



Session Outline

- About Save the Children
- Healthy Choices Afterschool Program & SummerBoost Camp
- Enhanced Healthy Choices Pilot Project (Kentucky)
- Key Challenges & Strategies
- = Q&A



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- Become familiar with Save the Children's mission, presence, and focus areas
- Understand the purpose, components, implementation, and evaluation of the Healthy Choices Afterschool Program, SummerBoost Camp, and pilot project
- Gain new ideas and resources for children's health programming during out-ofschool time
- Recognize common challenges and learn strategies and best practices for addressing them

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Save the Children Overview

We are the world's leading independent organization for children OUR BELIEF Our children are our future. That's why we're investing in children now, working ceaselessly to ensure that they survive and thrive

OUR MISSION achieving innovative breakthroughs for children

OUR IMPACT AT SCALE touching 125 million children in the US and globally

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OUR LEADERSHIP through advocacy on 'what works' in partnership with multi-sector actors



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Our Theory of Change







Our Initiatives in the United States







- Program Components for School-Aged Children
 - Literacy: Focus on building literacy skills
 - Healthy Choices: Focus on physical activity and healthy eating
 - Family Engagement: Focus on increasing family involvement
 - Additional components for 21st Century Learning Center programs

Program Availability

- Afterschool
- SummerBoost Camp
 In-school (literacy only)

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Our Unique Strengths and Recent Funders





Selection of Partner Schools

How do we know a school is a good fit?

- ► Located in rural areas
- High percentage of children receive free or reduced lunch
- Low school-wide achievement of state or national literacy standards
- Strong commitment and engagement from school administration and community

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- Site-based Afterschool Program Staff consist of:
 - Program Coordinator
 - · Healthy Choices Coordinator
 - Literacy tutors (GIRP, RAvFL, Emergent Reader)
 - Emphasis on building local capacity; employed by school district
- State and National Staff support consists of:
 - Program Specialist & Deputy Program Director
 - National Education & Health Team (NEHT)

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Why Focus on Physical Activity and Healthy Eating?

- Childhood obesity has more than tripled in the past 30 years
- Approximately 17% (or 12.5 million) of children and adolescents, ages 2-19 years old are obese
- Nearly 45% of children living below the poverty line are overweight or obese twice that of children from financially secure families
- In just the communities that Save the Children serves, an average of 59% of the population is living in a food desert without access to fresh, healthy foods; in some communities, it's as much as 98%
- Childhood obesity has both immediate and long-term effects on health and well-being
- Healthy lifestyle habits, including healthy eating and physical activity, can lower the risk of becoming obese and developing related diseases





- Served daily; meets USDA nutrition standards
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Staff work closely with Food Service Staff to order snacks in accordance with USDA guidelines
- Engaging for children:
- Staff to order delines



- Child-friendly snack preparation
 Staff model healthy eating practices
- Facts About Your Healthy Snack

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Physical Activity

- 30 minutes of daily* moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA)
 *Except 15 minutes one day per week due to nutrition lesson
- CATCH Activity Box for Grades K-5 and Save the Children
 Physical Activity Toolkit (online resource)
- Warm-up, 2-3 games/activities, cool-down
- Nutrition-themed game (I day per week)
- Fun Friday activities



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• Monthly nutrition themes (e.g. , I Am What I Eat, Making MyPlate Great)

Healthy Choices Afterschool Weekly Activities

Healthy Choices Week at a Glance

- 15 minute weekly nutrition lesson
 - Lessons developed from reputable resources: USDA Team Nutrition, PBS Go Kids, etc.
 - Focus on understanding of major nutrition concepts: MyPlate Food Groups: recognition & classification
 - Identifying GO, SLOW, and WHOA foods
 - Food group properties & health benefits
- Word of the Week nutrition vocabulary

TUESDAY

- Monthly read aloud nutrition books during Literacy Block



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FRIDAY*

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Physical Activity Materials:

- CATCH Kids Club Activity Box
- CATCH physical activity equipment package
- US Games supplemental kit: noodles, foam frisbees, bowling pins, yarn balls, beach balls, yoga mats
 Skillastics Fitness Activity Kit
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- Fitnessgram PACER Cadence CD (15 or 20 meter) & related documents
- Boombox & music CDs (Kidz Bop, Kimbo Edu)

Nutrition Materials:

CATCH Healthy Habits & Nutrition

- Manual Save the Children Nutrition Education Curriculum
- Skillastics Nutrition Cards
- MyPlate posters
- Set of nutrition books
- Basic materials for hands-on activities

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SummerBoost Camp Rationale

Minimize the Summer Slump

- Many students suffer a 2 month loss in math (Cooper, 1996)
- Many low-income students lose more than 2 months reading achievement (Cooper, 1996)
- Lower high school graduation rates (Alexander et al, 2007)
- Gain weight 3 times faster in summer months (Von Hippel et al, 2007)
- I in 5 children who received free or reduced meals during the previous school year did so during the summer (FRAC, 2007)



Program Design to Minimize the Summer Slump

National Summer Learning Association Research:

- Minimum of 150 hours of programming 6 weeks

 - 5 days per week
 - 6 hours per day
- Blend academic & social/emotional development strategies



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Healthy Meal - daily lunch

- Seamless Summer Option or Summer Food Service Program
- · Optional breakfast and/or snack, based on program schedule

Physical Activity

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- 30 minutes of daily moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA)
- Nutrition Education
 - 30 minute daily nutrition lesson, 3-week rotation
 - CATCH Healthy Habits & Nutrition curriculum

Additional health-related enrichment & Fantastic Friday activities





SummerBoost Camp Daily Schedule

Morning Rotations: Healthy Choices Physical Activity, GIRP, Math lesson, Math activities, RAvFL

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Breakfast/Opening Exercises



- Why is program evaluation important?
- What needs to be done?
- Evaluation plan national staff
- Data collection Healthy Choices Coordinator
- Data entry Healthy Choices Coordinator
- Data analysis and reporting national staff
- Continuous program improvement national, state, and program staff

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Types of data collected

- Attendance
- Snack details
- Physical activity & nutrition education time (minutes)
- Physical activity game category
- Aerobic capacity for children in grades 4 and up (# of PACER laps, height, and weight)
- Nutrition knowledge for children in grades 4 and up (Nutrition Assessment)



- Objective I: Partner sites will conduct an afterschool program that includes the Healthy Choices component on a minimum of 110 days per school year with an average daily attendance of at least 30 children.
- Objective 2: Children will eat a healthy snack that complies with our standards at least 95% of program days.
- Objective 3: Children will participate in 30 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity at least 95% of program days
- Objective 4: Children will participate in at least 15 minutes of nutrition education at least 95% of program weeks

Additional child-level outcome measures have been determined for physical activity and nutrition education.

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Nutrition Assessment

- Paper/pencil test: read aloud to children
- 25 questions, 55 points total
- Variety of question formats:
 - Multiple choice, T/F, labeling diagrams, matching
- Assesses knowledge of major nutrition concepts
 - MyPlate
 - Food group classification
 - Health benefits .
 - Nutrition vocabulary .

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- Program Specialist provides ongoing training, coaching, and technical assistance to site-based staff; on-site and remotely
- Each site keeps an Accountability Binder easily accessible for review by program staff, school administration and Program Specialists.
- Program Specialists also complete site observations. The purpose of these observations is to provide Healthy Choices Coordinators feedback and programmatic support.

Observation form provided in online session handouts









- Promoting healthy eating and physical activity
- Weekly announcements, tip of the day
- Handouts
- Giveaways
- Guest speakers, assemblies



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- Completion of School Health Index
- Formation of School Health Teams
- Identification of action items
 - Updated wellness policies
 - Physical activity breaks
 - Walking clubs
 - School gardensHealthy fundraisers & celebrations





Key Challenges

- Classroom (gymnasium) management
- Using a variety of games/activities
- Keeping kids moderately-to-vigorously active
- Best effort on PACER



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Classroom (Gymnasium) Management

- Planning ahead
- Organizing equipment
- Getting started
- Being consistent (signals and routines)
- Making quick transitions
- Using effective behavior management



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Wednesday	2	Nutrition Game	563	Fruit Salad	Hula Hoops, Bean Bags (assorted colors)	15-mins after lesson	
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Using a Variety of Games/Activities

Our Categories:

- Ball and Sport Games
- Running and Tag Games Rhythm and Dance
- Fitness Activities
- Movement Exploration
- Nutrition-Themed Games
- Holiday-Themed Games
- Other



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Game/Activity Selection Considerations

- Provides moderate-to-vigorous physical activity
- Developmental appropriateness
- Space
- Equipment
- Complexity



Game/Activity Sources We Use

- CATCH Kids Club Activity Box (Grades K-5)
- Playworks Game Guide <u>www.playworks.org</u> FREE
- PE Central <u>www.pecentral.org</u> FREE
- Other reputable sources with free games/activities



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Keeping Kids Moderately-to-Vigorously Active

- Using best practices (that we've already discussed)
 - Planning ahead
 - Selecting the right games/activitiesEquipment ready
 - Quick start and transitions
- Monitoring children's exertion
- Program leader's awareness
- Children's awareness
- Making if FUN!





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Best Effort on PACER

- Explanation and encouragement
- Goals
- Incentives
- Peer support







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