Developing the Communities Health: Responding to the Challenge

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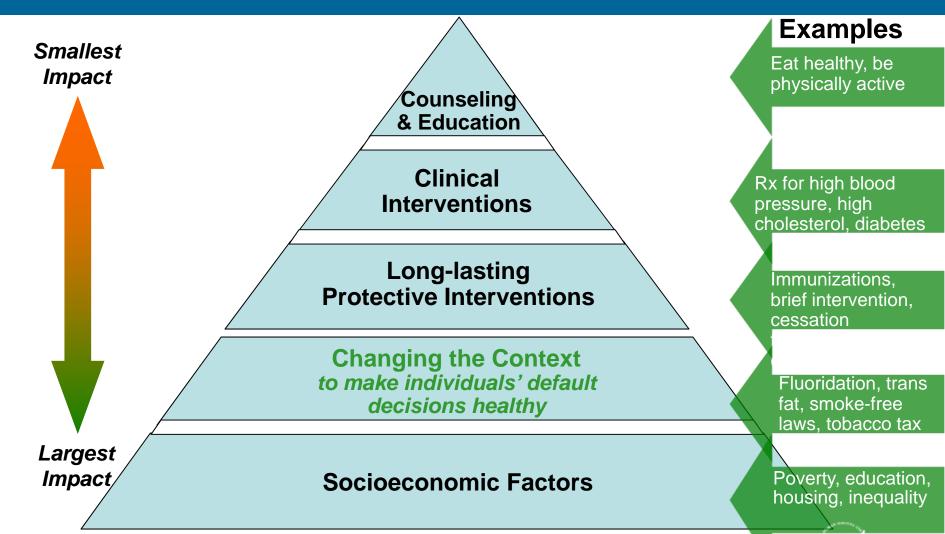
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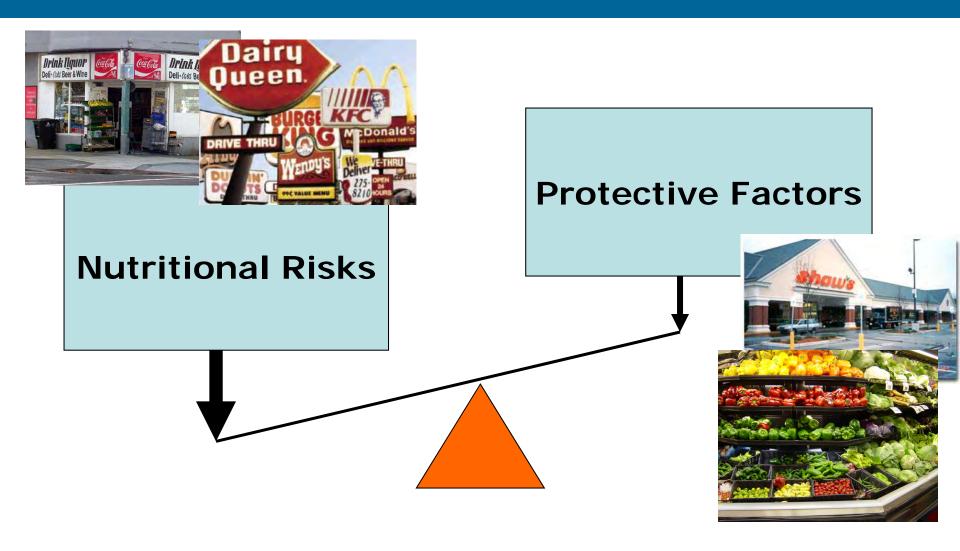


CDC "Health Impact Pyramid" Shifting our Emphasis

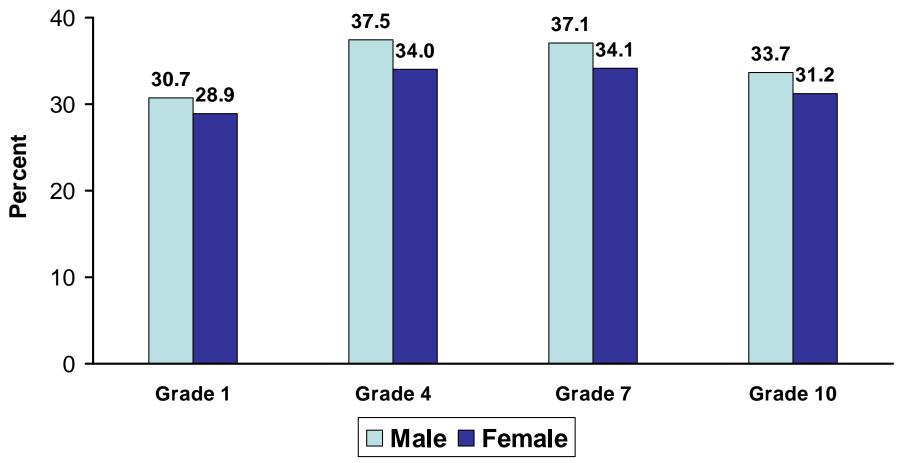




Massachusetts's Obesity Burden: Are we out of balance?



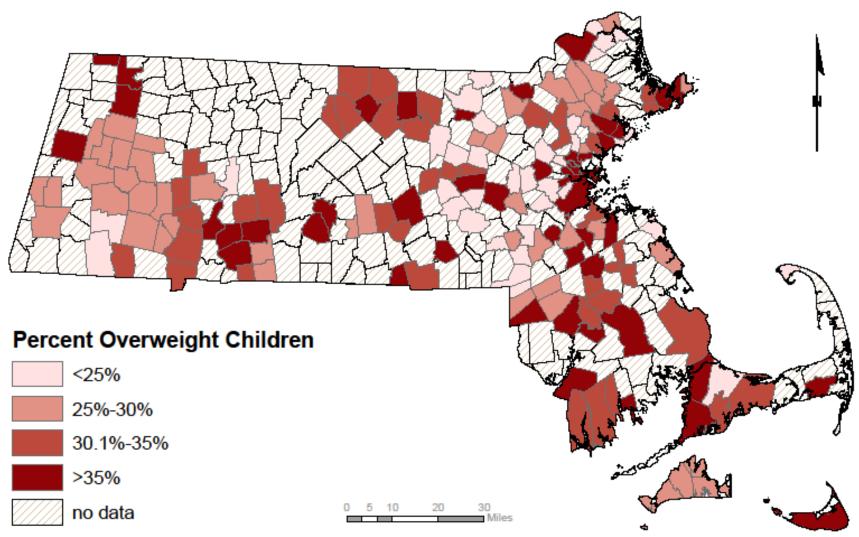
MA Students with BMI for Age in Overweight/Obese Category by Grade & Gender, 2009-2010



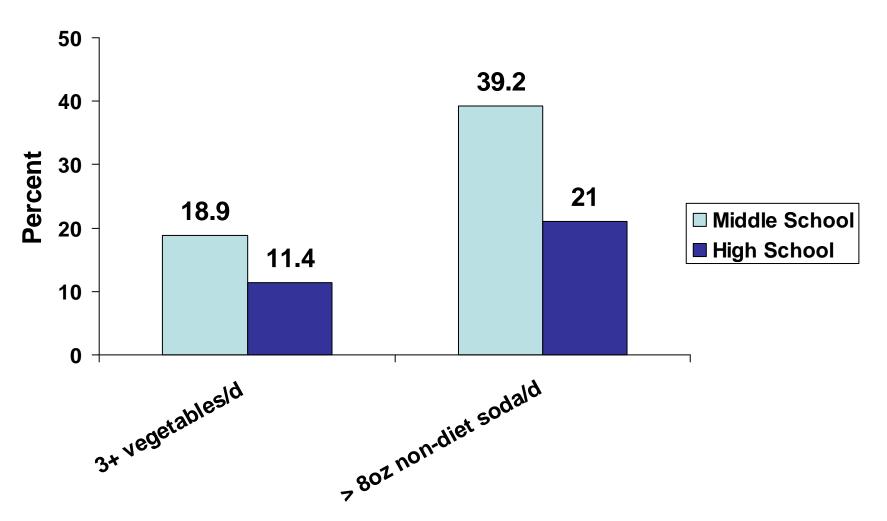
Source: MDPH, Bureau of Community Health, Access and Prevention, Division of Primary Care and Health Access, School Health Unit



Massachusetts Overweight/Obesity Among Children 2010 BMI Results

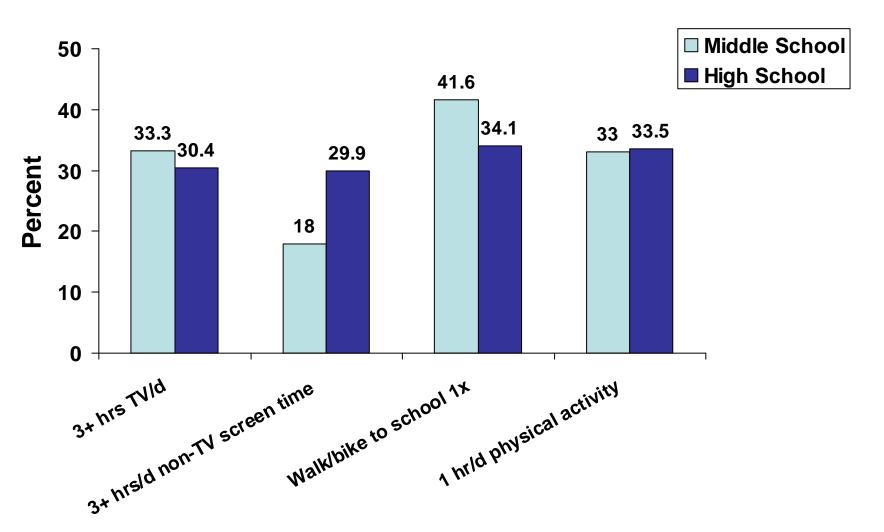


Behavioral Risk Factors for Obesity Among MA Youth in 2009: Nutritional Risk Factors



Source: Youth Health Survey, 2009, Youth Risk Behavioral Survey, 2009

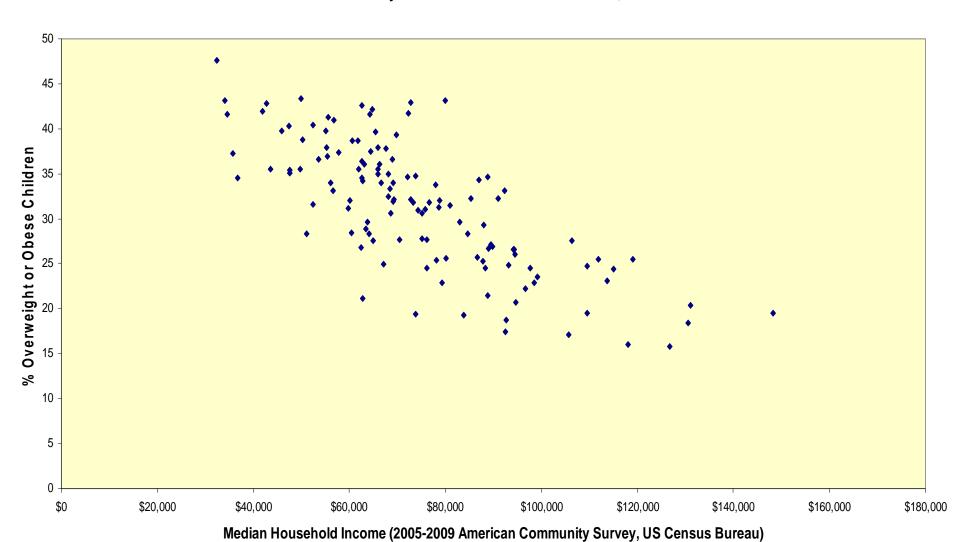
Behavioral Risk Factors for Obesity in 2009: Screen Time and Physical Activity



Source: Youth Health Survey, 2009, Youth Risk Behavioral Survey, 2009

Childhood Obesity is Not Randomly Distributed Among our Communities

Childhood Obesity and Median Household Income, 2009-2010



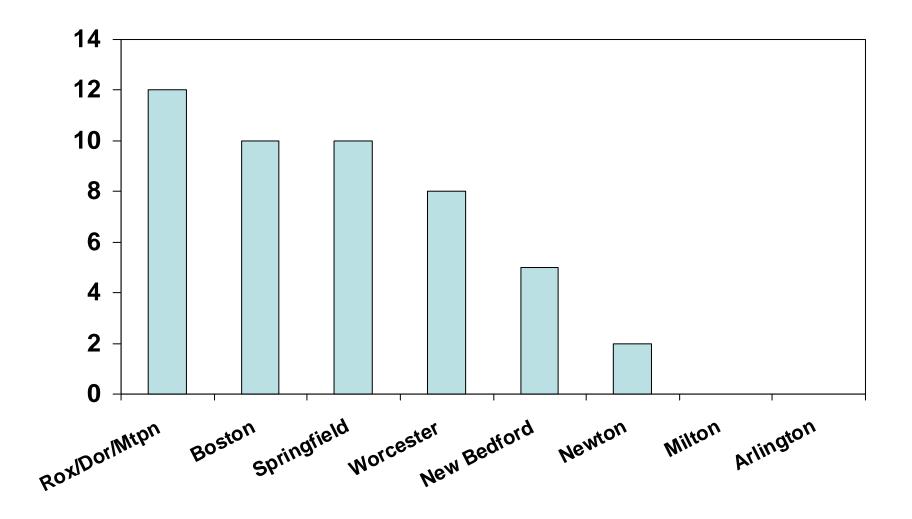
Disparities in Fast Food Nation

- Fast food restaurant density related to income and % black residents of neighborhood.
- A 4% increase in proportion of black residents associated with 10% increase in fast food density



- Predominantly black neighborhoods
 - 6 times more fast food restaurants
 - 2.4 fast food restaurants/sq mile

Accessibility of Fast Food: Number of Outlets of 1 Chain in a few MA Cities/Towns



"The fun way for on-the-go kids to refuel"

Kids Meals	Calories	Fat (g)	Chol (g)	Sodium (mg)
Chicken McNuggets (6 pc), small French fries, 8 oz low-fat chocolate milk	670	31	50	910
Double cheeseburger, small French fries, 8 oz low-fat chocolate milk	840	37	85	1460
Chicken McNuggets (4 pc), small French fries, 8 oz low-fat chocolate milk	580	26	35	710
Cheeseburger, small French fries, 8 oz low-fat chocolate milk	700	27	45	1060

"Extra value meals are one tasty bargain"

	Calories	Fat (g)	Cholesterol (g)	Sodium (mg)
Double quarter pounder with cheese	740	42	155	1380
Large French fries	500	25	0	350
Large soda (32 oz)	310	0	0	20
TOTAL	1550	67	155	1750

Where are the healthy options?

- Supermarkets have more "heart healthy" food vs. grocery & convenience stores
- Low income & minority neighborhoods
 - Less likely to have supermarket
 - More likely to have small grocery stores

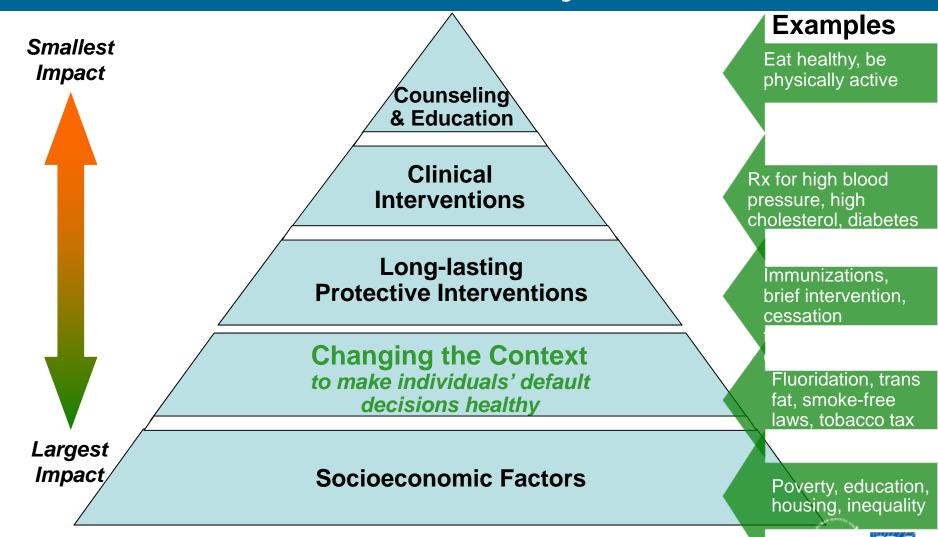




DPH Priorities

- Promote wellness and reduce chronic disease
- Reduce health disparities by promoting health equity
- 3. Strengthen local and state public health capacity
- Support the success of health care reform
- 5. Reduce youth violence

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Mass in Motion: Eat Better, Move More

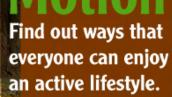
Multifaceted state initiative

- Call to Action report
- Governor's Executive Order 509
- Public information campaigns
- Municipal wellness grants
- Website
 - Info on physical activity & nutrition
 - Calendars
 - Blogs
 - Links to state and local resources
- Making childhood BMI data accessible on MassCHIP





Learn how eating healthy at home can be fast, tasty and low-cost.







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Learn how cooking
a healthy meal can
be fast and easy.

Municipal Wellness Grants: A public-private partnership supporting cities and towns

A unique partnership of 5 foundations, hospitals and an insurer with DPH

- Involve local officials
- Grants of at least \$60,000
- Examples of supported work: school lunches, transportation, zoning policy change



Municipal Wellness Grants: Evidenced Based Approaches

Grantees using CDC recommended evidenced based strategies for community change

- Promote availability of affordable healthy food
- Support healthy food and beverage choices
- Create safe communities that support physical activity



Healthy Community Design

Important characteristics of the built environment critical to promoting health include:



- walkable and bikeable neighborhoods
- public transit
- parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces
- healthy food environments
- safety

Community Development: Active Living



- Adopt a pedestrian and bicycle master plan to develop long-term vision for walking/cycling.
- Plan, build and maintain a network of sidewalks and street crossings that safely connect schools, parks and other destinations.
- Build and maintain parks and playgrounds that are safe, attractive and close to residential areas.
- Adopt community policing strategies that improve safety and security for park use

Community Development: Healthy Eating

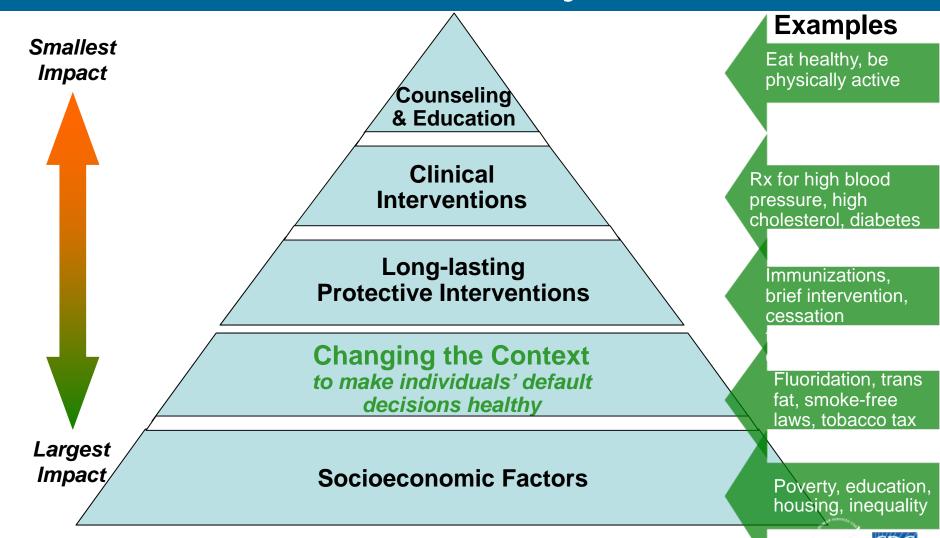
- Create incentive programs to attract supermarkets and grocery stores to underserved neighborhoods
- Use zoning regulations
 - to enable healthy food providers to locate in underserved neighborhoods (e.g., "as of right" and conditional use permits")
 - to limit the density of fast food establishments
- Introduce or modify land use policies/zoning regulations to promote, expand, and protect potential sites for community gardens and farmers' markets, such as vacant city-owned land or unused parking lots



Healthy Transportation Compact, 2009

- Promote "Healthy, Livable and Sustainable Communities" through land use, transportation and public health policies and initiatives.
- Promote and encourage walking, bicycling and transit through state policies and programs.
- Ensure "Complete Streets" design approach that provides for pedestrians and bicycles in all transportation and development projects that use federal or state funds, or that require state permits.
- Use Health Impact Assessments as a tool to promote healthy transportation goals.

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PAIN RELIEVERS

