

The Center for Children's Healthy Lifestyles & Nutrition

seeks to become a leading voice in the local, regional and national movement to prevent and treat childhood obesity and associated medical and psychological co-morbidities. As a research center, our primary goal is to contribute new knowledge regarding pediatric obesity and nutrition ranging in scope from its biological origins to its societal impact. We are committed to reaching all children in our area, especially those in underserved, ethnic minority, low-income communities, and in assisting others to do so. The Center is a *collaborative effort* between two major institutions in Kansas City, the Children's Mercy Hospital and the University of Kansas Medical Center. As such, we propose the following criteria for use of this joint facility and its resources:



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1. Investigations receiving the highest priority will be those with external funding where A) two or more of the participating PIs are from at least two of the partner institutions and derive salary support from a particular award and/or B) other NIH awards that might support a particular study but that don't typically include salary support or limit it in some way (eg., T32, K23, KL2, CTSA pilot grants and NIH Loan Repayment awards). The next priority will be those studies with peer-reviewed extramural support where one or more of the investigators are faculty members (and Center members) from one of the institutions participating in the Center (CMH, KUMC, UMKC). The lowest priority will be studies without extramural support. Before these are accepted for conduct in the Center, there must be evidence of institutional support to cover all study-related costs sufficient for the successful completion of the proposed investigation. . Prioritization and final approval of studies conducted at/by the Center will reside with the Center co-directors.

2. All studies must involve infants, children and/or adolescents, and should focus on at least one aspect of children's healthy lifestyles &/or nutrition. These aspects may involve prevention, intervention and/or treatment (behavioral, physical or medical) of conditions common to pediatric patients and associated with acute or chronic over- or under-nutrition.

3. As the Center is a research facility, all operations should be focused on research and its support. The facility or its resources should not be used to support the provision of clinical psychological or medical services, unless mutual consent is given by partner institutions. Upon concurrence of the member institutions, the Center may be used to support/facilitate community services that are focused on pediatric patients with over- or under-nutrition and conditions related thereto as long as the resources are equally available to both Center partner institutions.

4. All research conducted by the Center may not be initiated absent evidence of review and approval by a competent IRB with appropriate jurisdiction of the efforts.