# Environmental Nutrition and Activity Local Policy Database:

A tool for health advocates to address disparities in unhealthy eating and activity environments

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"It is unreasonable to expect that people will change their behavior easily when so many forces in the social, cultural, and physical environment conspire against such change."

Institute of Medicine



one Key Fact

Useful policy



is often
developed
locally.



# **ENACT Local Policy Database**

# Promising Practices in Nutrition and Physical Activity



Catalogues promising policies in nutrition and activity at the local level

http://www.preventioninstitute.org/sa/policies/

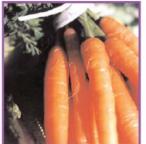
# ENACT



Nutrition and Activity
Community
Tool





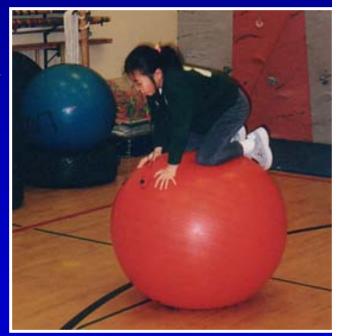




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# What is ENACT?

- An online tool that offers a specific menu of achievable strategies for implementation
- Each strategy is complemented by practical how-to information including: tools, resources, model policies and more



# ENACT is designed to...

- Compliment current education and community efforts
- Empower local action to address priority issues
- Engage users so that implementation can become a reality

# **ENACT History**

Based on best practices and promising approaches from around

the country

Comprehensive

- Environmental
- Sustainable



# **ENACT Environments**

- Neighborhoods
- Preschools
- Schools
- After School Programs
- Workplaces
- Health care
- Government Institutions and Practices



Injury Free Coalition for Kids of Philadelphia

an online resource of local policies that can improve opportunities for healthy eating and physical activity

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### SEARCH POLICIES

### Search Help

Simple Search
Type in a keyword below:
(leave blank to show all policies)

Match ALL words

Search Database

Search Policy Documents
Search

### **Guided Search**

Choose one or more of the following:

### Topic

--Select Issue Area--

### Environment

-- Select ENACT Environment-- •

### Keywords

-Select Keyword-

### State

CA

### Jurisdiction

--Select Jurisdiction-

### Find Now

### STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

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### Find a local policy



Use the **search tools** on the left to find one or more local policies that are of interest to you. You can search using your own **key words** like farmer's market or open space, or you can use the **Guided Search** tool to identify policies by topic, setting, jurisdiction and a pre-determined set of key words.

Need more information to Get Started?

### Submit a local policy

Have you worked on a local policy to make healthier eating easier for your community or developed a local plan to improve walkability?

We'd love to hear from youl



### Learn More



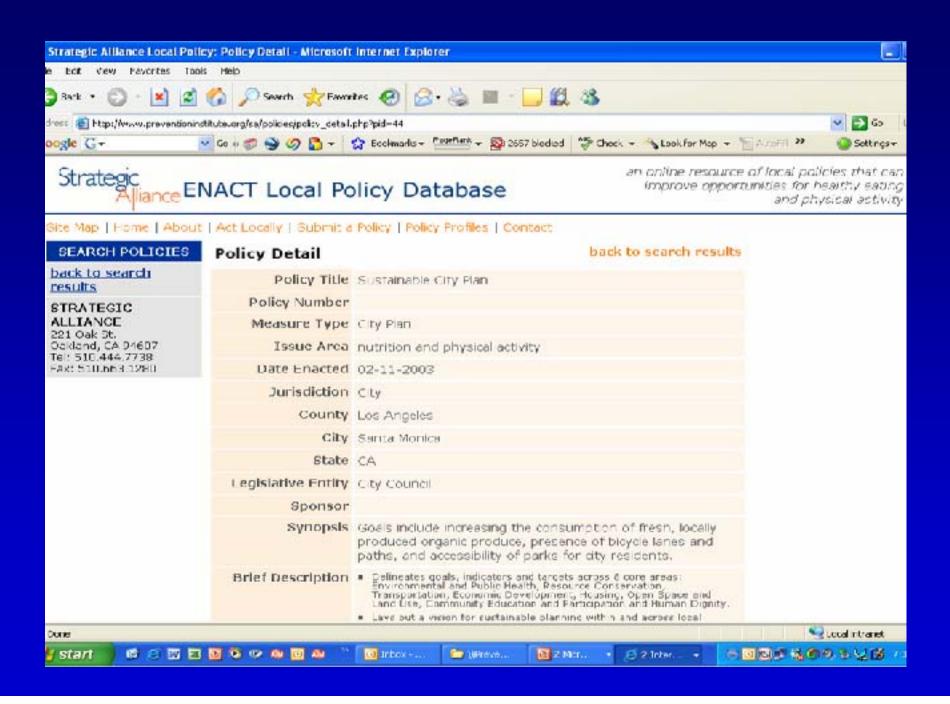
What is the ELPdB? How do I get started? Why do local policies matter?

What can I do to improve opportunities for healthier eating and physical activity?

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Search Help Simple Search Type in a keyword below: (leave blank to show all policies)	Click a policy title below for more information. Choose the related ENACT Environment to learn mor community health strategies, and how you can make improvements on a local level.				
	Policy Title	Synopsis	Date Enacted	Locale Enacted	ENACT Environment
Match ALL words  Search Database Search Policy Documents Search	Healthy Beverage Resolution	Prohibits the sale of soda in vending machines, student stores, and cafeterias at LAUSD school sites.	01-01-2004	Los Angeles Unified school district, CA	School
Guided Search Choose one or more of the following: TopicSelect Issue Area EnvironmentSelect ENACT Environment Keywords	Nutrition & Physical Activity Policy	Ensures that students receive high quality, nutritious foods, nutrition education, and establishes standards based on physical education and physical activity at all grade levels.	09-16-2003	Santa Monica-Malibu Unified school district, CA	School
Select Keyword StateSelect State Jurisdiction Find Now	Sustainable City Plan	Goals include increasing the consumption of fresh, locally produced organic produce, presence of bicycle lanes and paths, and accessibility of parks for city residents.	02-11-2003	Santa Monica, CA	Healthcare
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# **Increase Access to Parks and Sidewalks**

Olympia, WA



## **Limit Restrictive Land Use Covenants**

Chicago, IL

- Prevents blight caused by vacant retail parcels designed for grocery and drug stores.
- Believed to be the first ordinance of its kind.





# **Promote Joint Use of Recreational Facilities**

### Pitt County, NC



# Include Health in the General Plan

Madison, WI and Chula Vista, CA







# Limit Unhealthy Retail Establishments

Los Angeles, CA

# Los Angeles Times

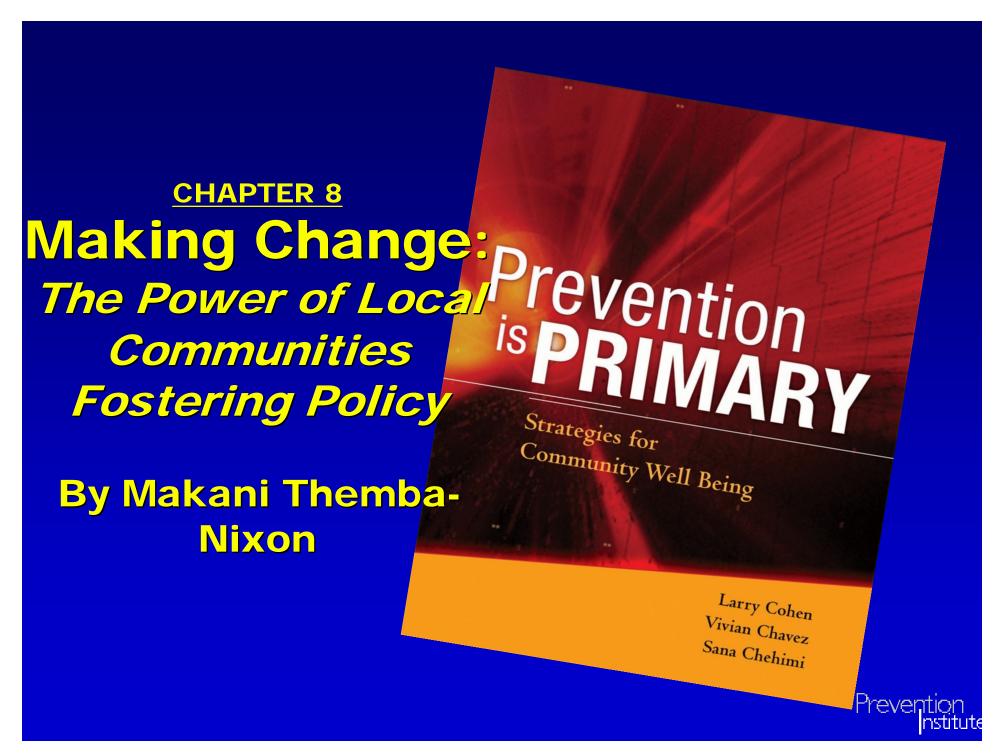


Limits proposed on fast-food restaurants

"Don't expect politicians, even good ones, to do your job for you. **Politicians** are like weather vanes. Our job is to make the wind blow."

David Brower, environmentalist

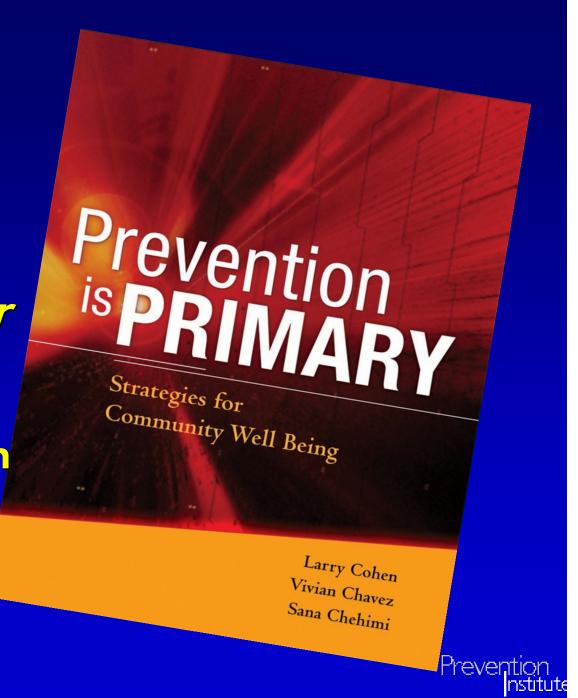


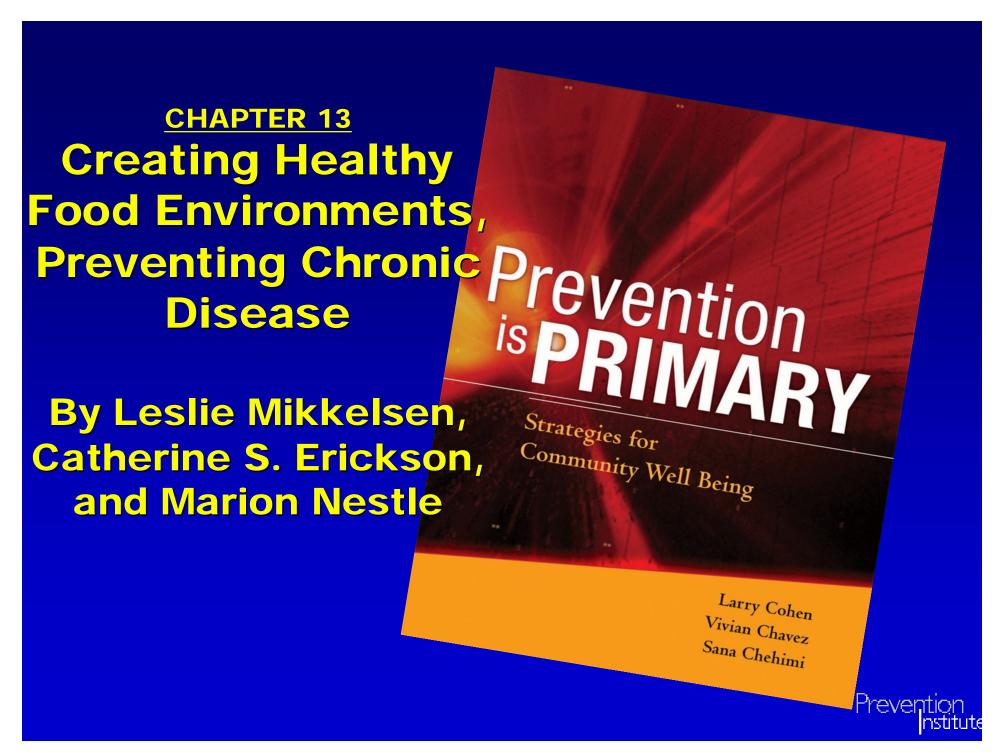


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