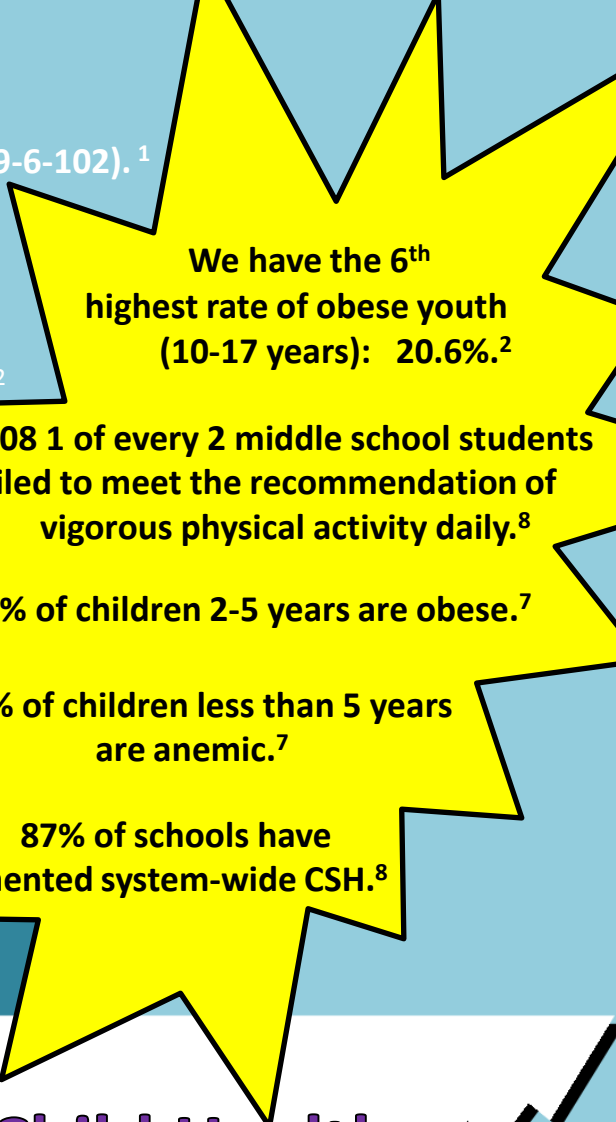


PUBLIC & HEALTH POLICY

Which choices are politicians, lobbyists, & administrators making for child health?

- 89% of school systems implemented the 90 minute physical activity law (T.C.A. 49-6-102).¹
- 1,035 schools implemented a Coordinated School Health (CSH) program (TCA 49-1-1002, PC 1001).¹
- Over 178,280 children have been referred to a healthcare provider as a result of school health screenings.¹
- 74% of schools did not sell soda pop or fruit juice except 100% fruit juice in 2008.²



We have the 6th highest rate of obese youth (10-17 years): 20.6%.²

In 2008 1 of every 2 middle school students failed to meet the recommendation of vigorous physical activity daily.⁸

13.8% of children 2-5 years are obese.⁷

8.5% of children less than 5 years are anemic.⁷

87% of schools have implemented system-wide CSH.⁸

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

Which choices have been made by TN school systems that impact child health?

- 57.8% of students were eligible for free or reduced priced lunch in 2009.³
- 54% of schools provide daily physical education.¹
- 14.7% of children received food stamps in 2006.⁴

CLINICAL CARE

How do decisions made by doctors, clinics, hospitals, & insurance companies impact child health?

- 39.1% of youth (<21 years old) are enrolled on TennCare in 2006.⁴
- 61.4% of children received care within a medical home in 2007.⁵
- 1 in 13 children are uninsured.⁶

BEHAVIORS

Which choices about your child's health have you made or will you make?

- 23% of children younger than 5 are breastfed until they are 6 months old.⁷
- 61.7% of children (1-5 years) watch TV for 1 or more hours during a weekday.⁵

Where does Child Health stand in TN?

Child Health Week 2010



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