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The San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative is a public-private partnership facilitated by [Community Health Improvement Partners](#), a San Diego-based 501(c)(3) organization.

Upcoming Meetings

In Your Network

Fulfilling Her Passion: Helping Families Live Healthier Lives

Kim McDougal is a third generation Alaska native and admits that when her family first moved to San Diego when she was 15 years old, it



"was a hard adjustment." As a child, Kim enjoyed exploring the outdoors, camping, and fishing on the weekends, so when her family relocated to Encinitas for her father's work, the change of scenery and cultural norms were [quite a shock...](#)

The Main Idea

Record Breaking Year for Candy Buy Back Program

Each year following Halloween festivities dentists, doctors, and public health advocates throughout San Diego County provide families with a solution for what to do with the leftover Halloween candy: they buy it back. Participating Candy Buy Back locations pay children a dollar per pound for their Halloween candy; the candy is then sent to our troops overseas through Operation Gratitude. This year, the Candy Buy Back Program in San Diego County crushed last year's total of 9,414 pounds by collecting a whopping 14,914 pounds of candy!

Announcements

- [Community Health Improvement Partners is Seeking a Director of Food Systems.](#)



[Calendar](#)

COI in the Headlines



[Growers wanted schools seek more local food to fight childhood obesity](#)

['Farm-to-cool' grants aim to spur healthy eating](#)

[\\$100,000 grant for local schools](#)

[Farm To School Programs Are Growing, Second Annual "State of Farm to School" Report Reveals](#)

Legislative Update



- San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative is Seeking Interns Interested in [Childhood Obesity](#) and [Food Systems](#).
- San Diego Hunger Coalition is Seeking a [School Meal Programs Manager](#).
- La Maestra Community Health Centers is Seeking a [Program Director](#) and Temporary [Grant Writer](#).
- The American Public Health Association is seeking [abstracts](#) for the 143rd Annual Meeting & Expo.

Events

Engaging Parents in Promoting Healthy Beverages at School

Escondido/ Chula Vista | February 18/ February 19

California Project LEAN, with support from Kaiser Foundation Hospitals - Southern California Region, the COI Schools & After-School Domain work group, the County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency and Palomar Health, presents this training for parents and those who work with parents. English session (9 -11 am) and Spanish session (12-2 pm) at each location. RSVP by 2/11/15 to maran.kammer@phi.org

Active Living Research 2015 Conference

San Diego, CA | February 22-25, 2015

The 2015 Active Living Research Conference's focus is helping communities take active living polices to the next level by putting them into practice. [For more information...](#)

Creating and Sustaining Your School Garden

National City, CA | March 14, 2015

Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center is hosting a one-day workshop on developing school garden programs. [For more information...](#)

2015 Smarter Lunchrooms Movement (SLM) Workshop Series

San Diego, CA | March 24 and April 28, 2015

The California Department of Education Nutrition Services Division is hosting a two-part training on the SLM. The training is designed to help food service directors increase meal participation, reduce plate waste, and help students select and consume healthier foods. [For more information](#) and to [register...](#)

Generating Healthy Eaters

National City, CA | May 2, 2015

Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center is hosting a one-day workshop getting kids to try fruits and vegetables that you grow in your garden, safe food handling and preparation, and how to plan

for an edible harvest. [For more information...](#)

8th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference

San Diego, CA | June 29-July 2, 2015

Registration is now open for the 8th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference. Topics include combating childhood obesity with collective impact principles and evidence-based best practices. [To register...](#)

143rd Annual Meeting & Expo

Chicago, IL | October 31-November 4, 2015

American Public Health Association is hosting their annual meeting and expo to convene public health professionals from around the globe to network and discuss the latest evidence-based research findings and best practices. [For more information...](#)

Grants

Understanding Factors in Infancy and Early Childhood that Influence Obesity Development

Application deadline: February 17, 2015

The National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research has funding available to support research gaps relevant to understanding the risks of childhood obesity development. [For more information...](#)

Smart from the Start Grant Program

Application deadline: February 28, 2015

The Healthy Weight Commitment Foundation and partners are offering grants for early childcare programs to implement health initiatives. [For more information...](#)

Voices for Healthy Kids

Application deadline: Rolling

Voices for Healthy Kids is providing funding for childhood obesity campaigns that are aligned with their six priorities areas: smart school food, marketing, active places, healthy drinks, food access, and active kids out of school. [For more information...](#)

The Kaiser Permanente Southern California Grants Program

Application Deadline: Rolling

The Grants Program provides support to nonprofit organizations working to create lasting policy, environmental, and/or system changes that support healthy eating and physical activity. [For more information...](#)

SPARK [Grant Finder Tool](#)

SPARK is committed to countering childhood obesity. Search for grants by location and interest. Grants are updated daily.

Resources

The State of Farm to School

The second State of Farm to School in San Diego County Report is now available and reveals growth in farm to school. All 42 San Diego County school districts participated in the survey. Click [here](#) to review the full report.



The State of
FARM TO SCHOOL
IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY
December 2014

Individual Farm to School District Profiles

The San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative's Farm to School Taskforce developed school district profiles to assist growers and distributors in better understanding school districts' farm to school needs. Click [here](#) to view the profiles.



211 San Diego: Nutrition, Healthy Weight, Physical Activity, and Diabetes Resource

San Diego County residents, healthcare providers, and agencies receive FREE all inclusive programs in nutrition, healthy weight, physical activity, and diabetes. Access these free resources by dialing "2-1-1" or clicking on the 211 icon above.



Get the Facts on Obesity Among Black and Hispanic Youth
Leadership for Healthy Communities provides information on current childhood obesity trends and fact sheets on obesity rates for African American and Hispanic youth. [Read more...](#)

HBO Weight of the Nation

Obesity is a problem all segments of our community must address. As a proud sponsor of this documentary, Kaiser Permanente's hope is that these films will prompt meaningful discussions and catalyze individuals, groups, and communities to act. [Read more...](#)

News of Note

Local

[The Valley Challenge Starts Today. Join to Live a Healthy Lifestyle](#)

[Beyond Free Lunch: Schools Open Food Pantries For Hungry Families](#)

[Farmers Market Heads to Lemon Grove](#)

National

[Obese Kids May Slim Down With Head Start, Study Says](#)

[Sleep-Disordered Breathing, Sleep Duration, and Childhood Overweight: A Longitudinal Cohort Study](#)

[In Final Spending Bill, Salty Food and Belching Cows Are Winners](#)

[Airports Modernize Dining Options With Farm-to-Terminal Fare](#)

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