Focusing State Health Departments on Obesity Prevention

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Question #1

• From a National Perspective how can CDCP use its influence to help state health departments overcome programmatic silos and move states forward in addressing obesity control and prevention?

Question #2

 Because reduction in overweight/obesity rates at the population level will take years to achieve, what strategies do you have for keeping individuals, organizations, and policymakers motivated to continue to push for needed change?

Question #3

 How do you view your role in working with outside partners to address overweight/obesity? Can you give an example of collaboration between your agency and another government agency or a private sector partner that was particularly effective?

Question #4

 What should state and local health departments do differently or emphasize to respond to the rising incidence of overweight and obesity among children and adults?