

**Department of Human Services/
Oregon Health Policy Commission**

Childhood Obesity Study

Purpose:

The study will produce a report that will provide information on prevalence and trends in childhood obesity; examine the current available data; examine the efficacy of existing efforts both local and national to prevent and address childhood overweight/obesity; provide recommendations for a comprehensive Oregon strategy to prevent and address childhood overweight and obesity. The framework for this report will be adapted from the Institute of Medicine report "Preventing Childhood Obesity – Health in the Balance".

Process:

Two workgroups will be formed for conducting the study and producing the report.

- Research/Science Work Group – Comprehensive review of current research findings and emerging strategies.
- Practitioner/Policy Work Group – Review of evidenced-based and promising intervention strategies.

Criteria For Recommendations: The recommendations will:

- Have a basis in science and/or best practice.
- Be specific enough to guide the development of effective strategies, tactics and evaluation.
- Be culturally, ethnically and socially appropriate and address health disparities and specific needs of Oregon's populations.
- Translate into policy and/or legislative action.

Timetable:

February - March 2006

Research/Science work group reviews science and emerging strategies for combating childhood obesity.

April – June 2006

Practitioner/Policy work group meets to review and assemble report/recommendations.

- 1) May 12th Agenda
 - Review results of workgroup voting
 - Firm up recommendations, focusing on how each recommendation can be accomplished and identifying where any further staff follow-up is needed.
- 2) June 2nd Agenda (proposed)
 - Review initial draft report outline
 - Review recommendations proposals from subgroups.

July – August 2006

Mel Kohn presents report recommendations to the Oregon Health Policy Commission (July 20th).
Circulate draft for stakeholder input for the month of August.

September

Receive stakeholder input on draft report (through emails and/or public forum – TBD).
DHS/OHPC staffs meet to review input and make suggested changes to draft report.
Policy and Science workgroups review and approve proposed changes (by email or by meeting – TBD).

October 2006

ODPE staff and work groups create final report based on input and present it to Oregon Health Policy Commission.

October – November 2006

Final report sent to Governor and interim legislative health committees.