

CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION COALITION -- HANDOUT

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HEALTH REFORM TASK FORCE SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

COALITION PURPOSE STATEMENT

REDUCE CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN WASHINGTON STATE

COALITION OUTCOMES

- INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WASHINGTON CHILDREN THAT ARE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE ON A DAILY BASIS
- IMPROVE THE ACCESS TO AND THE DEMAND FOR HEALTHFUL FOODS FOR ALL WASHINGTON CHILDREN
- MAKE IT EASIER FOR FAMILIES TO BE PART OF AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY

POLICY PLATFORM: WASHINGTON STATE 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

This policy platform contains the priority positions officially endorsed by the members of the WA State Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition:

HEALTHY SCHOOLS & EARLY LEARNING

- SCHOOL HEALTH SYSTEMS APPROACH
 - a. *Coordinated School Health:*

Provide state funding to support schools (focusing on those districts with below average WASL scores and above average of students eligible for free and reduced meals) to assist them in establishing or enhancing Coordinated School Health programs in order to improve student health and academic success.
 - b. *Supporting Related School Health Goals:*

Integral to the **Coordinated School Health** effort noted above would be to provide necessary means to enable sustained implementation of current state laws and rules related to school health, specifically physical fitness requirements (RCW 28A.230.040 and WAC 392-410-135) and the goals established in SB 5093 from the 2007 legislative session related to *school health advisory councils; competitive food standards; physical education minutes and physical education waivers or exemptions.*

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY MODEL TO PROMOTE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
Provide additional state funding to augment current Safe Routes to School program, including “infrastructure” projects (engineering) and “non-infrastructure” activities (education and enforcement). Add to grant process a variable that can identify those schools with the highest achievement gap.

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HEALTHY SYSTEMS

- **TAX POLICY**

Repeal current Business & Occupations tax credit (authorized by SB 6533 in 2006) for purchasers of soda pop syrup. This will remove possible price disincentives related to over-consumption of unhealthy beverages as well as provide a revenue source for targeted obesity prevention efforts.

COALITION MEMBERS

ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD COALITION
ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER GENERATION
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS – WA CHAPTER
AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION
COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CHEF)
CHILDREN’S ALLIANCE
CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL AND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
COMMUNITY CHOICES
FEET FIRST
GROUP HEALTH COOPERATIVE
MULTICARE HEALTH SYSTEM
SKAGIT COUNTY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROJECT
TRANSPORTATION CHOICES
TREE SWING
WA ASSOC. OF COMMUNITY & MIGRANT HEALTH CENTERS
WA COALITION FOR PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
WA DENTAL SERVICE FOUNDATION
WA HEALTH FOUNDATION
WA RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION
WA SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION
WA STATE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS
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