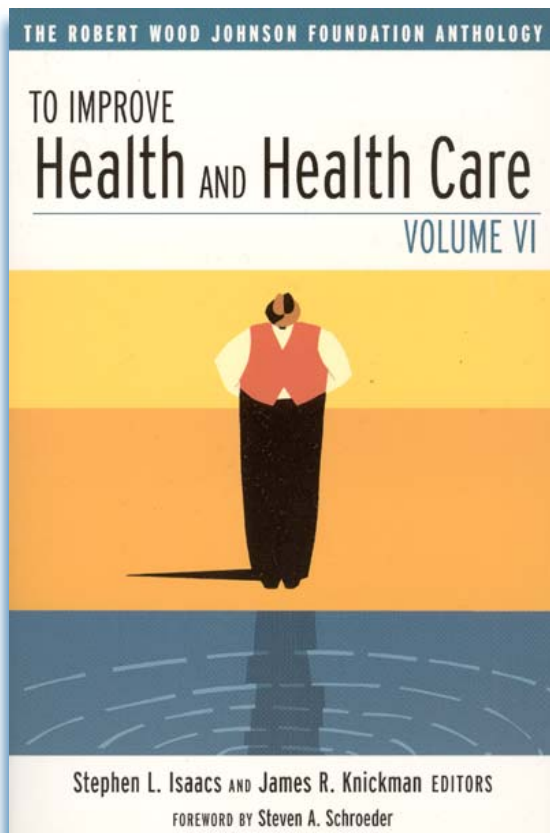


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Center for Health and Health Care in Schools
School Nurses and School-Based Health Centers:
What are their roles in helping children maintain a healthy weight?

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To improve the health and health care of all Americans by . . .

- Assuring access to health care
- Improving quality of care for those with chronic health conditions
- Promoting healthy communities and lifestyles
- Reducing the harm caused by substance abuse

Goal:

To help halt the rise in prevalence of childhood obesity by promoting healthy eating and physical activity in schools and communities throughout the nation

Strategies:

- Build the evidence
- Leadership and advocacy
- Test innovative approaches



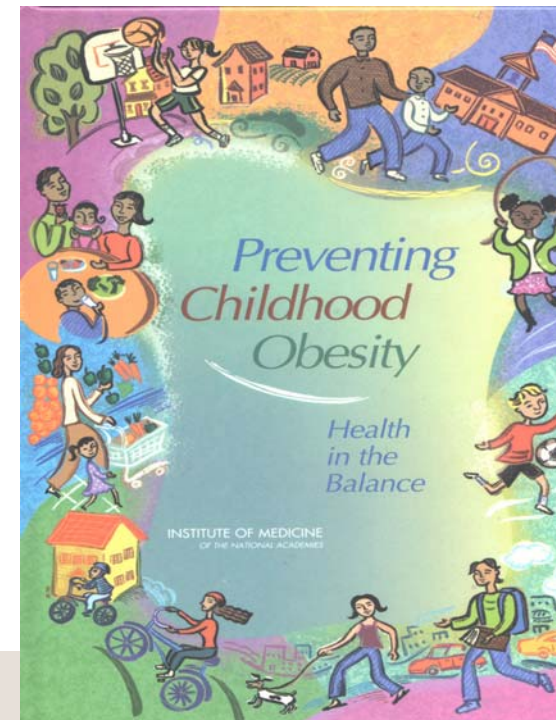
Childhood Obesity Programming



- **\$58 million since 2001 to create social change for active living**
- **\$84 million allocated 2005 – 2011 for prevention of childhood obesity**

Building the Evidence

- **Early Assessment of Promising Practices**
- **Active Living Research**
- **Healthy Eating Research**
- **Evaluation of Arkansas Act 1220**



Leadership

- ***National Governors Association***
Healthy America Initiative
- ***Alliance for a Healthier Generation***
Healthy Schools Program
- ***Active Living Leadership***





Community Action Demonstrations



- **Unity-Tribal Youth Leadership**
- **Active Living by Design**
- **Healthy Eating by Design**

Round 1: School Food Policies and Environments

Policy-relevant research grants in two categories:

- Identify/evaluate promising practices in schools
- Analyze macro-level determinants of school food environments/policies





Exploratory Roundtable Questions:

- **What is the role of school nurses and school health centers in preventing childhood obesity? In supporting school wellness councils?**
- **What resources, incentives and barriers do they face?**
- **How do they link to healthcare providers and community services?**
- **What are the opportunities to promote school nurses in leadership, advocacy and policy initiatives?**
- **Can we identify existing best practices or models?**



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