

# Legislative Resource Guide



**Partnership for  
a Healthy Texas**

*Conquering Obesity*

**81st Legislative Session  
2009-2010**

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## **Who We Are**

The Partnership for a Healthy Texas was formed in the fall of 2006 when over 20 organizations came together with a common goal: to work with the legislature to develop sound policy that would have the greatest impact on obesity. During that first session we promoted six priority areas and the legislature responded with appropriate legislation that supported our recommendations. By having a common voice, we were able to provide supportive data and input from our larger group in a more concise, less intrusive manner.

This session, our coalition has grown to over 40 organizations strong as we continue our fight to conquer obesity in Texas. You will find our current priorities on our website.

## **Our Mission**

The Partnership for a Healthy Texas will develop and promote policies and programs that prevent obesity in Texas.

## **Our Guiding Principles**

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

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## About this Guide

This guide was developed to help legislators identify our partners who can provide research, information, and in many cases testimony on a variety of issues relating to obesity.

The guide lists each organization and the key contact for legislative issues, including email and phone. It also lists the topics where they feel most qualified to respond to questions. Websites are also provided. It is arranged alphabetically by group with a listing of all groups in the back.

We hope this guide will be useful as you move forward during session.

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## Listing by Organization

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Research/Data Testimony	Obesity/health information and education for Hispanic and Spanish speaking populations
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email	steve.shelton@utmb.edu
Work phone	409-772-7884
Web address	www.easttexasahec.org
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Research/Data	“Connecting students to health careers, professionals to communities, and communities to better health”
Testimony	Obesity, childhood obesity, nutrition, and related issues.
Organization Name	<b>AHEC Greater Houston</b>
Address	<b>Dana S. Smith</b> 5959 West Loop South, Suite 560 Bellaire, TX 77401
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Work phone	713-592-6411 ext. 17
Web address	<a href="http://www.ghahec.org/">http://www.ghahec.org/</a>
Research/Data	Resources/information to combat childhood obesity, this is a multi-year project in the Houston ISD

Organization  
Name  
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Research/Data  
Testimony

Worksite wellness

Organization  
Name  
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Research/Data  
Testimony

Obesity/health information and education for  
Hispanic and Spanish speaking populations

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Address

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Research/Data  
Testimony

Worksite wellness, cancer statistics  
Cancer statistics, cancer prevention



# Listing by Organization

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Research/Data Diabetes, Diabetes research  
Testimony Diabetes

Organization Name **American Heart Association**  
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Research/Data and/or Childhood obesity, physical education, coordinated school health  
Testimony

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Work phone 512 477 4232  
Web address www.arnoldpublicaffairs.com  
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Research/Data Nutrition policy, Statewide smoke-free law,  
Testimony PE and physical activity, recess, SHAC, Coordinated School Health

Organization **Center for Public Policy Priorities**  
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Research/Data and/or Testimony School breakfast/lunch, summer food program, WIC, Food stamps  
Cancer statistics, cancer prevention

Organization **Children's Hospital Association of**  
Name **Texas (CHAT)**  
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Austin TX 78701

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Web address www.childhealthtx.org

Research/Data --  
Prevention and specialized treatment services at children's hospitals

Organization **Family Connections**  
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Research/Data --  
early childhood obesity, Family-Friendly Employer Supported Dependent Care Benefit Options, Breast-feeding support services (hospital, child care and workplace) parent support services

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Research/Data and Testimony	Diabetes Program Gayle Willett 361-798-3671 ext 499  Family Health Clinic Angela Henneke 361-798-1200 ext 203  Wellness Center and Programs Keith Kutac 361-798-3671 ext 402  Speakers Bureau and School Health Programs Jennifer Hagan 361-798-3671 ext 440
Organization Name	<b>Methodist Healthcare Ministries</b>
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Work phone	210-378-2389
Web address	<a href="http://www.mhm.org/">http://www.mhm.org/</a> --
Research/Data and Testimony	Faith-based projects collaborating with state, diabetes statistics, nutrition and physical education summer programs including the whole family, obesity research Same topics

Organization **Michael & Susan Dell Center for  
Advancement of Healthy Living**  
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Research/Data and/or  
Testimony The CATCH Program, Coordinated School  
Health, Childhood Obesity prevention,  
physical activity, physical education,  
nutrition education

Organization **Michael & Susan Dell Center for  
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Research/Data  
Testimony early childhood obesity, obesity prevention  
research, and evidence-based programs,  
tobacco cessation/prevention research, safe  
routes to school, WIC, coordinated school  
health farm-to-school, access to healthy foods,  
physical activity and physical education, nutri-  
tion and nutrition education, alcohol cessa-  
tion/prevention research, built environment,  
statewide obesity prevalence, nutrition and  
physical activity assessment, academic achieve-  
ment, obesity prevention program and policy  
evaluation

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Research/Data Testimony	School design standards for physical activity Natural play area design, connecting children and families with nature, environmental and outdoor education
Organization Name	<b>Nutrition Consultant &amp; Professor</b>
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Research/Data Testimony	Early Childhood Obesity, Transfat, Childhood Obesity (all ages), Dietary Guidelines
Organization Name	<b>Operation Stop Decay</b>
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Work phone	361-781-2134
Web address	<a href="http://www.operationstopdecay.com">www.operationstopdecay.com</a> --
Research/Data Testimony	Oral health, Connecting oral health with obesity, The mouth/body connection Dental screening, Dental education The need for preventive dental care

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Research/Data/Testimony Coordinated School Health, PE,  
Recess, SHACs

Organization Name **Scott & White**  
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Temple, TX 76508  
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Research/Data Surgical interventions for obesity, behavioral  
modifications for weight reduction

Organization **Secondary and Elementary**  
**Administrators for Health, Physical**  
**Education, Recreation and Dance**  
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Research/Data physical education, coordinated  
school health, fitnessgram,  
physical activity time requirements

## Listing by Organization

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Research/Data	-- Farm to School, Farmers Markets.WIC. Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), Food Stamp EBT at Farmers Markets
Organization Name	<b>TAHPERD - TX Assoc for Health, PE, Recreation, Dance</b>
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Research/Data	-- childhood obesity, value of physical education, coordinated school health, importance of recess or free play, best practices for teaching physical education, what makes quality physical education

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Research/Data

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childhood obesity, value of physical education, coordinated school health, importance of recess or free play, best practices for teaching physical education, what makes quality physical education

Organization

**Texas Action for Healthy Kids (TAHK)**

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Research/Data and  
Testimony

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School health environment and curriculum, including good nutrition and regular physical activity, health and academics



## Listing by Organization

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Research/Data and Testimony	school nutrition programs, coordinated school health, childhood obesity, commodity food programs, child and adult day care food programs
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Work phone	512-458-7263
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Research/Data Testimony	Obesity, nutrition, other related topics
Organization Name	<b>Texas Education Agency</b>
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Research/Data	coordinated school health, school health advisory councils (SHACS), physical activity, fitness assessment, worksite wellness, counseling, safe and drug free

Organization **Texas Association of Local Health Officials**  
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Research/Data All Public Health Issues at the Local Level  
from Local Health Departments, Worksite  
Wellness, Childhood Obesity, WIC  
Local Public Health Issues

Testimony Local Public Health issues from the Local  
Health Departments

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Research/Data and Testimony Economic benefits of cycling, bicycling safety,  
trail and bike route planning

# Listing by Organization

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Research/Data	educational outreach, instructional design, educational methodology/evaluation, sustainable community programs, community needs assessment, children's, school and community gardening, youth development/education, worksite wellness, diabetes, health disparities among Hispanic/Latino populations, tobacco prevention and control among youth/young adults, coordinated school health, adult health/wellness, health disparities and diversity, nutrition & physical activity education for parents of pre-school children related to obesity prevention, financial literacy child care provider education

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Research/Data and  
Testimony

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Obesity projections, multi-sector partner-  
ships, community collaborative development,  
worksite wellness and mental health

Organization  
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Research/Data and/or  
Testimony

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Faith-based childrens obesity prevention  
programs, planning active/healthy  
communities children and nature/wellness  
programs, outreach and education to  
summer food/youth programs,  
establishing volunteer  
supported programs

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Research/Data

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Clinical effects of obesity, Prevention of obesity, Immunizations, anti-tobacco, cancer prevention

Testimony

Doctors can be contacted for testimony through Get Active Texas council

Organization  
Name  
Address

**Texas Oral Health Coalition**  
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Research/Data and  
Testimony

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oral health/obesity as related to carb intake school absentees and oral health, Head Start related info to oral health, Medicaid info related to oral health, Early prevention related to Frew lawsuit  
Oral health--prevention related, education related, provider access to care, nutrition related

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www.childrenandnature.org

email  
Work phone  
Web address

Research/Data/Testimony

Benefits of connecting children and nature and problems with disconnect.. Parks and outdoors as part of a healthy, active lifestyle.

Organization  
Name  
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**Texas Orthopaedic Association  
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Research/Data  
Testimony

Exercise for healthy bones  
orthopaedic subjects

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Research/Data

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Medical assessment, treatment, and prevention of childhood obesity

Testimony

Early childhood obesity, obesity and its medical complications

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Research/Data and early childhood obesity, obesity medical  
Testimony research/expertise as it relates to obesity/  
nutrition, health research/expertise as it  
relates to obesity/nutrition, physical activity,  
cognitive development, social development,  
nutrition

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Research/Data and childhood obesity, school nutrition, physical  
Testimony education-activity-recess, parent and com-  
munity involvement

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Research/Data and Coordinated School Health, Children's health  
Testimony status

Organization **The University of Texas at Austin,  
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Research/Data and/or Testimony Quality physical education, appropriate teaching practices, youth fitness, Fitnessgram, National curriculum standards for physical education

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Research/Data Office Management of Obesity  
Pediatric HIV, Pediatric Infections  
in general, immunizations

## Listing by Organization

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Research/Data and/or Testimony	Pediatric obesity interventions; after school programs; clinical obesity programs; community engagement; school-based interventions; behavior change; barriers to healthy living; underserved populations
Organization	
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Research/Data	early childhood obesity research, safe routes to schools, school based interventions



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# Organizations Included in this Guide

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AHEC/Greater Houston	Dana S. Smith
AHEC/Lake Country	Helen E. Miner
AHEC Waco (Brazos)	Jill Clements
American Cancer Society	James Gray
American Diabetes Association	Veronica De La Garza
American Heart Association	Joel Romo
Arnold Public Affairs	Ellen Arnold
Center for Public Policy Priorities	Celia Hager
Children's Hospital Association of Texas	Bryan Sperry
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National Wildlife Federation	Allen Cooper
Nutrition Consultant & Professor	Rhonda M. Lane, MS, CNS
Operation Stop Decay	McHenry Lee
Parent Advocate	Michelle Smith
Scott & White	Carole Moore, RN, ACNP-BC, MNSc
Secondary and Elementary Administrators for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance	Michele Rusnak
Sustainable Food Center	Andrew W. Smiley
TAHPERD - TX Assoc for Health, PE, Recreation, and Dance	Diana Everett
Texans Care For Children	Jodie Smith
Texas Action for Healthy Kids	Patricia Mouser
Texas AgriLife Extension	Rick Peterson
Texas AgriLife Extension Service	Judith Warren, Ph.D.
Texas AgriLife Extension Service	Lisa Whittlesey
Texas AgriLife Extension Service	Ninfa Pena-Purcell
Texas AgriLife Extension Service	Josefa Pena
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