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# Cardi-OH ECHO Weight Management

A Patient-Centered Approach

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# Obesity and the built environment





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# Objectives

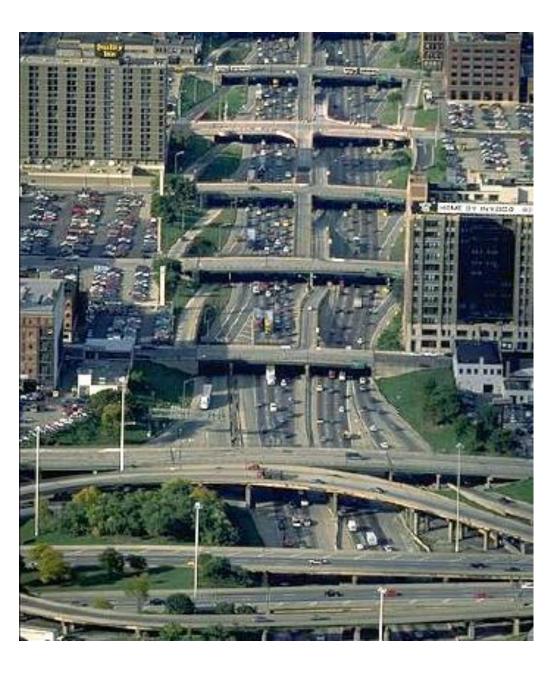


- Define the built environment.
- List and define different levels of measure of the built environment.
- Explain the influence of the built environment upon body weight.

### The Built Environment



- Environment: "All that is external to the individual."
- Built environment: "Encompasses aspects of a person's surroundings which are man made."
- Broad definition:
  - Schools, cities, workplaces
  - Community-based practices
  - Restaurants/grocery stores





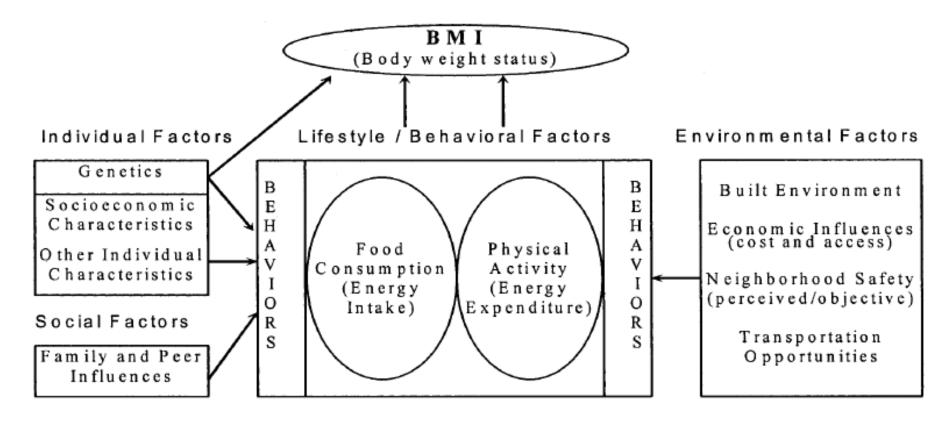












## Levels of Measurement



#### Level of Assessment

#### Indirect methods

- Census data
- GIS (Geographic Information Systems) data
- Street network data
- Indexes of deprivation

#### Intermediate methods

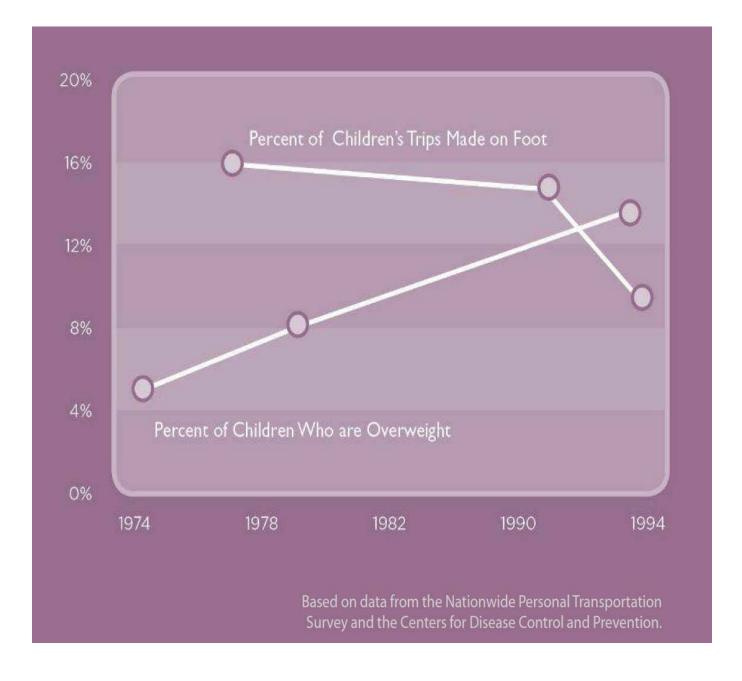
- Perceived Environment Measures completed by residents
- Regional land use data from tax assessors
- o Aerial photography
- Databases (eg, phone books, Internet, US Department of Agriculture, etc)

#### Direct methods

 In-person audits of the environmental characteristics completed by trained observers



# Is a healthier built environment associated with lower levels of obesity?













# Wall Street Journal 6/29/2007



Bison Don't Roam,
And It's a Problem
For the Polish Herd
Plan Is to Get Lazy Beasts
To Travel Abroad and Breed;
The EU Looks for Solution

### The Built Environment



- Difficult to study.
- Conflicting results.
- For example, two studies report higher obesity rates in communities with higher fast food density; two others do not.

# Access to Physical Activity



- Proximity to play space/recreational facilities
- No relationship in young children
- Positive association of overweight with distance among adults
- Net residential density
- Greater the density, less the risk of having overweight
- Land use mix
- Greater land use mix, less the risk of having overweight
- Neighborhood walkability
- Greater walkability, less the risk of having overweight
- Number of recreational facilities
- Higher the number of facilities, the less the risk of having overweight
- Sprawl/Commuting time
- Mixed results. Generally associated with increased risk of overweight

### Access to Food Sources



- Supermarkets
  - Lower risk of overweight
  - Concept of food deserts being cast in doubt

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/18/health/research/pairing-of-food-deserts-and-obesity-challenged-instudies.html? r=0

- Convenience stores
  - Increased risk of overweight
- Fruit and vegetable prices
  - Predicted lower gains in BMI among children over 3 year period beginning at age 4 or 5

### The Built Environment



- Uses a different language:
  - Density: "amount of activity in an area"
  - Diversity: "diversity in the spatial arrangement of land use"
  - Connectivity: "ease of travel between places."
  - Design: "features of individual streets or structures."
  - Spatial access: "intensity of the possibility for interaction"

## The Built Environment



- Challenges
  - "Place"
  - "Context"
  - "Endogeneity": Bias through neighborhood selection by residents)

# Environmental Obesogens



- Bisphenol A (BPA)
- Organotins (TBT) & TPT
- Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)
- Phthalate
- Phytoestrogens

### **Bottom Line**



- Conclusive evidence for the role of obesogens in promoting obesity is lacking.
- Regulating environmental obesogens may be a wise thing to do, but as an obesity-control measure, it should be a very low priority.

### What should we do?



- 2005 Institute of Medicine Report on Childhood Obesity:
  - "Knowing that it is impossible to produce an optimal solution a priori, we more appropriately adopt surveillance, trial, measurement, error, success, alteration, and dissemination as our course, to be embarked on immediately. Given that the health of today's children and future generations is at stake, we must proceed with all due urgency and vigor."

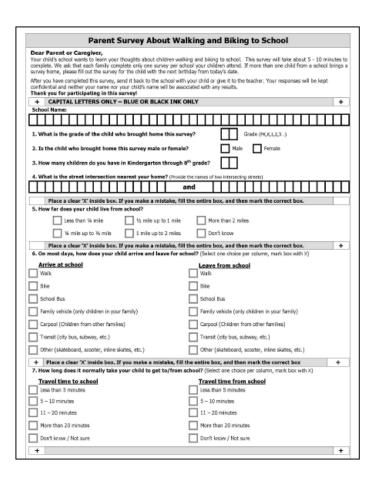
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- Education
- Encouragement
- Enforcement
- Engineering
- Evaluation



## Evaluation



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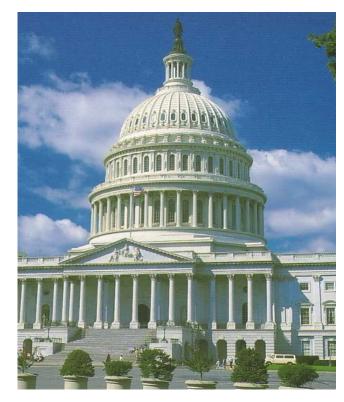
Is the program making a difference?



# Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21)



- Legislation passed in 2012
- Established new program:
   Transportation Alternatives
- SRTS activities eligible to compete for funding
- States transitioning to new legislation
- Many states have SAFETEA-LU funds remaining



More Information: www.saferoutesinfo.org



# Where should we invest our advocacy efforts?



- Safe routes to school
- Promoting healthier workplaces
- Promoting healthy beverage consumption



# Thank you!

# Questions/Discussion