

# **New York City Childhood Obesity Prevention and Management Consortium**

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## **The Childhood Obesity “Epidemic”**

- Over the past three decades, the childhood obesity rate has more than tripled
- Children who are overweight or obese are at risk for diabetes, HTN, sleep apnea etc.
- If not addressed this trend may result in a reversal of life expectancy
- Body Mass Index is not yet a part of routine practice
- Many providers do not yet feel comfortable addressing obesity with patients and families

Source: CHCANYS Childhood Obesity Initiative Charter

## Background

- 2008: CHCANYS funded by the New York City Council
- UHP retained to train and mentor 8 childhood obesity teams-Registry: 1,245 children
- Refunded by the City Council in 2009.
- 2009:UHP retained to act as trainer and programmatic lead for 5 health center Childhood Obesity Teams representing 8 sites (includes school based health clinics) in a scale up project
- Innovations: use of parents as peer educators, and proactive engagement of CBO's to extend reach
- Registry Goal: 2,000 children

## **Initiative Aim Statement**

- The Aim of CHCANYS Childhood Obesity Initiative is to improve the overall screening rate of children using the Recommendations from the Expert Committee on Childhood Obesity
- The Goal is to help reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity by enabling primary care providers in our FQHC's to better prevent, identify and treat children with this condition
- The initiative will focus on children 2-18 years old

## Terminology for BMI Categories

(source CHCANYS Childhood Obesity Initiative Charter)

BMI Category	Former Terminology	Recommended Terminology
> 5 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Underweight	Underweight
5 <sup>th</sup> -84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Healthy Weight	Healthy Weight
85 <sup>th</sup> -94 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	At risk overweight	Overweight
≥95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Overweight or obesity	Obesity

## **Childhood Obesity Measures**

- Overall Outcome Measure
- 20% of patients who are overweight or obese will experience a movement toward healthy BMI for age and gender
- 40% of patients will report increases in healthy behavior

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## **Process Measures**

- 85% of children will be classified as underweight, healthy weight, overweight or obese
- 20 % of children identified as overweight or obese will have a nutritional consult
- 50% of children who are obese or overweight will have a follow-up within three to six months of DX

## Process Measures

- Patients with a positive readiness to change assessment will have a documented Care Plan and Self Management Goal
- Families will receive consistent messages about healthy food, decreased screen time and the value of physical activity



## **Strategy**

- Provide Performance Improvement Team Training to all Team Leaders and Team Members on the Care Model and Model for Improvement (PDSA) using UHP Mastermind Train the Trainer Model
- Adapt Training to Second Year Teams Needs
- Create data reporting template and train teams on data collection and reporting prior to starting the project
- Utilize Returning Teams Lessons Learned to Build on Success for Year 2

## **Strategy (Cont'd)**

- Conduct Weekly Coaching Conference Calls
- Obtain Team Input on Training Curriculums for Optimum Effectiveness
- Use Hands on Approaches to Parent/Child Education: We Can! Training with CMOM Approach and UHP Sugar and Cereal Demonstrations

## **Health Care Organization**

- Support Teams in gaining Crucial Senior Leader Support
- Senior Leaders Provide Resources: time to attend meetings, expert support (eg: Information Technology, Behavioral Health, Nutrition, etc)
- Senior Leaders are charged with project sustainability and keeping accountability (data collection and reporting going) and offering continued support for Childhood Obesity Work

## **Delivery System Design**

- Provider Driven Model
- Provider reviews BMI and Growth Chart with parents and begins discussion
- Provider encourages parent/child to see Nutritionist or walks over for point of care consult
- Waiting Room Workshops and Groups have been implemented

## **Decision Support**

- Expert Committee Recommendations on the Assessment, Prevention and Treatment of Child and Adolescent Overweight and Obesity (2007) (an implementation guide from the Childhood Obesity Action Network)
- Teams Joined NICHQ website and Childhood Obesity Action Network

## **Decision Support (Cont'd)**

- NIH We Can! (Ways to Enhance Children's Nutrition and Activity)
- Children's Museum of Manhattan
- 5-2-1-0 Educational Message
- UHP Sugar and Cereal Demonstrations
- Motivational Interviewing & Behavioral Health Training
- DOHMH Nutrition 101

## **Self Management**

- Health Literate Approaches to Education
- Visual Aids, Interactive Presentations, Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Materials
- Motivational Interviewing
- Readiness to Change
- Self Management Goal Setting
- Follow-up on Self management Goals

## **Community Resources**

- Engaging Community Based Organizations
- Securing Funding
- Increasing Healthy Food and Physical Activity Resources
- Creating Environmental Changes (Public Health Approach)
- Extending the Reach Through Parent Ambassadors



## **Clinical Information Systems**

- Implementing BMI and Weight Classification as a Vital Sign
- Creating a system to collect data on the measures
- Incorporating Obesity Measures into Organizational Clinical Report Card
- Using Peer Review
- Engaging Providers in the Chart Review Process
- Maximizing Electronic Systems to ease burden of Data Collection moving forward
- Assuring accuracy and data integrity

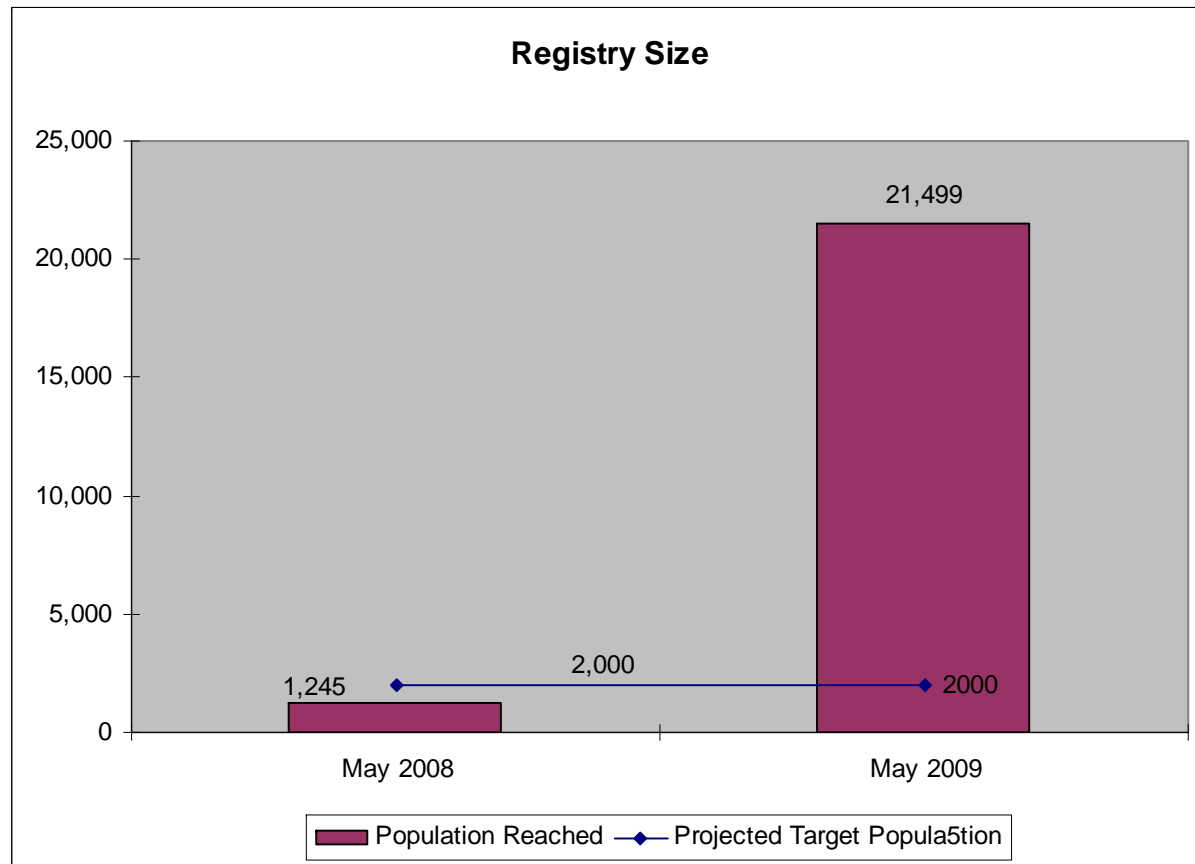
## **Engaging Community Based Organizations**

- Health Centers can be the catalyst for enlisting CBO's
- Senior Leaders can use their influence to formalize or expand these relationships
- Working with CBO's are often Win-Win Endeavors
- Joining forces can increase resources (potentially) for both the Health Center and CBO

## **Parent Ambassador Initiative**

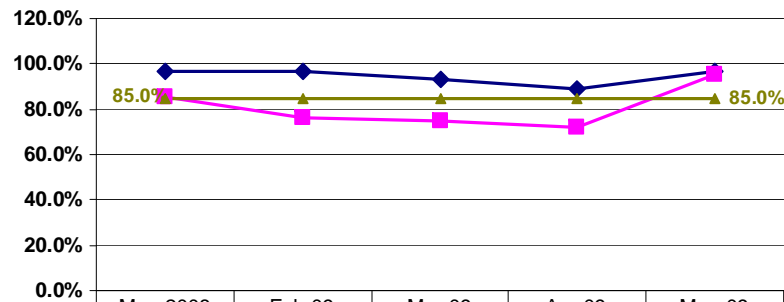
- Parents are Peer Educators
- Parents can relate to one another
- Parent Ambassadors have reach into the Community
- Parent Ambassadors who are also on the PTA can have a broad influence
- Parent Ambassador Feedback help teams understand their population better

# Population of Focus



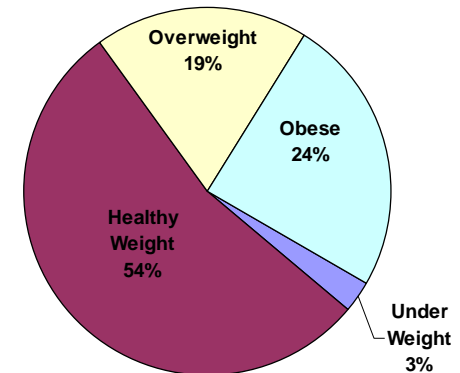
# Identifying Children at Risk

Percentage of Children with a Weight Classification and Documented BMI

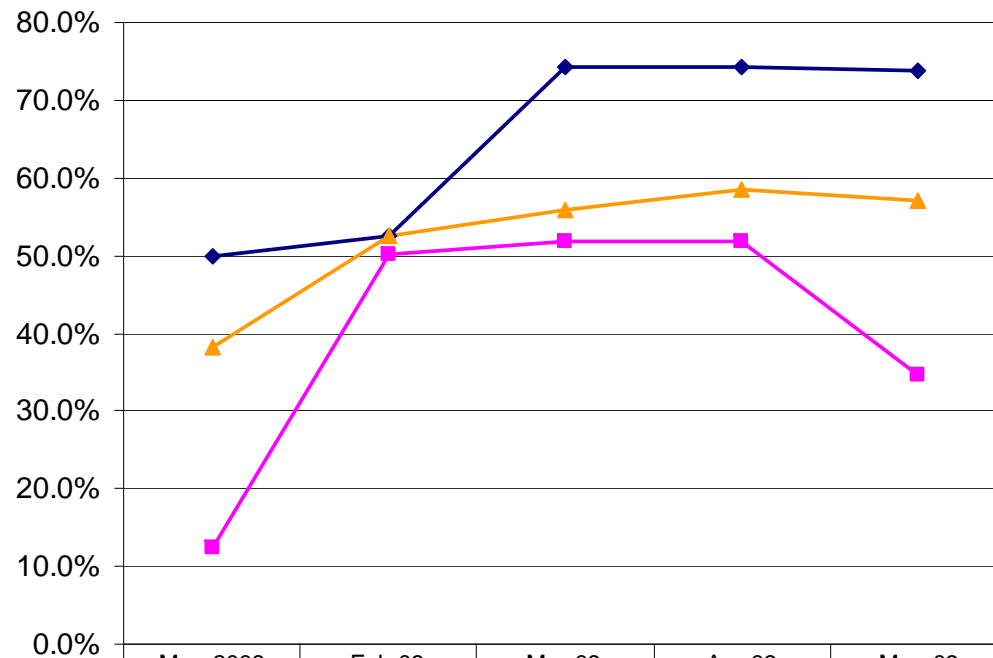


	May 2008	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09
Documented BMI	97.0%	96.4%	93.0%	89.0%	96.9%
Children with Weight Classification	85.4%	76.1%	74.8%	71.7%	95.0%
Project Goal	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%

Percentage of Children in Focus Population by Weight Category

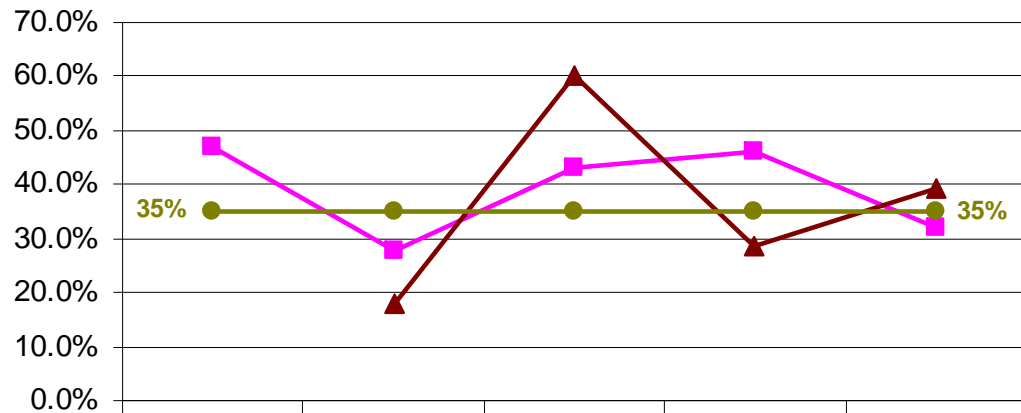


**Diagnosed Children and Families Receiving Follow-up and Nutritional Counseling**



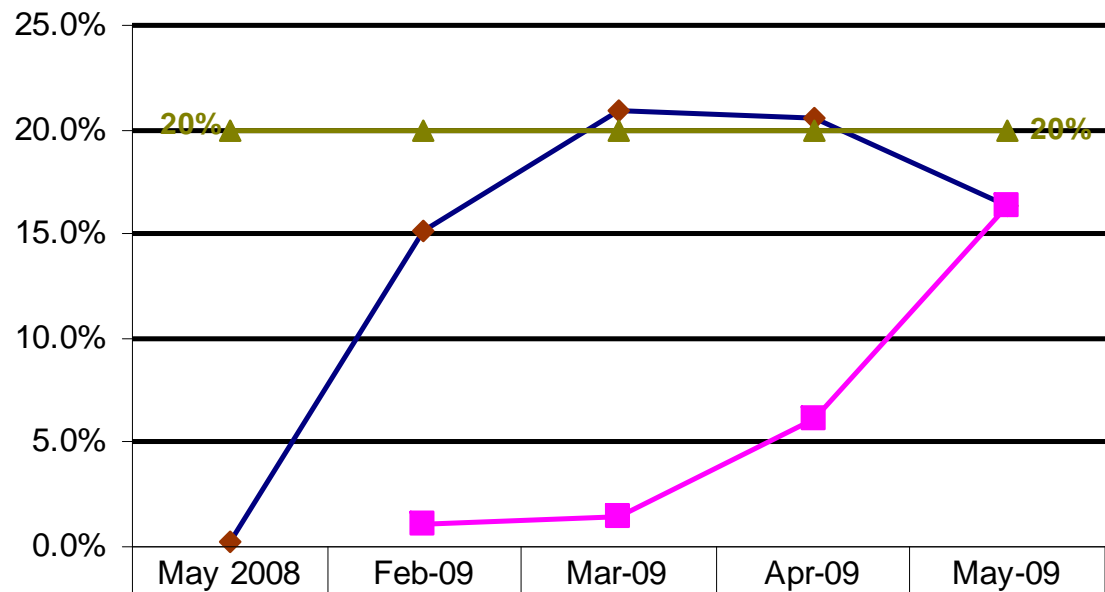
	May 2008	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09
Received Nutritional Consult or Education	49.9%	52.5%	74.3%	74.2%	73.9%
Received Follow-up from Nutritionist Within 6 Months	12.5%	50.2%	51.9%	51.9%	34.6%
Received Referrals to Nutritionist	38.2%	52.5%	55.9%	58.4%	57.0%

### Patients Readiness to Change



	May 2008	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09
Children with Self-Management Goal	46.9%	27.6%	43.2%	46.3%	32.2%
Reporting Healthy Behavior		17.9%	60.1%	28.4%	39.3%
Readiness Target	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%

**Exhibiting Movement Towards a Healthy BMI**



◆ With Documented Progress	0.2%	15.2%	20.9%	20.5%	16.3%
■ Reached a Healthy BMI		1.1%	1.5%	6.1%	16.4%
▲ Outcome Goal	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%



## **Lessons Learned**

- Building on foundation of first year contributed to broader scale up and increased expertise and ability to meet data challenges
- Training Teams before engaging in Team Work has been successful in preparing Teams to work effectively
- Providing on going coaching and feedback and incorporating Team Feedback throughout the Initiative has assured maximum benefit from Training Provided

## Next Steps

- Teams can further scale up
- New FQHC Teams Can be Added
- Teams have created a Change Package that can be Replicated
- Team Training and Coaching Model is Successful and can continue to achieve outcomes
- Third Year Funding will allow the Teams to continue to build their expertise and achieve improved outcomes and continue spread by adding new teams

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