AGENDA

Morning Agenda: Identifying Research Priorities
Small group discussions will identify research priorities for youth, adults, and disadvantaged communities, based on research gaps and public health needs. Each group will identify 3-5 research questions or topics that will substantially advance science and inform public health policy. These will include topics related to etiologic factors as well as potential environmental or policy interventions.

Small Group Discussion Format:
Participants will be assigned to groups of about 10 persons per table. Group assignments and instructions will be provided at registration. The first small group discussion will occur following the session titled Research status and gaps related to environment, policy, and physical activity. Assignments will switch after lunch to diversify the input between the morning and afternoon sessions.

7:00-8:00 Registration and Breakfast

8:00-8:15 Welcome
James Sallis, Active Living Research
Mary Story, Healthy Eating Research

8:15-9:00 Highlights of recent NIH obesity policy and environment meetings
- Charlotte Pratt, PhD, RD. Program Director Division of Prevention and Population Sciences, NHLBI
- Terry Huang, PhD, MPH. Program Director Pediatric Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome, NICHD
- Robin McKinnon, MPA. Health Policy Specialist, Risk Factor Monitoring and Methods Branch, NCI

9:00-9:40 Rationale for environmental and policy solutions to obesity, and research needed to inform policy
9:00-9:20 Presenter: Shiriki K. Kumanyika, PhD, MPH, RD. Professor, University of Pennsylvania
9:20-9:30 Discussant: Terry Huang, PhD, MPH. Program Director Pediatric Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome, NICHD
9:30-9:40 Question and Answer

9:40-10:40 Research status and gaps related to environment, policy, and physical activity
9:40-10:00 Presenter: Brian E. Saelens, PhD. Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Seattle Children’s Hospital Research Institute, University of Washington, Seattle
10:00-10:10 Discussant: Deborah A. Cohen, MD, MPH. Senior Scientist. RAND Corporation
10:10-10:40 Small Group Discussions

10:40-11:00 BREAK
“Study Designs and Analytic Strategies for Environmental and Policy Research on Obesity, Physical Activity, and Diet”

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| 11:00-12:00 | Research status and gaps related to environment, policy, and nutrition | Presenter: Karen Glanz, PhD, MPH. Professor and GCC Distinguished Research Scholar; Director, Emory Prevention Research Center  
Discussant: Marlene Schwartz, PhD. Deputy Director, Rudd Center for Food and Obesity, Yale University  
Small Group Discussions |
| 12:00-1:15 | LUNCH                                             |                                                                                      |

Afternoon Agenda: Advancing the Methodology
Small group discussions of how appropriate designs, policy measures, and statistics can be applied to the priority research topics identified in the morning. Each group will summarize the most promising methods and identify research needed to improve methodologies.

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| 1:15-2:15 | Promising study designs for environmental and policy research and evaluation | Presenter: Ross Brownson, PhD. Professor and Director, Prevention Research Center, St Louis University  
Discussant: Ana Diez-Roux, MD, MPH, PhD. Associate Professor of Epidemiology, University of Michigan  
Small Group Discussions |
| 2:15-3:15 | Developing policy measures for obesity, diet, and physical activity | Presenter: Frank J. Chaloupka, PhD. Distinguished Professor of Economics & Public Health, Director, UIC Health Policy Center, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Discussant: William Ascher, PhD. Donald C. McKenna Professor of Government & Economics, Claremont McKenna College  
Small Group Discussions |
| 3:15-3:30 | BREAK                                             |                                                                                      |
| 3:30-4:30 | Statistical approaches for environmental and policy research | Presenter: J. Michael Oakes, PhD. Associate Professor, Division of Epidemiology & Community Health, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota  
Discussant: Lynne C. Messer, PhD. Environmental Health Scientist, Epidemiology and Biomarkers Branch, Human Studies Division, U.S. EPA / National Health & Environmental Effects Research Laboratory  
Small Group Discussions |
| 4:30-5:30 | Summary and next steps                            |                                                                                      |