



Session Outline

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







Session Objectives

- 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 rims.
- Recognize common challenges and learn strategies and best practices for addressing them





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

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



We are devoted to give every child the best chance for a lifetime of success.

Save the Children,

Our Theory of Change





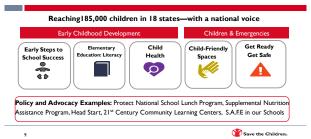
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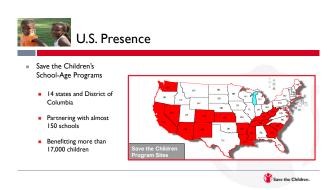
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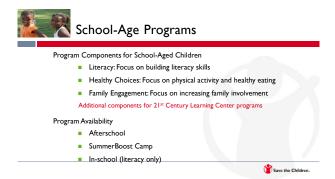




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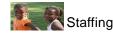


Selection of Partner Schools

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





- ► 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)







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





Healthy Choices Program Goal

Increase physical activity and healthy eating among our nation's most vulnerable children and their families.







Afterschool Program Model

Healthy Choices Afterschool Program

Healthy Snack Physical Activity

Nutrition Education





Healthy Snack

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







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







Nutrition Education

- Monthly nutrition themes (e.g., I Am What I Eat, Making MyPlate Great)
- 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
- · Monthly read aloud nutrition books during Literacy Block





Healthy Choices Materials

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
- 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





Healthy Choices Afterschool Weekly Activities

Healthy Choices Week at a Glance							
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY*			
Healthy Snack & Nutrition Word of Week	Healthy Snack & Nutrition Word of Week	Healthy Snack & Nutrition Word of Week	Healthy Snack & Nutrition Word of Week	Healthy Snack & Nutrition Word of Week			
30 Minute Healthy Choices Rotation: Physical Activity • Warm Up • Activity #1" • Activity #2" • Cool Down	30 Minute Hoalthy Choices Rotation: Nutrition Education: • 15-minute nutrition education lesson • 15-minute nutrition game	30 Minute Healthy Choices Rotation: Physical Activity • Warm Up • Activity #1 • Activity #2 • Cool Down	30 Minute Healthy Choices Rotation: Physical Activity Warm Up Activity #1 Activity #2 Cool Down	30 Minute Healthy Choices Botation: Physical Activity Fur Fidely • Team Busiding game • Make Your Own Game • Activity "Clubs" • Any CATCH or other Save the Children agame/activity			
"All activities for the physical activity rotation will be selected from the fealthy Choicas PA Toolkit, which includes the CATCH Activity Box and other approved games/activities	*The weekly nutrition education lesson can occur on any day of the week			*Some afterschool programs do not conduct programming on Fridays			





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





SummerBoost Camp Daily Schedule

8:30-8:55 Breakfast/Opening Exercises 9:00-9:30 Morning Rotation I Morning Rotations: Healthy Choices Physical Activity, GIRP, Math lesson, Math activities, RAvFL 9:35-10:05 Morning Rotation 2 10:10-10:40 Morning Rotation 3 (snack provided) 10:45-11:15 Morning Rotation 4 Morning Rotation 5 11:20-11:50 11:55-12:25 Team-Building Exercises ► 12:30-1:00 Lunch PM Session 1: STEM or Community Service Learning Project 1:05-1:50 1:55-2:25 PM Session 2: Healthy Choices - Nutrition or Enrichment





Healthy Choices SummerBoost Components

- · Healthy Meal daily lunch
 - Seamless Summer Option or Summer Food Service Program
 - Optional breakfast and/or snack, based on program schedule
- Physical Activity
 - 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







Program Evaluation

- 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





Data Collection

- 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)





Program Goals and Objectives

- Objective 1: 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.





Child-Level Outcome Measures

Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run (PACER)

- One fitness measure in the FIITNESSGRAM assessment and reporting system developed by The Cooper Institute
- Research-based assessment tool that is scientifically valid for children aged 10 and older
- Uses criterion-referenced standards established based on level of fitness needed for good health
 - Healthy Fitness Zone (HFZ); Needs Improvement; Needs Improvement-Health Risk
 - Positive experience
 - Set to music and progressive in intensity
 - · Children learn the skills of pacing and goal-setting





Child-Level Outcome Measures

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







Healthy Choices Core Trainings

- Healthy Choices Program Introduction
- Healthy Snack (30 mins)
- Physical Activity (1 hr)
 Nutrition Education (1 hr)
- Monitoring & Evaluation (30 mins)
- CATCH Kids Club Activity Box (online, 30 mins)
- CATCH Kids Club Activities (online, 1 hr)
- Additional training videos available on the Partner Portal
 - Healthy Choices Professional Development
 - Strategies for Increasing MVPA



Training availability:

Face-to-face
Remotely via WebEx
Self-paced articulate



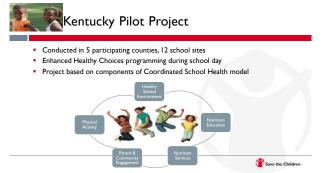
Ongoing Programmatic Support

- 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









In-School Healthy Choices:

- Physical Activity
- Monthly Nutrition Education lessons
- Monthly Hands-On Food Labs
- Family Food Tastings
- Wellness Wednesdays
- School Health Policy & Practices

Professional Development:

- Healthy Choices Physical Activity: Strategies for Maximizing MVPA
 Nutrition Services Staff: Healthy Recipe Development & Cooking Techniques





Hands-On Food Labs

Healthy, child-friendly recipe Low-cost, readily accessible ingredients

- Fruit and vegetable skewers and homemade dip
- Yogurt Parfaits
- Fruit smoothies
- Trail mix
- Turkey roll-ups



Equipment kit provided to schools (basic utensils, blender, disposable supplies)





Wellness Wednesdays

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







School Health Policy & Practice

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





Key Challenges

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





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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Healthy Choices -Weekly Planning Tool - SAMPLE

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Wednesday	2	Nutrition Game	563	Frui	t 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



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



Our Monitoring & Evaluation System





Keeping Kids Moderately-to-Vigorously Active

- Using best practices (that we've already discussed)
 - Planning ahead
 - Selecting the right games/activities
 - · Equipment 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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