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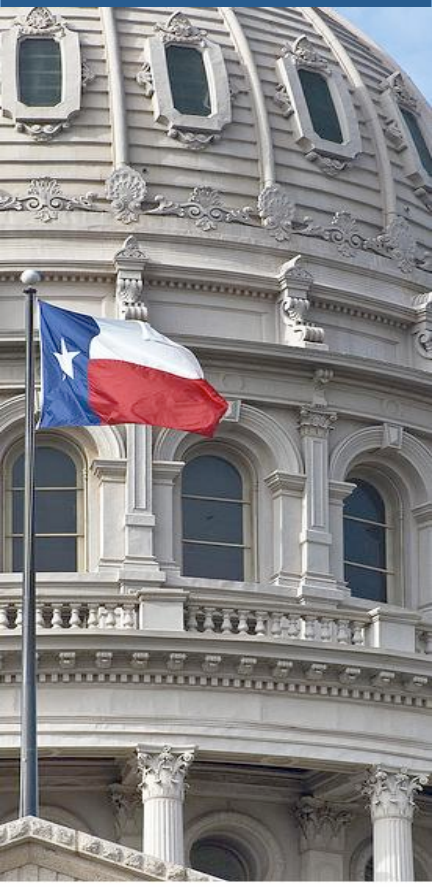
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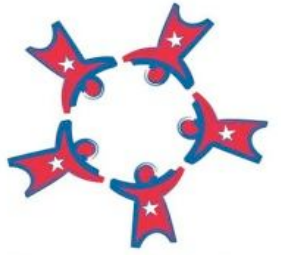
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Mission: To develop and promote policies that prevent obesity in Texas

Guiding Principles:

- Encourage collaboration among all interested parties in reducing obesity
- Inform policy makers about the consequences of the disease
- Promote evidence-based strategies at multiple levels: individual, family and community
- Serve as a resource for individuals and entities interested in addressing obesity prevention

Video:

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- AARP
 - Active Life
 - American Cancer Society
 - American Diabetes Association
 - American Heart Association
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
 - Center for Public Policy Priorities
 - Children at Risk
 - Children's Hospital Association of Texas
 - Children's Medical Center Dallas
 - The Cooper Institute
 - East Texas AHEC
 - Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services
 - Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas
 - National Federation of Independent Business
 - National Wildlife Federation
 - Scott and White Memorial Hospital, Temple
 - Secondary and Elementary Administrators for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
 - Sustainable Food Center
 - Texas A&M School of Rural Public Health
 - Texas Academy of Family Physicians
 - Texas Action for Healthy Kids
 - Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
 - Texas Association of Health Plans
 - Texas Association of Local Health Officials
 - Texas Association for School Nutrition
 - Texas Bicycle Coalition
 - Texans Care for Children
 - Texas Diabetes Program/Council
 - Texas Dietetic Association
 - Texas Health Institute
 - Texas IMPACT
 - Texas Medical Association
 - Texas Oral Health Coalition
 - Texas Orthopaedic Association
 - Texas Pediatric Society
 - Texas PTA
 - Texas School Health Association
 - Texas School Nurses Organization
 - Trans Texas Alliance
 - University Interscholastic League
- Advisors:
- Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service
 - Comptroller of Public Accounts
 - Michael & Susan Dell Center for Advancement of Healthy Living
 - Senate Committee on Health & Human Services
 - Texas Department of Agriculture
 - Texas Department of State Health Services
 - Texas Department of Transportation
 - Texas Education Agency
 - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
 - USDA Food and Nutrition Service
 - University of North Texas Health Science Center
 - University of Texas at Austin



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The 82nd Legislative Session

- 75 bills filled relating to obesity – 27 Directly related to Partnership Priorities
- The political climate of the 82nd





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School Health

Physical Education and Physical Activity

- ✓ Require school districts to report de-identified, individual FitnessGram data to TEA allowing the Agency to accurately correlate fitness data with academic data, and make that data available to parents. **(SB 226/Nelson)**
-  Implement national standards for physical education including minutes per week, class size and certified teachers for grades K-12. **(SB 185/Nelson, HB 281/Alvarado)**
-  Prohibit schools from withholding physical activity, PE or recess time as a consequence for classroom behavior or academic remediation. **(HB 3770/Burkett)**





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Physical Education and Physical Activity

- **Not in favor of:** Reducing implementation of Fitnessgram to only be used in PE classes ([HB 400/Eissler](#)).
– **NOTE:** Passed as **SB 8** during Special Session





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Health Education

- Make health education a requirement for high school graduation. **(SB 186/Nelson, HB 280/Alvarado, HB 281/Alvarado)**



Accountability

- Require that yearly SHAC reports to school boards include information on how campuses have incorporated coordinated school health into their campus improvement plans. **(SB 225/Nelson, HB 829/Farias)**
- Recognize schools that are meeting and exceeding minimum standards for implementing coordinated school health. **(SB 224/Nelson, HB 860/Diane Patrick)**



School Nutrition

- Maximize opportunities to improve the Texas school nutrition environment through the federal Child Nutrition Act reauthorization. **(HB 127/Alvarado, HB 3679/Martinez Fischer, SB 1533 Hinojosa, HB 3467/Patrick)**
- Related to summer feeding programs and collaboration projects **(SB 89/Lucio, HB 643/Rodriguez, SB 199/West)**





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Built Environment

Support physical activity in the community environment by supporting “complete streets” policies to encourage walking and bicycling for health, transportation and recreation.

(SB 513/Ellis, HB 1105 Harper-Brown)





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Early Childhood

Improve nutrition and physical activity in early childhood programs, including support for following current Dietary Guidelines for Americans in childcare settings.

(HB 2199/Miles, HB 2212/Farias)



While no bills were passed, DFPS has enacted new guidelines for licensed childcare facilities that improve standards for nutrition and physical activity.





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Food Access

Improve access to healthy foods.

- Strengthen farm to school linkages. **SB 199/West**
Community Gardens **SB 184/Nelson**, Universal
Breakfast **HB 642/Rodriguez**, **HB 3288 Giddings**, **SB**
88/Lucio, Summer Feeding **HB 643/Rodriguez**






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Curbing Obesity's Cost

- Obesity Intervention and prevention program as well as data collection/evaluation through Comptroller's office (**HB 3790/Pitts**)
 - ✓ – **Bill was not passed, but funding for this initiative has been put into the budget**
- Redefining the Interagency Obesity Council that was formed last session (**SB 1454/Lucio**)



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Looking Forward

- Partnership Interim Charges Requests
- What We Expect Next Session
- DSHS Community Transformation Grant
- Hunger and Obesity





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