

Obesity SIG Advocacy Corner: June 2021

The Div 54 Obesity SIG Advocacy Committee will be sending out advocacy-focused emails monthly. Please contact us if there is anything in particular you would like to see! **Committee Mission:** *to utilize the experience and knowledge of Obesity SIG members, and other resources to promote learning how to advocate in various private and public arenas.*

Our goal with these emails is that if you open just one link or attachment every month or so, you (and we) will grow a skillset to become strong health advocates.

What is Advocacy?

Health providers must “advocate for the social, economic, educational, and political changes that ameliorate suffering and contribute to human well-being.” – AMA ([link](#))

Policy Advocacy Tidbit

1. SSB tax summary article [LINK](#)
2. Did you know the [Treat and Reduce Obesity Act](#) is going through Congress? See attachment for an accessible summary.

Community Advocacy Tidbit

Are you engaged in obesity research? How are you pushing for a representative sample of your community or the national community?

Rates of obesity for youth with DD are 38% higher ([LINK](#)).

Rates of obesity for Hispanic and Black youth are 66% higher than white youth ([LINK](#)).

Clinic Advocacy Tidbit

Do your clinic chairs, tables, and scales fit people of all sizes?

Strengthen Your Inner-Advocate: Something Quick to Check Out

1. Obesity Care Advocacy Network (OCAN)- [LINK](#)
2. OCAN fact sheet for your State- [LINK](#)
3. Youth Voices for Healthy Choices- obesity-related podcast hosted by youth!! [LINK](#)

Look Forward To

In late fall 2021, the Obesity SIG will host a webinar for education and discussion about the topic: “What is advocacy (for pediatric psychologists)?” Look for info on the SIG and SPP list serves .

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