

## *Healthy Weight Collaborative*

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Obesity is the leading preventable cause of death nationwide. The Healthy Weight Collaborative is a national quality improvement effort to share and spread evidence-based, team-oriented clinical and community interventions to prevent and treat obesity for children and families.

### *Participants*

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At least 50 multi-sector, place-based teams from across the country will participate in this collaborative. These teams will represent primary care, public health, and other relevant sectors (e.g., schools, parks, housing, transportation, business). Teams will engage in a variety of activities and interventions to help local communities, states and other interested groups develop practical approaches that link public health and primary care to prevent and treat obesity for children and families. Teams will receive training and support using established quality improvement techniques and standardized measures.

The Healthy Weight Collaborative will proceed in two 12-month phases. Phase one will be conducted from June 2011-July 2012 with at least ten teams and Phase two will be conducted from December 2011-January 2013 with at least forty teams.

The teams will meet together, either face-to-face or virtually, three times each year.

### *Funding*

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On September 24, 2010, HRSA awarded \$5 million for the creation of the Prevention Center for Healthy Weight to the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ). This 30-month cooperative agreement was funded by the Prevention and Public Health Fund, created by the Affordable Care Act. The Prevention Center will plan, manage and implement the Healthy Weight Collaborative.

### *Partners*

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HRSA and NICHQ are the primary co-leads for this trans-federal, public-private effort. Other members of the leadership team include the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP), the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), Maine Medical Center (MMC)/Let's Go!, National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), and Nemours.

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