# Developing an Integrated Referral Network to Address Childhood Obesity in Schools

Donzella Lee, MPH
Lucy Montoya
Community Health Councils



# REACH Project Overview

- One of two national CDC demonstration projects.
- Designed to reduce obesity and hypertension rates in schools and in the community.
  - Policy
  - Systems
  - Environment
- Supports LAUSD Wellness Initiative



## **REACH Project Overview**

 Increase the number of individuals with access to obesity and hypertension-related preventive services and screenings

 Increase the number of Shared Use Agreements for Physical Activity and Healthy Eating on school campuses

2



#### Wellness Connection

 Overall Aim: to implement pediatric interventions to address childhood obesity in SLA schools.



#### Wellness Connection

Integrate
SBWC with
School-Based
Resources

Identify
At-Risk
Students
Through
FitnessGram®

Pilot Wellness Rx Increase
Use of PA &
Nutrition
Programs



- Requirement for fifth, seventh, and ninth graders.
- High school students must complete 4 years of PE
- Pass FITNESSGRAM®
  - + 2-years of PE

Two-year exemption (California Ed. Code, 51241[b])

- Two opportunities to pass
- Passing = <u>five of the six fitness areas</u>







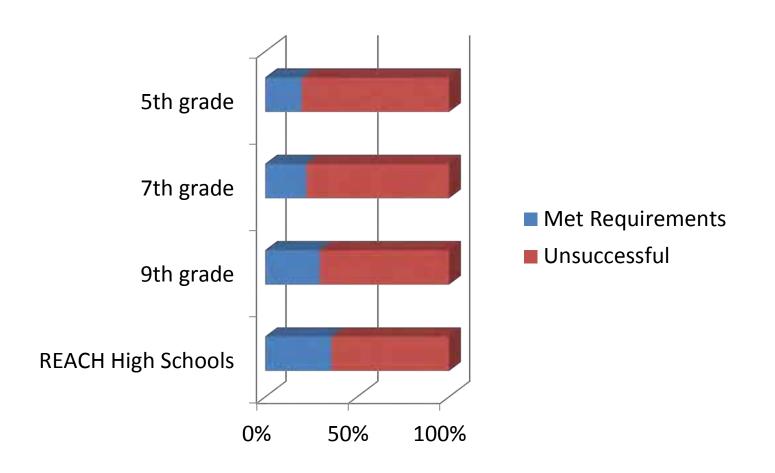


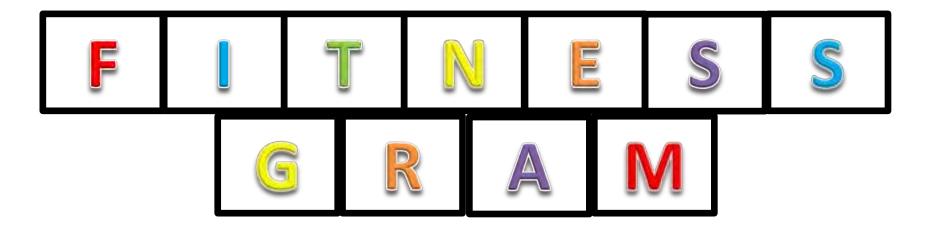






# How well are LAUSD students performing?

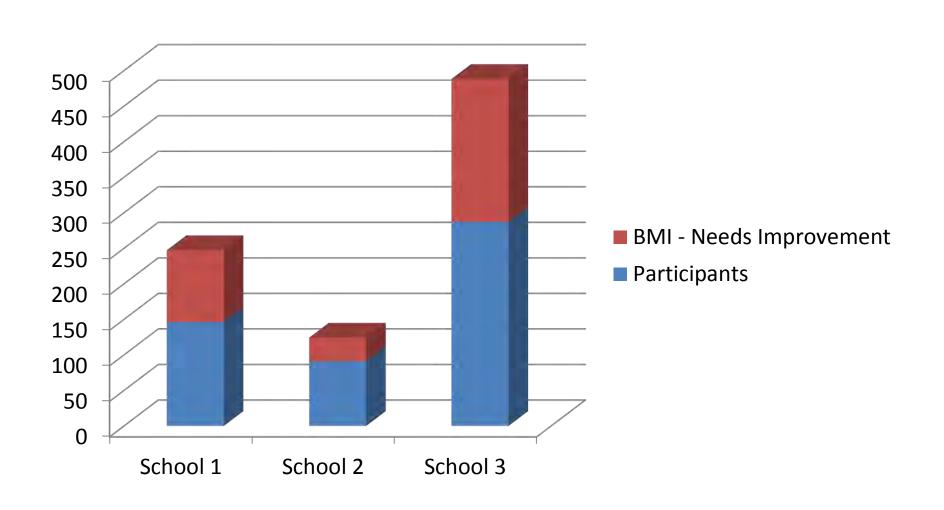




# INTERVENTION



- Use state disseminated list to identify students
- Sort list by
  - Currently enrolled
  - Body composition needs improvement
- Second notification letter with SBWC consent mailed home
- Develop student outreach plan



- Student Outreach
  - Inform about FITNESSGRAM®
  - Familiarize with on-campus resources
  - Opportunity for PA & nutrition programs to demonstrate

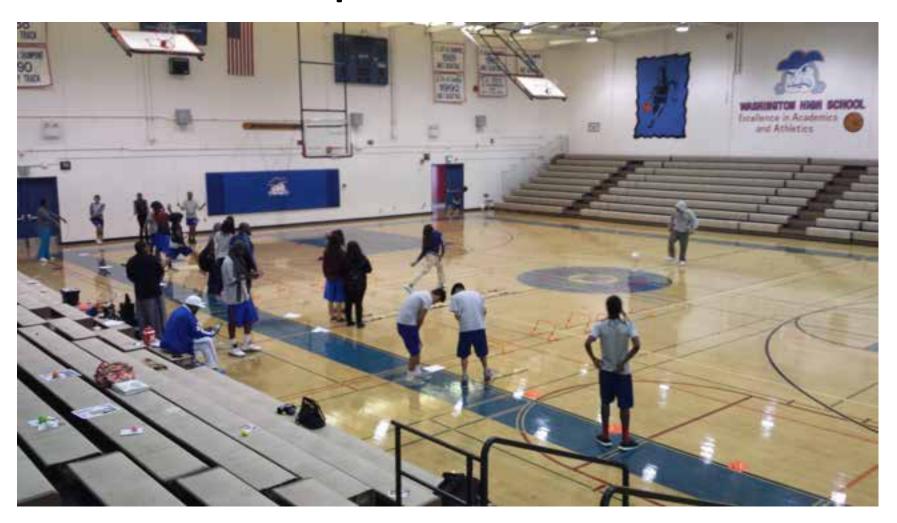
















# Wellness Prescription







# My Wellness Prescription School

Insert Patient Label Here

Name:				
		My Goals		
☐ Eatfruits each day.	Reduce sugar & sweetened	drink toper day.	Exercise at leastminutes a day.	
☐ Eatvegetables each day.	☐ Drinkglasses or bottles	of water per day.	Exercise at leastdays per week.	
☐ Join a nutrition program.*  *Please select a program below.	☐ Join a physical activity or sp *Please select a program below.	oorts program.*	☐ Eat lunch from the cafeteriatimes per week.	
Please write the program		Don't forget to	see the doctor on:	
		Student Signature		
		Doctor Signature		

#### Wellness Programs



#### **Physical Activity and Nutrition Programs on Campus**

#### Fremont Fit

Location: Weightlifting Gym

Day and Time: Monday 6:30 AM – 7:45 AM and Wednesday 6:30 AM – 7:45 AM and

Friday 6:30 AM - 7:45 AM

Free physical activity program that introduces students to yoga, kickboxing, aerobics, salsa dancing, swimming, and the Walk Fremont program. Conducted by ARC.

#### **Culinary Academy**

Location: Room 523A

Day and Time: Wednesday 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Free cooking program. Learn the art of cooking and develop

culinary methods. Conducted by ARC.

#### **Healthy Youth – Healthy Communities**

Location: Room 502 - Wellness Center & Community Garden and

LOS ANGESES

Nuclinomione

ARC meet-up room

Day and Time: Tuesday 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM and Thursday 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM\*

Nutrition education program taught through gardening. Conducted by Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust

\*On Professional Development days (PD) 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

#### Students Run L.A.

Location: Track and Field

Day and Time: Monday 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM and

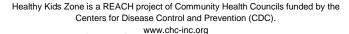
Wednesday 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM and

Friday 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Cardio conditioning program to develop good running techniques.







Location: [Address]

Date: Click here to enter a date.

# **Key Participants**

Participants	Roles	Responsibilities
School-based Wellness Center	Improve student access to healthcare	Provide physical activity and nutrition counseling (Wellness Rx)
School Nurse	Serve immediate student health needs	Collect SBWC consents and summons students for appointments
SBWC clinic manager, health educator, etc.	Represent the Wellness Center	Coordinate SBWC activities
PE Teachers	Motivate students to participate	Partner in planning student outreach

# **Key Participants**

Participants	Roles	Responsibilities	
Wellness Coordinator	Support LAUSD mandates related to wellness	Manage partnership between school and SBWC	
Support Coordinator	Connect resources	Engage with students and school staff	
School Mental Health	Promote mental health and well-being	Counseling FitnessGram® students (Wellness Rx)	
Organizational Facilitator	Preside over the Student Health and Human Services component of education reform	School administration liaison	
Principal	Leader	In collaboration with partners, establish internal process for addressing Fitness Gram® needs	

# Distinct Approaches

Process	Method A	Method B	Method C
Student identification	School nurse & Wellness Center Coordinator	Organizational Facilitator	Wellness Center Coordinator
Outreach Event	Passport to Wellness	Wellness Center tour	Passport to Wellness
SBWC Consents	Deliver individually	Deliver during PE	Mailed home
Application of Wellness Rx	Wellness Clinic providers and School Mental Health	Wellness Clinic providers	Wellness Clinic providers



## Accomplishments

- LAUSD priority
- Administration aware of issues
- PE teachers
- SBWC
- School Mental Health
- Integrated school-based resources



# Challenges

- Competing school priorities
- Time
- Distinct approaches
- Differing resources



#### Recommendations

- Principal to appoint a lead
- Involve OF
- Convene workgroup
- Involve PE teachers early on
- Loop all wellness resources
- Incorporate process into schools
- Be flexible





# Partnership Model Action Plan

**Group Activity**