Transforming policies, systems, and environments to achieve healthful changes across the life course:
The New York City CPPW Experience

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Overview of NYC
New York City

- 8.4 Million residents
- 5 boroughs
- Many neighborhoods
- Ethnically diverse
  - 35% White
  - 27% Hispanic
  - 24% Black
  - 36% Foreign-born
- 21% live in poverty
- 1.8 million receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
The Problem
NYC Community Health Survey 2010

• 57% of adults overall and 70% of adults in high-need areas are overweight or obese

• 9.3% of adults report diabetes

• 30.3% of adults drank one or more sugar-sweetened beverages per day on average
How DOHMH Is Addressing Health

- Citywide policies
  - Menu labeling, SNAP proposal, pricing strategies, proposed sugar-sweetened beverage tax

- System-level and sector-based interventions
  - Food procurement, public schools initiatives, Primary Care Information Project monitoring of BMI, BP, Cholesterol

- Neighborhood-based approaches
  - District public health offices in high-need neighborhoods
  - Bodega work, farmers markets, FRESH, etc.
  - Use of targeted media

- High-impact evidence based interventions

- Take Care New York 2012
Take Care New York 2012 Goals

Promote Physical Activity and Healthy Eating

• Reduce the number of adults who consume an average of one or more sugar-sweetened beverages per day from 35.9% in 2007 to 29% in 2012

• Reduce the number of adults eating no servings of fruits and/or vegetables in the previous day from 14.1% in 2004 to 10% in 2012

• Reduce the number of adults who are physically inactive from 29.2% in 2005 to 25% in 2012

• Keep the prevalence of adults who are obese (body mass index ≥30) from 22.1% in 2007 to no increase in 2012

Be Heart Healthy

• Reduce the number of premature deaths from major cardiovascular disease from 52.3 per 100,000 in 2007 to 42 per 100,000 people in 2012
Baby-Friendly

**Goal:** Increase breastfeeding to reduce likelihood of obesity among youth and mothers

**Impact:** Over 41,000 mothers and babies Citywide

**Activities:**
- Technical assistance, funding and staff education to 13 NYC hospitals to work towards becoming Baby-Friendly
  - Trained 634 staff in breastfeeding education (261 MDs, 301 RNs, 72 support staff)
  - Trained 127 staff to become Certified Lactation Counselors
  - Improved skin-to-skin rates
  - Developed & updated prenatal and discharge protocols
Food Standards

City Agencies

• **Goal:** Strengthen implementation of food procurement standards in NYC agencies and support implementation of beverage vending standards

• **Impact:** Affects over 290 million meals and snacks served by NYC agencies each year (800,000/day through the DOE) and 4000+ vending machines

• **Activities: Intensive support**
  - Meetings with key stakeholders to activate process
  - RD support on meeting all nutrition standards (e.g. trans fat, sodium)
  - Integration of standards into contracts
  - Compliance assessment
“Move to Improve”

Goal: Support compliance with statewide physical education policy by facilitating system-wide adoption of in-class K-5 physical education by training faculty and staff

Impact: Trained 4,854 elementary school staff across over 500 schools reaching over 200,000 students

Activities:
• Developed curriculum
• Conducted three phases of evaluation:
  ▪ Observational evaluation of K-3 program
  ▪ Accelerometer-based evaluation of K-3 program
  ▪ Observational evaluation of 4&5 program
Stair Use

Goal: Facilitate stair use by facilitating stair access, posting stair-use prompts, and increasing stair visibility and safety

Impact: 900,000 people in NYC buildings

Activities:
• Since 2008, distributed over 29,000 stair prompts to more than 1,000 buildings
• Policy changes:
  ▪ Stairwells opened up and stair prompts posted in city buildings
Active Design Guidelines Implementation

Goal: Facilitate adoption of elements of the NYC Active Design Guidelines (ADGs) by 1,000 architects, designers, planners, developers, building owners, and managers

Impact: Citywide 8.4M New Yorkers

Activities:

• Over 15,000 copies of the Active Design Guidelines (ADGs) distributed since 2010

• Over 2,200 built environment professionals (architects, planners, etc.) received training to incorporate activity promoting features into their design
  - >85% report plans to use strategies in future projects

• 5 planning/design schools included ADGs in their curriculum
Pouring on the Pounds Campaign

Goal: Develop and place media campaigns to increase awareness that sugar-sweetened beverage consumption is harmful to health

Impact: All of NYC residents (~8.4M), particularly those populations more likely to consume sugary drinks

Activities:
- 2012: “Man Drinking Fat” TV placement (May)
- 2011: “Big Sugar” TV and subway placements (Jan & Oct)
- 2010: “Little Sugar” Pouring on the Pounds subway ads (Aug)
- 2010: “Man Eating Sugar” YouTube video (Oct)  
  - Part of the CDC’s national TV buy
Food Retail in High-need Neighborhoods

**Impact:** 2.7M residents of food desert neighborhoods

**Activities:**
- 402 bodegas compliant with NYS WIC policies or promote WIC-approved items
- 50 grocery stores participated in a 6-8 week intensive program to support placement, quality and attractiveness of produce
- 516 green carts have been issued since 2008
- 66 Farmers’ Markets actively collaborate with DOHMH to provide in high-need neighborhoods.
Early Successes
Obesity Prevalence in K-8 Decreased from 21.9% to 21%

NYC Fitnessgram data, 2006-2010
Decrease in Sugary Drinks

![Graph showing the decrease in consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages from 2003 to 2010.]

- Blue line: % adults reporting 1+ sugar-sweetened beverage/day
- Red line: % of teens reporting 1+ sugar-sweetened beverage/day
Decrease in Percent of Adults Eating No Fruits & Vegetables

Percentage of Adults Consuming No Servings of Fruit and/or Vegetables the Previous Day

- 2002: 14.3%
- 2004: 14.1%
- 2008: 12.9%
- 2009: 12.4%
- 2010: 11.6%
Thank you!

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