Louisiana Childhood Obesity Research Consortium (LA CORC)

Mission:

To promote opportunities and support collaboration for pediatric obesity prevention and treatment research, and to translate scientific research findings into improvements in public health in communities throughout the state of Louisiana.

Objectives for the consortium:

1) Increase funding for pediatric obesity research in the state of Louisiana

2) Translate innovative findings into clinical practice and community dissemination.

3) Mentor young scientists with an interest in pediatric obesity research and engage new investigators in innovative projects.

4) Highlight ongoing research of existing pediatric obesity studies

5) Engage leaders from all sectors of society to participate

We envision that these efforts will produce an ongoing, systematic process to provide scientists, clinicians, and government, industry and community leaders with the opportunity to meet on a regular basis to:

1) Develop, implement and evaluate new projects,

2) Explore funding opportunities,

3) Capture relevant outcomes from existing programs, and

4) Promote advocacy to reduce the burden of childhood obesity statewide.

It is our hope that these efforts will evolve into a coordinated infrastructure that functions in unison to provide a systematic, multi-level, multi-component solution to pediatric obesity in Louisiana by supporting the scientific community engaged in research and the community at large in need of scientific expertise.

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