1 INITIATIVE

Creating Healthy Schools and Communities (CHSC) is a five-year (2015-2020) public health initiative to reduce major risk factors of obesity, diabetes, and other chronic diseases in 85 high-need school districts and associated communities statewide. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) provides grant funding to local organizations and county health departments. The goal is to implement multi-component evidence-based policies, place-based strategies, and promising practices to increase demand for and access to healthy, affordable foods and opportunities for daily physical activity for all New Yorkers. The Obesity Prevention Center for Excellence (OPCE), led by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI) strengthens the CHSC Initiative’s collective impact by providing technical assistance, training, resources, and a network to collaborate.

6 STRATEGIES

1. Revise, implement, and assess local wellness policies to improve the school environment.

2. Establish Comprehensive School Physical Activity Programs (CSPAP).

3. Increase access to healthy, affordable foods and increase school districts’ ability to meet federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 nutrition standards for foods sold outside of school meals.

4. Increase access to healthy, affordable foods in communities.

5. Increase adoption and use of food standards and procurement policies that increase healthy foods in community sites and settings.

6. Adopt and implement Complete Streets policies, plans, and practices to increase access to opportunities to walk, bike, and roll.

26 GRANTEES

With grant funding, JSI* and its partners (Alliance for a Healthier Generation, PedNet, Action for Healthy Kids, and The Food Trust) support the 25 grantees and their partners in CHSC efforts.

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