

Pediatric Obesity mini CoIN

Indiana's Successes



Indiana State Department of Health

Division of Nutrition
and Physical Activity

- Jessica Yoder, Childhood Obesity
Program Coordinator

- Lindsey Bouza, Division of
Nutrition & Physical Activity
Director



PARTNERSHIPS FOR EARLY LEARNERS

EARLY LEARNING INDIANA

- Marta Fetterman, Director of
Statewide Program Supports



- Heather Stinson, Child Nutrition
Specialist

Increasing Participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

- Goals of Project:
 - ❑ Solicit information from providers, through focus groups and key informant interviews, on nutrition environments and barriers towards implementation of standards and best practices outlined in CACFP in a variety of ECE settings
 - ❑ Solicit information about current CACFP outreach materials and revise/improve them based on feedback
 - ❑ Support & Enhance 1305, Domain 2 strategy of improving nutrition and physical activity in the ECE setting
 - ❑ Improve retention among current CACFP enrollees and encourage providers not currently enrolled to seek more information (specifically those located in food deserts across the state)

Project Summary

Successes

- Cross-discipline collaboration between state agencies
- Feedback compiled from a variety of ECE providers
- Data sharing between agencies to compile a up-to-date list of licensed ECE sites not enrolled in CACFP and showing low income & lack of healthy food access
- Improved outreach materials created be mailed out to targeted ECEs and track enrollment for an increase in CACFP enrollment

Challenges Overcome

- Varying priorities within diverse group of stakeholders made progress seem slow
- Combining ECE licensing data from the Family and Social Services Administration and CACFP enrollment data from the Department of Education was time consuming but opened up doors for future collaboration