Over the last decade, Georgia State University (GSU) faculty and staff have been dedicated to understanding evidence-based approaches to obesity prevention and control. Successfully translating and disseminating research, programs, and policies has been a key strength. A description of GSU’s expertise in obesity, with examples of programs and projects, are highlighted below.

**Expertise in Obesity**

- Serves as trusted advisor and convener for organizations and state agencies focused on obesity prevention
  - SHAPE Implementation Committee
  - PLAY and SHAPE Partnerships
  - Nutrition & Physical Activity Initiative
- Maintains expert knowledge of national, state, and local trends and approaches for obesity prevention
  - Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities Resource
  - GHPC & PLAY Policy Briefs
  - Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program (CSPAP) Policy Continuum
- Conducts and translates research to establish evidence-based guidance and practice
  - Childhood Obesity Systems Model
  - Georgia Youth Fitness Assessment Project
  - EPIC Obesity Training with GA AAP
- Evaluates state and local programs and policies focused on the prevention of childhood obesity
  - DECAL Team Nutrition Program
  - Georgia Food Policy Council
  - DeKalb County Communities Putting Prevention to Work
  - SHAPE Pilot and Implementation
- Provides technical assistance and develops tools for program delivery and evaluation to state and local organizations
  - SHAPE Grantees
  - Communities Putting Prevention to Work & Community Transformation Grant Awardees
  - HRSA Rural Health Grantees
- Contributes to the evidence-base through more than 40 peer-reviewed journal articles
Partnerships & Reach
Through GSU’s active partnerships, our team has the capacity to reach virtually 100% of Georgia’s population.

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