## Healthy Lifestyles Subcommittee: Expert Webinar Cancer Risk Reduction Committee (CRRC)

Co-Chairs: Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long and Dr. Karyl Rattay, Director of the Delaware Division of Public Health

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#### Agenda

- 1. Speaker Introduction
- 2. Kristin Sukys Policy Analyst Food Law and Policy Clinic Harvard Law School
  - + Evidence-Based Approaches
  - + Feedback on Subcommittee Policy Ideas
- 3. Chris Kochtitzky
  - Chief, Physical Activity and Health Branch
  - Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity
  - National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, CDC
  - + Evidence-Based Approaches
  - + Feedback on Subcommittee Policy Ideas
- 4. Question & Answer
- 5. Closing

## Evidence-Based Approaches

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# Approaches to Reducing the Consumption of Sugar

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## Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation

Training center for the next generation of health and food lawyers, law and policy reform think tank, advocacy leadership development, and law reform advising program

#### Health Law Clinic

Food is Medicine & Approaches to Reducing Sugar Consumption

Food Law Clinic

Access to health care for low-income populations

Whole person care to address social determinants of health

Food Systems Planning

Food Waste Initiative

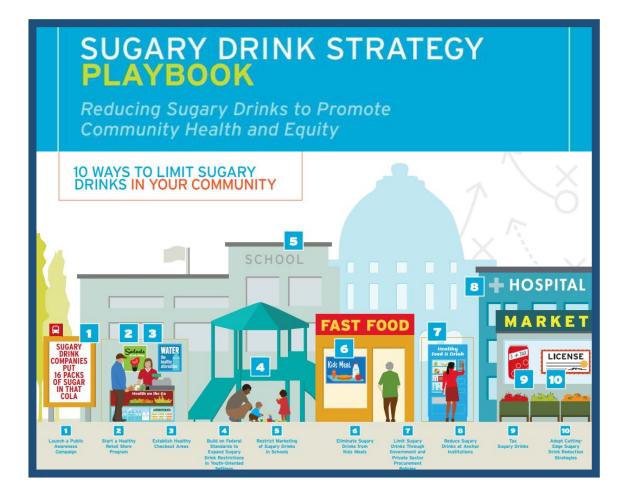
Access to healthy food

Sustainable food production

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## Categories of Sugar Reduction Strategies

- 1. Price Manipulation
- 2. Marketing & Advertising
- 3. Strengthening Healthy Food Environments
- 4. Increasing Healthy Food Access through Government Programs

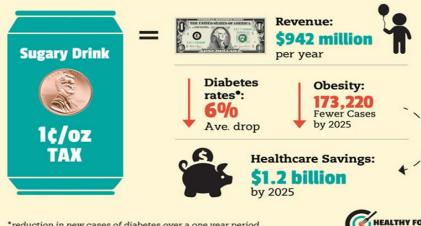


## 1. Price Manipulation

- Excise Taxes on SSBs
- Sales Taxes on SSBs
- Junk Food Taxes
- Regulatory Fees
- Tax Credits

#### **TAXING SODA: Benefits to cities and U.S.**

If 15 more cities join the six that adopted taxes in 2016



\*reduction in new cases of diabetes over a one year period Sources: CHOICES computer simulation, Harvard School of Public Health



#### **Considerations**

#### • Who has an SSB Tax?

Berkeley (2014; 1C/OZ) Philadelphia (2016; 1.5C/OZ) San Francisco (2016; 1C/OZ) Oakland (2016; 1C/OZ) Albany (2016; 1c/oz) Boulder (2016; 2c/oz) Seattle (2017; 1.75c/oz) <del>Cook County, IL (2016; 1c/oz)</del>

#### • Who has Junk Food Taxes?

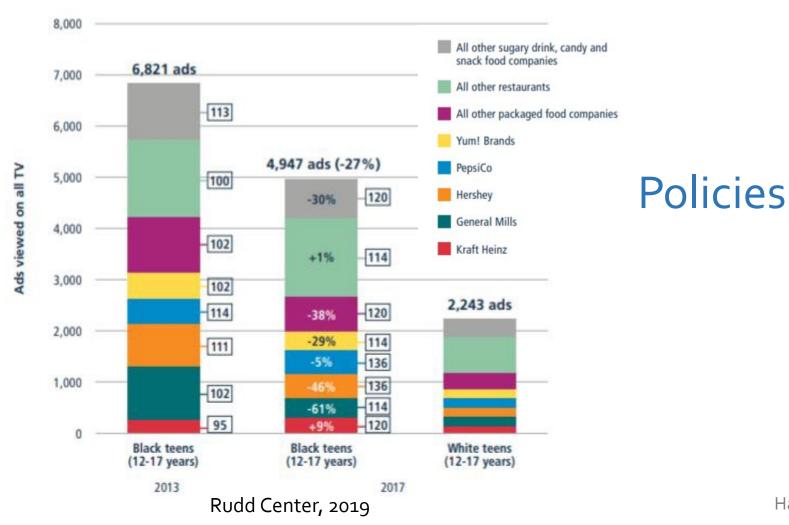
- Navajo Nation (2016; 2% excise tax)
- Hungary (2011; 4% excise tax)
- Mexico (2103; 8% excise tax)
- Legal Feasibility
- Tax Size & Structure
- Revenue
- Big Soda Fighting to Limit Local Authority
- Framing

#### Policies

## 2. Marketing & Advertising

WARNING: Drinking beverages with added sugar(s) contributes to obesity, diabetes, and tooth decay.

Black and White teens' exposure to advertising on all TV programming by company



- Warning Labels
- Menu Labels
- Marketing Location Restrictions
- Restrict Point-of-Sale Advertising & Special Promotions
- Healthy Default

## 3. Strengthening Healthy Food Environments

The New York Times

Pros and Cons of a Zoning Diet: Fighting Obesity by Limiting Fast-Food Restaurants

#### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

#### BUSINESS

Why Your Local CVS Is Hiding the **Candy and Tanning Oil** 

After dropping cigarettes, drugstore chain moves junk food back; rival Walgreens says 'it's the customer's choice'

**Delaware Uses Vending Machines to Reduce** Consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages



The National Connection for Local Public Healt

**Policies** 

#### **Food Retail:**

- **Placement of items**
- Stocking standards
- **Restaurants:** 

  - Limiting refills Reducing portion sizes
- - Healthy Food Zones
    Limiting fast food establishments around youth and health-oriented spaces
- **Public/Private Institutional Policy** 

  - Healthy Vending Nutrition-oriented Procurement
  - Menu Labeling

## 4. Increasing Healthy Food Access Through Government Programs



HRSA Funding

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## Thank You!

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#### Other Helpful Websites:

**ChangeLab Solutions** 

Healthy Food America

Center for Science in the Public Interest

<u>Urban Institute</u> Public Health Law Center



Feedback on Subcommittee Policy Ideas

- + Develop policy prohibiting sugary/sweetened beverages and noncaloric sweeteners in Early Childhood Education.
- + Set standards for wellness centers and food retailers in communities.
- + Healthier food and snack guidelines in workplaces.
- + Double down on corner store program efforts, across sectors.
- + Improve support for Meals on Wheels, Senior Feeding.
- + Create a mechanism to expand SNAP-Ed like programming to broaden reach, enable interactions across sectors, but with less administrative burden.

## Evidence-Based Approaches

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## Creating An Active America, Together

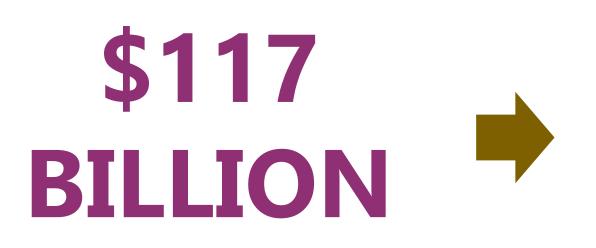


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Inadequate Physical Activity and Obesity Cost Lives and Dollars



Inadequate levels of physical activity are associated with \$117 billion in annual health care costs





Too Few Americans Get the Recommended Amount of Physical Activity



About **31 million** adults aged 50 or older are inactive, meaning they get no physical activity beyond that of daily living



Only **1 in 5** adults and **1 in 5** high school students fully meet physical activity guidelines for aerobic and musclestrengthening activities



#### A national initiative led by CDC to help

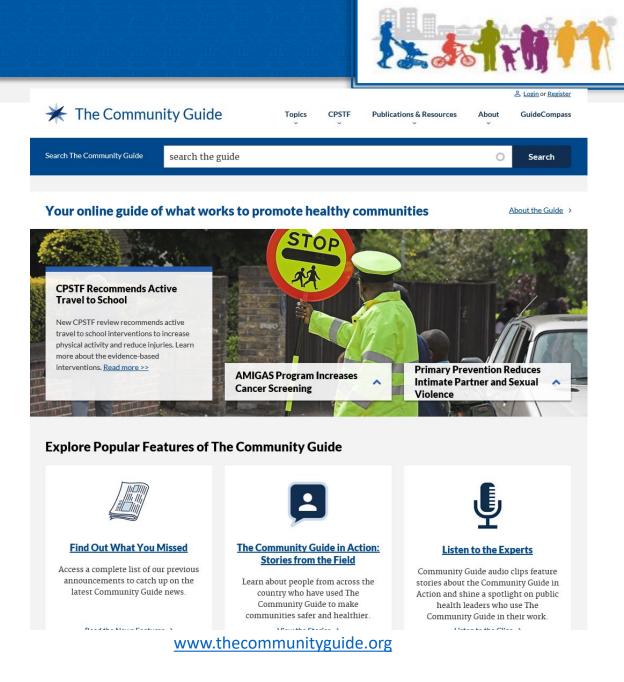
#### **27 million Americans**

become more physically active by 2027. Increased physical activity can improve health, quality of life, and reduce healthcare costs.

27 Million by 2027 ACTIVE AMERICA PEOPLE, HEALTHY NATION

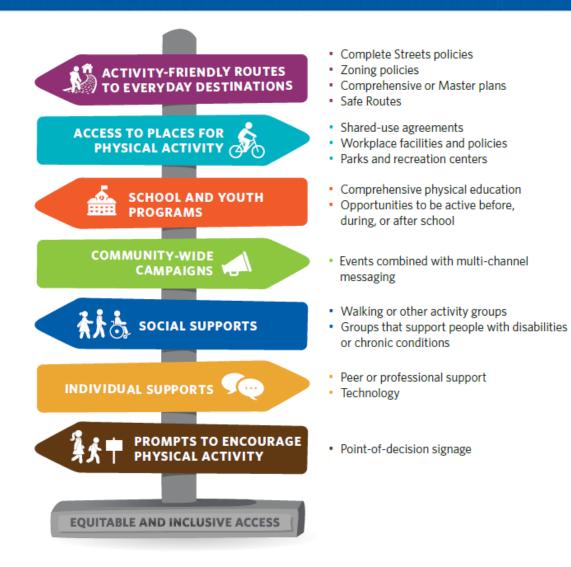
#### The Community Guide

- Systematic reviews of populationbased interventions
  - Communities
  - Health care systems
- Methods for the broad consideration of evidence on effectiveness and other issues
- Reviews support the findings of the Community Preventive Services Task Force (CPSTF)





#### **Strategies that Work**





The Community Preventive Service Task Force recommends the following to increase physical activity:

- [Macro-level] Based on 90 studies, built environment strategies that combine one or more interventions to improve pedestrian or bicycle transportation systems (*Activity-friendly Routes*) with one or more land use and environmental design interventions (*Everyday Destinations*).
- **[Meso-level]** Based on 52 studies, the **creation of or enhanced access to places** for physical activity to increase physical activity and improve fitness.
- [Meso-level] Based on 12 studies, the active travel to school interventions that must include one or more of the following: engineering, education, encouragement, and enforcement.
- [Micro-level] Based on 14 studies, point-of-decision prompts to increase the percentage of people who choose to take the stairs rather than an elevator or escalator.



#### Why Active Routes to Everyday Destinations?

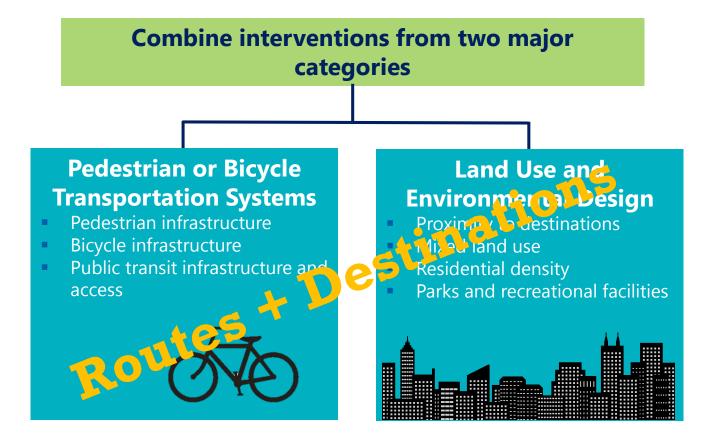
## They solve the two of the most common reported barriers...

"Not enough time to "go to the gym"

"Unsafe places"



#### **Built Environment Approaches U.S. Community Preventive Services Task Force**



Guide to Community Preventive Services. Physical Activity: Built Environment Approaches Combining Transportation System Interventions with Land Use and Environmental Design. <u>https://www.thecommunityguide.org/findings/physical-activity-built-environment-approaches</u>. Page last updated: May 01, 2017. Page accessed: May 4, 2017



#### **Combined Approaches**



- **Policies:** Complete Streets and Safe Routes policies
- **Plans:** Master/general plans, bike/ped plans or Vision Zero action plans.
- Codes: Zoning, building, subdivision, or unified development codes.
- **Programs:** Safe Routes to School, Safe Routes to Parks, or Safe Routes for All programs.
- Systems: Public transit systems or pedestrian/bicycle networks.

Feedback on Subcommittee Policy Ideas + Active transportation investments and policies.

- + Bike and Ped Capital projects and bond bill appropriations.
- + Complete Streets policy revisions.
- + Safe Routes to Schools funding (state level support and focus).

## Questions...