



NOPREN

Nutrition & Obesity Network

POLICY RESEARCH  EVALUATION

NOPREN Collaborators CPCRN Annual Meeting 2019

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NOPREN Goals

- Increase **quantity and quality of policy research** and evaluation (natural experiments)
- Build **networks of multidisciplinary** members
- Support and facilitate development and implementation of evidence-informed policies and practices at two levels:
 - **Population-based** (high reach)
 - **Disparate groups** (targeted policies to provide fair chances for good health)

Keeping in mind

- Collaboration with state and local health agencies and other practitioners to evaluate time-sensitive policy changes to fill evidence gaps, retain what's working in times of fewer resources & priority changes

NOPREN 2009-2014, 2014-2019

- Thematic SIP network of CDC's Prevention Research Centers
- NCCDPHP: DNPAO, DDT, DPH-School Health Branch
- 5 funded PRCs for pilot projects
 - 1 coordinating center, 4 member centers
- Diverse Membership: Affiliate (un-funded) PRCs, Collaborative Members – Universities, NGOs, professionals from diverse disciplines, Partners – e.g., RWJF HER, NCCOR, Federal Liasons: CDC, NIH/USDA
- Work Groups!
- Regular, curated contact – monthly calls, meetings

NOPREN Accomplishments

- Shared knowledge, tools, & resources
- Engagement of multi-disciplinary teams
- Collaborations – e.g., state/local health and education practitioners, multi-site research
- Proposal submissions for other funding (USDA, NIH, RWJF-HER)
- Strategic research dissemination to diverse audiences
 - Presentations
 - Joint & individual peer-reviewed publications

NOPREN Future

- HER 2018- Focus on workgroup strategic planning for 2018-2020
- Summer – input to CDC from stakeholders
 - continued value
 - supports and processes that work, those that can be improved
 - unique role versus collective impact
 - new partners, new resources
- Affordable, transferable
- Consideration of multilevel strategies
- Co-benefits / other missions
 - *community economic development, child development, academic readiness & achievement, military readiness*
- Hard to reach communities

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