Community Centered Schools: The Case for Joint Use

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Choose Health LA initiative
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

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Eight Outcome Objectives

1) Increase access to healthy food & beverages in 8 cities
2) Develop food procurement policies in 5 county agencies
3) Improve the nutritional content of school meals in 4 districts
4) Implement nutrition & physical activity policies in 60 preschools
5) Promote breastfeeding in county departments & other large employers
6) Increase teacher capacity to implement phys. ed. requirements
7) Strengthen joint use policies & establish joint use agreements
8) Adopt land use policies to increase pedestrian activity & biking
Overview of the program

• Funding received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

• Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) partnered with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)

• LACOE partnered with seven (7) school districts to provide physical education professional development training
Overview of the program

- Physical Education professional development addresses the students and what happens during the school day
- Joint Use policy and agreements address the physical activity needs of the community during non-school hours
Joint Use in Los Angeles County

- ABC Unified
- Compton Unified
- El Monte City
- Los Angeles Unified
- Mountain View
- Pasadena Unified
- Pomona Unified
Prevalence of Obesity Among Los Angeles County School Children
California Physical Fitness Testing 1999-2008

Obesity Prevalence

Healthy People 2010 Goal (<5%)
Cities/Communities in LA County with Lowest and Highest Childhood Obesity Rates, 2008

**Top 10***

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<th>City/Community Name</th>
<th>Obesity Prevalence (%)</th>
<th>Rank of Economic Hardship (1 - 128)</th>
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<td><strong>Average 10 lowest</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Average 10 highest</strong></td>
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*Table excludes cities/communities where number of students with BMI data < 500.
Source: California Physical Fitness Testing Program, California Department of Education. Includes 5th, 7th, and 9th graders enrolled in LA County public schools.
Joint Use Defined
What is Joint Use?

- A **written agreement** that offers a way for school districts to open their facilities for community use.

- Unofficial **community-use agreements** also exist where school facilities are unlocked during non-school hours for general public recreational use.

Difference between Joint Use Policy and Joint Use Agreements

**Policy**
- Outlines vision for joint partnerships
- Provides district directive for joint use that goes beyond the Civic Center Act
- Assigns management responsibilities for joint use at the district
- Remains in place, even if a joint use agreement ends

**Agreements**
- Assigns roles and responsibilities of named partners
- Provides details for implementation
- Contains site-level details

Source: California Department of Public Health, Project Lean, Safe and Active Communities
District Level Joint Use Policy

Joint Use Agreement at School #1
Joint Use Agreement at School #2
Joint Use Agreement at School #3
Joint Use Agreement at School #4
Community School Models

Community School Parks – People for Parks

Increased access to physical activity opportunities among adults and children in the community during non-school hours.
Grand Opening Community School Park
Trinity Elementary School
Community School Models

Compton Unified – Carver Elementary School

Partnerships with Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation, Lenny Krayzelburg, and Compton Unified to form a swim program open to adults and students
Community School Models

Pomona Unified – Palomares Academy

The School District and the site administrators operate the fields like a park: the fields are open to the community for recreation purposed during non-school hours.
Community School Models

Coming 2012: FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL
WELLNESS CENTER & COMMUNITY GARDEN
Highlights of Joint Use in LA County

- Joint Use Moving People to Play (JUMPP) Task Force
  - Quarterly meeting
  - Broad range of stakeholders; a coalition that supports joint use efforts in Los Angeles County

- Joint Use Steering Committee
  - Represents key joint use stakeholders
    (i.e. Parks and Recreation, School Superintendents, PTA and Community-Based Organizations)
JUMPP: Joint Use Moving People to Play

ABC Unified District Work Group

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Community Schools and the Role of Joint Use

- Increases physical activity access in communities that are deemed park poor
- Addresses concerns of safety in the communities, specifically in urban communities where local gangs may threaten the safety of park goers
Joint Use Resources

Statewide Joint Use Efforts: Promote healthy lifestyle choice through active living

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