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PARC KEY RESEARCH QUESTIONS SURVEY

Introduction

The Physical Activity Research Center (PARC) is the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF) new center that aims to build the evidence around policies, practices, and the built environment that promote safe, developmentally appropriate, and equitable opportunities for physical activity. The Center's work seeks to ensure that all children will be at a healthy weight by 2025, and that physical activity will be part of the everyday experience for all children and youth.

PARC is co-directed by James F. Sallis, PhD, from the University of California, San Diego, and Nisha Botchwey, PhD, MPH, from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Other members of the Research Team include Keshia Pollack, MPH, PhD, Johns Hopkins University, Myron Floyd, PhD, North Carolina State University, and Matthew Trowbridge, MD, MPH, University of Virginia. Support staff for PARC includes Carmen Cutter, deputy director and Chad Spoon, project manager.

We are reaching out to you as a researcher, expert or community stakeholder who we believe can help in this initial phase of our work. During a six month planning phase, we are collecting feedback from experts to identify key research questions that will lead to the design of studies that the Research Team will propose, and also with additions to the Research Team as necessary. The following 30-months will be spent conducting the research, as well as translating and disseminating findings.

We are seeking input on key policy-relevant research questions within these identified priority areas related to physical activity:

- pregnancy and maternal health;
- infant, child, adolescent development;
- behavioral economics;
- role of health care providers and the healthcare system;
- role of business and industry;
- out-of-school time;
- transportation, land use, urban design, communities setting;
- parks, recreation, trails, open space; and
- racial/ethnic minority and low-income populations, particularly those in rural and urban geographic areas.

PARC is an applied research program, with the goal of providing evidence that can inform actions to improve physical activity and equity of opportunities for physical activity for children and adolescents. Though there are many research needs, we are looking for particularly strategic and policy-relevant studies in each of the priority topic areas above. We are interested in research to identify promising policies, programs, and environmental interventions. **As you answer the survey questions, please think of research questions likely to be "actionable" and feasible over a 2-year period at a modest budget (for example, less than \$500,000).**

We are asking you to provide recommended research topics for at least one topic area below, but you are welcome to provide input for any of the topic areas.

Survey Questions

1. Please indicate which topic area you will provide input for first:
 - Pregnancy & Maternal Health
 - Infant, Child, Adolescent Development (including early care and education and school settings)
 - Behavioral Economics
 - Health Care Provider/Healthcare System & Business/Industry
 - Out-of-School Time
 - Transportation, Land Use, Urban Design, Communities setting
 - Parks, Recreation, Trails, Open Space
 - Other: _____(please specify)

2. Please indicate your primary populations and geographic regions of interest/expertise (check all that apply):
 - White/Caucasian
 - Black/African American
 - Hispanic/Latino
 - Asian American and/or Pacific Islander
 - American Indian/Alaska Native
 - Rural
 - Suburban
 - Urban
 - Other

3. What promising **policies** appear to promote safe and developmentally appropriate physical activity that need further research?

4. What promising **practices** appear to promote safe and developmentally appropriate physical activity that need further research?

5. What promising **built environment features** appear to promote safe and developmentally appropriate physical activity that need further research?

6. From your responses above, what research question or topic could have the **most immediate impact** on ensuring that safe and developmentally appropriate physical activity can be a part of the everyday experience for all children and youth? Be as specific as possible about the research question and methods.

7. From your responses above, what research question or topic could have the **greatest long-term impact** on ensuring that safe and developmentally appropriate physical activity can be a part of the everyday experience for all children and youth? Be as specific as possible about the research question and methods.

8. From your responses above, what research questions or topics have the most potential to lead to **more equitable opportunities for children's physical activity**? For each research question or topic provided, please indicate the primary populations impacted.

9. Please identify one or more researchers who are most qualified to lead the types of studies you are recommending? If possible, please provide name, affiliation, and email address.

10. (Optional) Please provide your first and last name:

11. (Optional) Please provide your organization:

12. (Optional) Please indicate your primary professional role:

- Researcher
- Practitioner
- Policy maker
- Advocate
- Other: _____(please specify)

13. (Optional) Please indicate your main discipline(s) (check all that apply):

- Anthropology
- Architecture
- Behavioral Science
- Business
- Child Development
- Criminology/Criminal justice
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Epidemiology
- Food Science
- Geography
- Health Services Research
- Landscape architecture
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Physical Activity/Exercise Science
- Political Science
- Policy Studies
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Public Health
- Public Policy
- Recreation/Leisure Science
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Transportation
- Urban Planning/Urban Design
- Other: _____(please specify)

We will update the PARC Research Agenda in Spring 2018. If you are interested in providing input, please contact the PARC Coordinating Center at scspoon@ucsd.edu.