Access to Nutritious Foods

Alice Lenihan, MPH,RD,LDN
Branch Head Nutrition Services
NC Division of Public Health

Child Obesity Task Force February 11, 2009

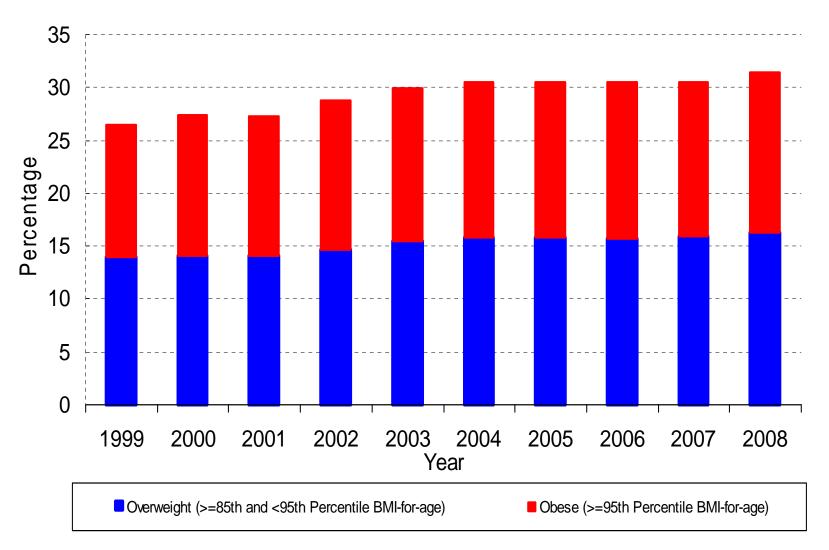




Discussion

- Origins and influences on childhood obesity
- Where do children eat
- Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs
- Best Practices- Opportunities for North Carolina to improve

Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity in North Carolina Children 2 to 5 Years of Age*, 1999-2008





Origins and Influences on Childhood Obesity

- Prenatal
 - □Pre pregnancy weight
 - □Pregnancy weight gain
- Infancy
 - □Breastfed
 - □Formula fed
- Preschool





Matilda (Scenario A)

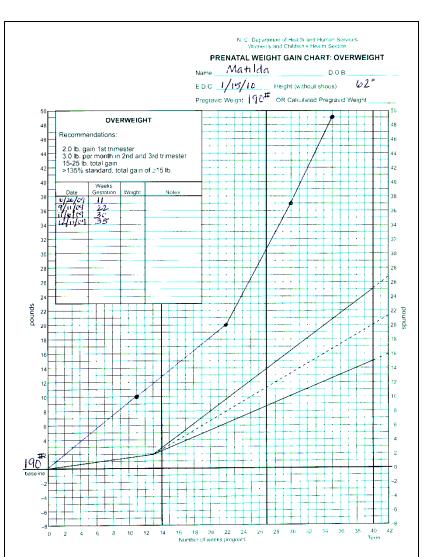
- BMI 35 prior to this pregnancy
- Eats two large meals/day; typically fast food items
- Works 40 hours/week and has no time for exercise
- Apprehensive about breastfeeding





Overweight prior to pregnancy

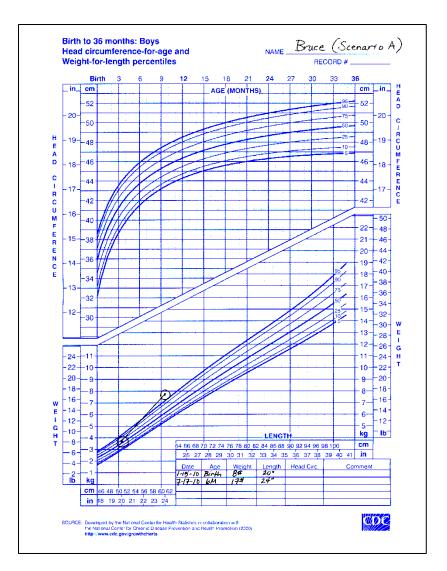
- Weight gain is rapid
- Total weight gain is excessive





Bruce's Growth

- Birth
 - □ Weight 8 lbs
 - ☐ Length 20 inches
 - Formula fed, early introduction of solid foods
- Six Months
 - □ weight 17 lbs
 - □ height 24 inches
 - ☐ Wt/ht percentile = >95th
 - Overweight



Matilda (Scenario B)

- BMI 35 prior to this pregnancy
- Eats two large meals/day; typically fast food items
- Works 40 hours/week and has no time for exercise
- Received breastfeeding education & wants to try it





Infant Feeding Choices

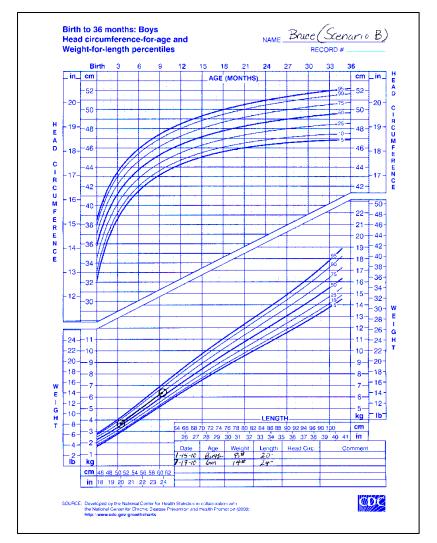
 Matilda chose to breastfeed and tailored her diet based on the nutrition counseling that she received

Infant breastfeeds on demand.

Matilda's workplace provides nursing mothers a place to pump and break time, thus she is able to continue to provide breast milk to her infant while working.



- Birth
 - □ Weight 8 lbs
 - ☐ Length 20 inches
 - □ Breastfed, delays early introduction of solids
- Six Months
 - □ weight 14 lbs
 - □ height 24 inches
 - □ wt/ht percentile = 50th-75th
 - □ Within normal range





Matilda (6 months postpartum)

- Overweight (BMI = 30)
- Busy taking care of new infant and working 40 hours/week, able to pump milk at her worksite.
- Takes advantage of her local Farmers' Market.
- Chooses lower calorie, low fat foods options at her fast food job when able.
- Walks in her neighborhood.



What Made the Difference?

- Infant Feeding Choice
 - Exclusively breastfed
 - □ Delayed Introduction of solid foods
- Post Partum Weight Loss
 - □ Side benefit of breastfeeding



Where Do Children Eat?

- Home
- Child Care
- School
- Outside of the Home
 - □ Restaurant
 - ☐ Fast food
 - □ Friends



re.

Best Practices- Opportunities for North Carolina

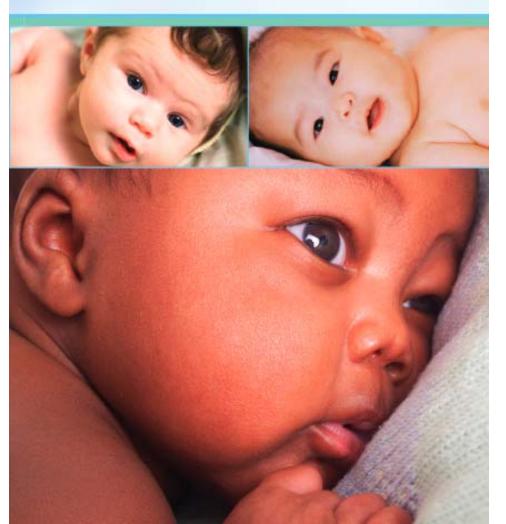
- Breastfeeding Promotion and Protection
- Child Care
- Schools
- Local Wellness Plans

Previous Discussions

- Farm to school, Farmers Markets
- Physical Activity
- Built Environment

Promoting, Protecting and Supporting Breastfeeding

A North Carolina Blueprint for Action 2006





Breastfeeding Promotion Opportunities

- Communities
- Workplace
- Child care facilities
- Health care facilities
- Education

re.

Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs

- SNAP- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food and nutrition benefits)
- WIC- Special Supplemental Nutrition
 Program for Women, Infants and Children
- CACFP- Child and Adult Care Program
- SFSP- Summer Food Service Program
- NSLP- National School Lunch Program
- School Breakfast Program

м.

Child Care Enhancements





preschoolers moving & eating healthy



CACFP Federal Meal Requirements

- Food Based not nutrient based.
- Daily Requirement
- Not required to meet Dietary Guidelines for Americans or be updated regularly

Institute of Medicine Committee convened January 2010 to study.



Child Care Menu Enhancements

- Whole milk
- Juice
- Meat and Meat substitutes
- Enriched Grain

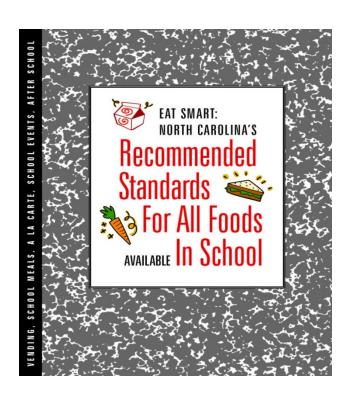
- Reduced Fat Milk
- Limit processed meats-Vienna sausages, baloney, hot dogs
- No juice under 12 months of age, limit for all others
- All grain products no more than 6 grams of sugar
- Limit sweet grains and baked goods

School Opportunities

DPI ---DPH Coordination



Eat Smart School Standards









Project Partners









8 Components of a Coordinated School Health Approach





NC Healthy Schools Nutrition Priority School Level Impact Measure (SLIM)

Nutrition SLIM #1

% of schools that do not sell the following foods and beverages anywhere at school outside the school food service program:

- □ Baked goods that are not low in fat (e.g., cookies, crackers, cakes, pastries)
- Salty snacks that are not low in fat (e.g., regular potato chips)
- □ Chocolate Candy &Non-chocolate candy
- □ Soda pop or fruit drinks not 100% juice
- □ Sports Drinks

'08 Baseline 32% '13Goal >36%



Local Wellness Policy

Requirements

- Federal Public Law 108.265 Section 204 -- by June 30, 2006 all schools must develop Local Wellness Policy
- Involving parents, students, School Food Service, school board, school administrators and the public
- LEA will establish a plan for measuring implementation of the LWP



Key Areas

- Nutrition education
- Child Nutrition Programs in compliance
- Physical activity
- All foods/beverages available on campus
- School-based activities designed to promote student wellness
- Food safety and security
- Healthy and safe school environment

м

Local Wellness Policies- A Work in Progress

□ Advocacy Toolkit

□ CommunityOutreach

Training and Presentations

