



The Partnership for a Healthy Texas

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The Partnership for a Healthy Texas, a coalition of over 130 organizations, has set out to identify and support policy that will have the most impact on the obesity epidemic in our state. The Partnership began in 2006 and has since become a recognized and valued partner in the fight against obesity and will continue to have a strong influence on Texas policy.

Mission

To develop and promote state policies and programs that prevent obesity in Texas

Purpose

- Encourage collaboration among all interested parties in reducing obesity
- Inform policy makers about the consequences of the disease
- Promote evidence-based strategies at multiple levels: individual, family, community, and policy
- Serve as a resource for people interested in addressing obesity prevention and treatment

OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

1. Ensure all Texas schools provide adequate, quality physical education to reduce the risk for obesity and related chronic diseases so that students are better equipped to succeed academically and socially.
2. Include foods of higher nutritional value in vending machines on state property to give state employees the option to make healthier food choices that will reduce their risk for obesity and diet-related chronic disease.
3. Make communities more conducive to regular physical activity and encourage Texans to walk, bike, and utilize public transportation by creating a task force to design a Vision Zero Action Plan for Texas.
4. Recognize licensed out-of-school time providers who go above and beyond minimum state licensing requirements by adopting national standards for evidence-based healthy eating and physical activity.
5. Ensure children served by licensed childcare providers receive nutritious foods and drinks to help them develop healthy eating and physical activity habits as they learn and develop in early care environments.

OUR MEMBERS

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Diabetes Association
American Heart Association
Austin Child Guidance Center
Austin Community College
Austin Travis County Integral Care
Baylor Scott and White Health
Bike Texas
Breastfeeding Perspectives
The Burke Center for Youth
Central Texas Food Bank
Capital Metro
Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio
Center for Public Policy Priorities
Central Health
Child, Inc.
Child Trends
Children at Risk
Children's Hospital Association of Texas
Children's Medical Center Dallas
Children's Optimal Health
City of El Paso Department of Public Health
Clarkson Davis
Comcast
Community Action, Inc. of Central Texas
Con Mi MADRE
The Cooper Institute
Culturemap
Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas
Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, Edinburg
Texas AHEC East
Easter Seals Central Texas
Eating Recovery Center of San Antonio
El Buen Samaritano
Episcopal Health Foundation
Farm to Table
Farmers Market Coalition
FoodPlay
Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services
Health and Wellness Alliance for Children
Health Start Foundation
Healthy Families San Angelo
Houston Food Bank
The Institute for Public Health and Education Research Inc.
Interagency Support Council of Eastern Williamson County, Inc.
It's Time Texas
Jim Arnold Associates
Klaus Madsen Health Solutions
League of Women Voters of Texas

Marathon Kids
March of Dimes
MD Anderson Cancer Center
Mental Health of America
Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
Midland Memorial Hospital
MIT Media Lab
National Alliance on Mental Illness Texas
National Council of Jewish Women
National Federation of Independent Business
National Wildlife Federation
Nurses Home Services
Parkland Health and Hospital System
Region 5 Education Service Center
Region 10 Education Service Center
Revolution Foods
Rosetta Genomics
SafeHaven of Tarrant County
Salud America!
San Angelo Community Medical Center
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
San Antonio Sports Foundation
St. David's Foundation
Sustainable Food Center
Tarrant County Public Health
Texans Care for Children
Texas Academy of Family Physicians
Texas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Texas Action for Healthy Kids
Texas Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs
Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
Texas Association for School Nutrition
Texas Association of Community Health Centers
Texas Association of Health Plans
Texas Association of Local Health Officials
Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association
Texas EMS Trauma and Acute Care Foundation
Texas Head Start Association
Texas Health Institute
Texas IMPACT
Texas Medical Association
Texas Orthopaedic Association
Texas Pediatric Society
Texas PTA
Texas School Nurses Organization
Texas State Alliance of YMCAs
United States Navy JAG Corps
United Way for Greater Austin
United Way of Metropolitan Dallas

United Way Northeast
United Way of Tarrant County
United Ways of Texas
University Interscholastic League
Vogel Alcove, Dallas
Whole Student Initiatives

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