



Creating Healthy Schools and Communities in Suffolk County

Making Long Island a Healthier Place to Live, Learn, Work, and Play

Western Suffolk BOCES, Nassau and Suffolk Child Care Councils, Choice for All and Vision Long Island are working in the Towns of Hempstead, Babylon and Islip to expand local health efforts to implement evidence-based physical activity and nutrition strategies that build on existing community assets, coalitions, and relationships, leverage resources, and meet the unique needs of high-need communities.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO CONTINUE THIS GREAT PROGRAM ON LONG ISLAND!

For the first 2 rounds of Creating Health Schools and Communities, our team consisting of Western Suffolk BOCES, Nassau and Suffolk Child Care Councils, Choice for All and Vision Long Island have been working in the Towns of Hempstead, Babylon and Islip, and other areas to expand local health efforts to implement evidence-based physical activity and nutrition strategies that build on existing community assets, coalitions, and relationships, leverage resources, and meet the unique needs of high-need communities.

Round 3 of this program is set to begin in June 2026. We are asking for your support as we apply in hopes to continue the good works we have done in the past. Additionally, with some changes to the program, it will allow our team to work in even more areas across the island.

Bettering the quality of life for Long Islanders in any way we can is always our priority! This program funding aids us in addressing needs across generations and populations in ways that we can do affordably, particularly in the area of healthy eating, physical activity, and safe routes for some of our most vulnerable communities like our preschool and school age children, those with disabilities as well as our seniors. We will continue to partner with over a dozen grassroot organizations to ensure we are reaching those who need us and ways that work for them.

We are asking for your support in letting the state know that you believe Long Island is a deserving community for these funds and that you would like to see our team not only continue the good work we have done so far, but to expand in some of the most needed areas across the island.

To sign on:

Full name: _____

Organization/Company: _____

Town: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Worksites and Community Settings

Implement food service guidelines (FSGs) to increase availability of healthy foods in multiple venues such as cafeterias, concession stands, vending machines, pantries and shelters to make healthier choices easier for consumers.

Early Childhood Education (ECE) Settings

Improve policies and environments that support age-appropriate physical activity, nutrition best-practices such as healthy beverage, menu, and snack options, and opportunities for family engagement.

Municipalities

Implement community planning and active transportation strategies to increase safe and accessible physical activity such as connecting sidewalks, paths, and/or bicycle routes to local destinations.

School Districts

Strengthen local school wellness policies, establish Comprehensive School Physical Activity Programs, improve access to healthy, affordable, nourishing foods through healthy vending and classroom celebrations, and support CDC's Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model.



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