



Title of Design Lab:

Healthy Schools Collaborative Practice Design Lab

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Summary of session:

Objectives for this interactive session included:

- Facilitate sharing among network members and partners regarding their efforts to support healthy schools.
- Share best practices, processes, partners (traditional & non-traditional), challenges and potential solutions to challenges, and strategies for sustainability of policy & program efforts in school health. Georgia Health Policy Center and Louisiana Public Health Institute shared examples from their programs. GHPC presented their school health engagement strategies particularly with parent/school partnerships. Used the 2012 Resource from CDC Parent Engagement: Strategies for involving Parents in School Health
- New Orleans Healthy School Food Collaborative shared how New Orleans charter schools take business contracting principles and shape how food is provided in the schools.
- Explore and prioritize strategies for network collaboration by leveraging local, state and national capacities with a focus on feasibility and sustainability.

Key Takeaway points:

1. Mapped assets of organizations and people in the room under the themes of: Early Childhood, Physical Activity, Nutrition, Coordinated School Health, Tobacco / Asthma, School-based Health Centers, Other.
2. Several additional areas of interest that would benefit exploration include:
 - Mental/behavioral health - Violence and Substance Abuse
 - School-based health centers
 - Affordable Care Act – opportunities for prevention in HC
 - Early Childhood
 - ILGA nutrition and PA standards
 - Trauma in early childhood
 - Farm to School
 - Louisiana – promoting Farm to School- 5% procurement requirement for local food
 - Parental involvement – higher in early childhood
 - Challenge: school willingness to engage parents
3. Our main takeaway was the need to continue to looking at innovative methods for monitoring and evaluating school based health initiatives including Fitnessgram Data and nutrition. Trust for America's Health is working on developing clearer mechanisms to academic outcomes.