

# **NuPAC**



The Orange County Nutrition and Physical Activity Collaborative (NuPAC)

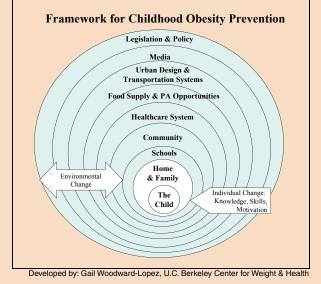
#### FACT SHEET

Who We Are

 The Orange County Nutrition and Physical Activity Collaborative (NuPAC) is a community-based group that provides leadership and coordination in the areas of nutrition, physical activity and food assistance.

Our Mission & Goals

- NuPAC's mission is to coordinate efforts and maximize resources to decrease childhood obesity in Orange County by:
  - *Goal 1:* Ensuring that institutions that affect children, provide good nutrition and opportunities for physical activity.
  - *Goal 2:* Advocating for affordable, available and accessible education and intervention services for overweight children.



NuPAC strives for successful community interventions by involving multiple levels beyond the individual, including families, schools, after-school programs, healthcare partners, neighborhoods, community, organizations and the media.

# Partial List of Current Partners

2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank of OC **Irvine Unified SD** 4th District PTA American Cancer Society American Diabetes Association American Heart Assoc – Latino Programs American Lung Association Boys & Girls Clubs in OC Cal State University - Fullerton CalOptima Camino Health Centers - WIC Children and Families Commission Children's Hospital of Orange County City of Laguna Hills Community Action Partnership of OC County of Orange Health Care Agency Dairy Council of California **Disney GOALS Fullerton Collaborative** Huntington Beach Union High SD, Ocean View SD, Westminster SD

Kaiser Permanente Latino Health Access Mission Hospital Newport-Mesa Unified School District OC Dept of Education OC Department of Education - ACCESS OC Dept of Education Network Coalition: Anaheim City SD Buena Park SD Capistrano USD Centralia SD Cypress SD Garden Grove USD (pre-k) La Habra City SD Magnolia SD (pre-k) Saddleback Valley USD Westminster SD (pre-k) OC Head Start, Inc.

**OC Hunger Coalition** OC in Motion OC Marathon/Canning for Hunger Office of Congresswoman Loreta Sanchez **Orange Unified School District** PHFE-WIC Planned Parenthood - WIC PowerPlay MD-OC Project Access, Inc. Santa Ana Education Foundation Santa Ana Unified School District St. Jude Medical Center KID HEALTHY Steps To Healthy Living Collaborative The Healthy Orange County (THOC) Coalition **THINK** Together **U.C.** Cooperative Extension YMCA of OC

# Collaborative Facts

- As a collaborative, members are working together on a Parent Empowerment Initiative. There is a countywide effort to provide support, examples/best practices and resources to parent leaders that will foster empowerment and advocacy for increased access to affordable, nutritious foods, and safe, active neighborhoods and communities. Efforts to develop and recognize parents as "Champions for Change" are ongoing.
- NuPAC has more than 150 members on its e-mail distribution list and 40-50 members who routinely attend quarterly meetings.



"Champion Moms" encourage other parents to take charge of their families' eating habits and share nutrition tips for Channel 31, a local cable station in Santa Ana.

- OC in Motion (OCiM) is the Advisory Board for NuPAC. The partners in OCiM include high-ranking community leaders, elected officials, representatives from academic institutions, government agencies and local corporations that share a common vision, "eradicate childhood obesity in our lifetime."
- NuPAC was established in 2004 and built upon the efforts of the Children and Weight Task Force, which was created in 2000.
- Administrative support for NuPAC is provided by the County of Orange Health Care Agency with funding support from the *Network for a Healthy California – Regional Network* grant, awarded by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- The Network for a Healthy California targets low income and Food Stamp-eligible families and aims to increase fruit and vegetable consumption, food security, physical activity and chronic disease prevention. In Orange County, the Network coordinates with and provides technical assistance to seven Network-funded partners that include the county health department and 16 school districts and other key partners.



The Orange County *Regional Network* provides administrative support for NuPAC, coordinates with *Network*-funded partners and implements the:

- *Children's Power Play! Campaign* focusing on 9-11 year old youth
- Latino Campaign targeting 18-54 year old adults
- Retail Program reaching more than 60 grocery stores
- Worksite Program reaching close to 20 worksites,
- and the Physical Activity (PA) Specialist who focuses on promoting PA in Orange County and integrating it with nutrition education.

### How Can You Learn More

For more details on NuPAC or the *Network for a Healthy California* public health initiative, visit

www.ochealthinfo.com/public/nutrition/nupac/index.htm

www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/cdic/CPNS www.cachampionsforchange.net



NuPAC welcomes your ideas, and involvement.

For more information about NuPAC, please contact:

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