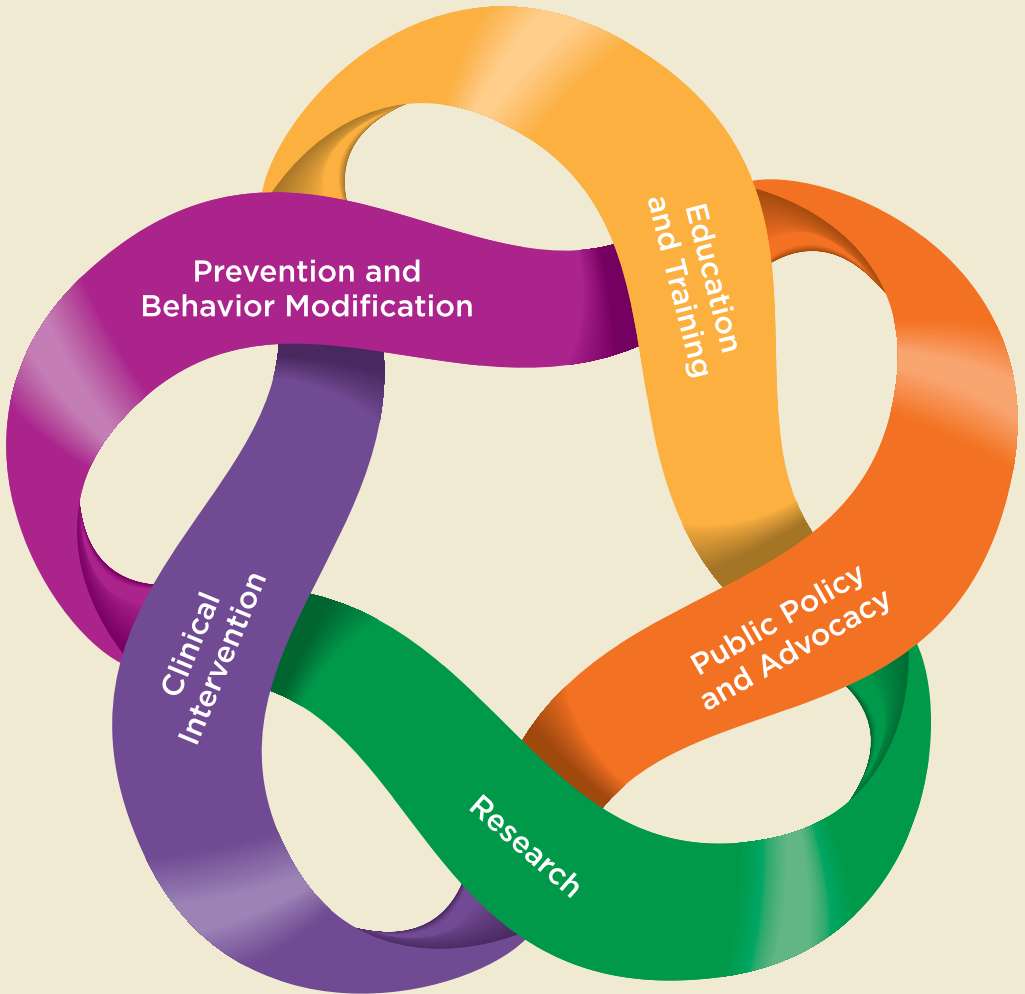


THE OBESITY INSTITUTE



This variation on the “Möbius strip” represents creative thinking, efficiency, continuity, interdependency, innovation and sustainability—all qualities associated with the collaborative, interdisciplinary Obesity Institute at Children’s National Medical Center.

THE OBESITY INSTITUTE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

Conduct and publish cutting-edge and innovative interdisciplinary bench-to-bedside-to-community childhood obesity research

Contribute seminal publications and documents in basic science, clinical science, translational science, health services, community-based science, and public health and policy to the obesity literature

Host regional and national obesity-related summits, symposia and conferences

Collaborate with the Center for Clinical and Community Research and the Center for Genetic Medicine Research to design, implement and disseminate rigorous research relevant to childhood obesity

Children's National cannot eradicate overweight and obesity in the District in isolation. But the Institute can act as a think tank and a catalyst for slowing, stopping and eventually reversing the trend of childhood obesity in the District and nationally. To that end, the Institute will:

Design, test and validate model interventions and guide implementation in the community

With reliable, evidence-based information, raise awareness among managed care organizations and Medicaid officials on the real overweight- and obesity-associated health care costs to providers and hospitals as well as prevention and treatment benefits

Provide formal and informal educational opportunities and materials to health care professionals both at the hospital and in the community

Identify effective public policy and advocate for its implementation in the District of Columbia

The Obesity Institute

Vision Statement

The Obesity Institute will be a recognized national and regional leader in developing and disseminating best practices for the prevention and treatment of overweight and obesity.

Mission Statement

The Obesity Institute will lead the effort to create innovative solutions to preventable threats to children's health caused by overweight and obesity through effective and compassionate treatment, advocacy and public policy, research, and education.