Obesity Prevention and Control at Georgia State University

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Over the last decade, Georgia State University (GSU) faculty and staff have been dedicated to understanding evidence-based approaches to obesity prevention and control. Successfully translating and disseminating research, programs, and policies has been a key strength. A description of GSU’s expertise in obesity, with examples of programs and projects, are highlighted below.

**Expertise in Obesity**

- **Serves as trusted advisor and convener for organizations and state agencies focused on obesity prevention**
  - SHAPE Implementation Committee
  - PLAY and SHAPE Partnerships
  - Nutrition & Physical Activity Initiative

- **Maintains expert knowledge of national, state, and local trends and approaches for obesity prevention**
  - Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities Resource
  - GHPC & PLAY Policy Briefs
  - Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program (CSPAP) Policy Continuum

- **Conducts and translates research to establish evidence-based guidance and practice**
  - Childhood Obesity Systems Model
  - Georgia Youth Fitness Assessment Project
  - EPIC Obesity Training with GA AAP

- **Evaluates state and local programs and policies focused on the prevention of childhood obesity**
  - DECAL Team Nutrition Program
  - Georgia Food Policy Council
  - DeKalb County Communities Putting Prevention to Work
  - SHAPE Pilot and Implementation

- **Provides technical assistance and develops tools for program delivery and evaluation to state and local organizations**
  - SHAPE Grantees
  - Communities Putting Prevention to Work & Community Transformation Grant Awardees
  - HRSA Rural Health Grantees

- **Contributes to the evidence-base through more than 40 peer-reviewed journal articles**
Partnerships & Reach
Through GSU’s active partnerships, our team has the capacity to reach virtually 100% of Georgia’s population.

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State Agencies
- DPH, DECAL
- DCH, DOE, DOA, OPB

Stakeholder Coalitions
- SHAPE Partnership
- Family Connection Partnership
- GA Food Policy Council
- GA Coalition for PA & Nutrition

Health Care
- Children’s Healthcare
- Kaiser Permanente
- GA AAP, GA AFP, GAND

Philanthropy
- Healthcare GA Foundation
- Woodruff Foundation
- Philanthropic Collaborative for a Healthy GA

Policy
- Legislative Certificate Program

Non-profit Organizations
- Voices for GA’s Children
- YMCA, HealthMPowers
- Alliance for a Healthier Generation

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