



Working in Partnership towards Equity: Creating Safe and Healthy Communities

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Steering Committee



The Convergence Partnership is a collaborative of six major funders and the CDC engaged in multi-field, equity-focused, policy and environmental change efforts to achieve healthy people and healthy places.

Steering Committee



- **The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
- **Nemours**
- **W.K. Kellogg Foundation**
- **Kaiser Permanente**
- **The California Endowment**
- **Kresge Foundation**
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
(Technical Advisors)

Communities of Opportunity

Parks
Sidewalks
Grocery Stores
Financial Institutions
Better Performing Schools
Good Public Transportation

Good Health Status

Low- Income Communities

Fast Food Restaurants
Liquor Stores
Unsafe/Limited Parks
Poor Performing Schools
Increased Pollution and Toxic Waste Sites
Limited Public Transportation

Poor Health Status
contributes to health disparities:

Obesity
Diabetes
Asthma
Infant mortality

Policy Matters



- Policy impacts the economic, social, physical and services environments
- Policies not traditionally thought of as health policies (transportation, land use, education, economics) impact health and obesity rates.

Goal



Accelerate and amplify efforts to create environments that support healthy people in healthy places



Healthy People Living in Healthy Places

This vision will be realized when all neighborhoods, schools, preschools and workplaces offer fresh, local, healthy food and safe places to play and be active.

This requires the broad expertise and influence of funders, advocates, and practitioners working across multiple fields to create healthy environments.

Equity-focused Environmental and Policy Change Multi-field Partnerships

CONVERGENCE

National Policy Initiatives



Access to Transportation

- Federal Transportation Reauthorization

Access to Healthy Foods

- National Healthy Food Financing Initiative
- Farmers' market access for those receiving federal food assistance
- Influencing the 2012 Farm Bill

Federal Policy Advocacy

- Health Reform
- ARRA Community Grants
- Sustainable Communities
- Healthy People 2020
- Child Nutrition Reauthorization

- **Philanthropic Initiatives**

- Innovation Fund
- Regional Convergence
 - Promote and support connections in the field
 - Increase and leverage investments to expand the intensity, reach and number of efforts focused on policy and environmental change

- **Access to Physical Activity**

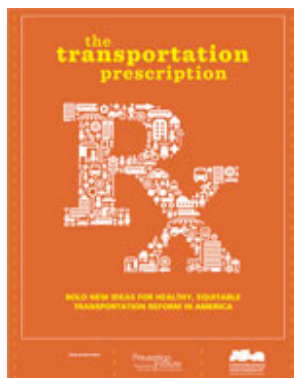
- Violence Prevention-Healthy Eating Active Living Project
- Joint Use in School Yards

Tools



Policy Briefs

- Promising Strategies for Creating Healthy Eating and Active Living Environments
- Recipes for Change: Healthy Food in Every Community
- Fostering Physical Activity for Children and Youth: Opportunities for a Lifetime of Health



The Transportation Prescription: Bold New Ideas for Healthy, Equitable Transportation Reform

THANK YOU!

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