

## Community Involvement

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Partnership with the community is a key component of the Prevention Research Center's work. Some of the organizations working with us include:

Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiatives

Early Childhood Learning Foundation

Friends of Lafitte Corridor

Holy Cross Neighborhood Association/  
Center for Bioenvironmental Engineering

Louisiana Cancer Control Partnership/  
Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program

Louisiana Office of Public Health

Louisiana Public Health Institute

LSU School of Public Health

New Orleans Office of Recovery  
and Development Administration

New Orleans Food & Farm Network

Pennington Biomedical Research Center

Recovery School District

The Renaissance Project

Tour Diabetes Center

Second Harvest Food Bank of  
Greater New Orleans and Acadiana

UNO Center for Urban and Public Affairs

UNO Department of Urban Planning and Urban  
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YMCA of Greater New Orleans

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# Finding better ways to protect our health

## What we do

The Prevention Research Center:

- addresses the impact of the physical and social environment on obesity;
- involves the local community in research;
- encourages policy changes that improve the health of our communities;
- provides training for public health professionals and community members.

Our efforts focus on low-income persons and neighborhoods in the New Orleans area, but our impact extends to the entire local community and beyond.



## Some of our projects

### PACE - Partnership for an Active Community Environment

~Our Core Research Project

- Project is in a defined, low-income New Orleans neighborhood.
- Research will assess the impact of environmental interventions to improve physical activity.

### Food Policy Advisory Committee

- With support from our partners, the PRC helped launch the FPAC.
- We help the Committee advocate for better resident access to fresh food retail.

### Food Ubiquity Study

- This research will assess the availability of snack foods in non-food retail outlets.

### Impact of Food Availability on Diet

- Two related projects are exploring the relationship between the neighborhood environment and resident food consumption.



### KaBOOM! Playground Study

- Our research explores the effect of play equipment on children's physical activity levels during free play.

### ACTION! Worksite Wellness

- The worksite for this intervention is the elementary school, with staff and teachers making up the employees. Students are not part of the study.
- The intervention targets both physical activity and nutrition, with reduced mean body weight as the intervention goal.

