

## 2019 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The COPC and its 43-member organizations advocate for policy and systems change to secure the health and well-being of all of Washington's children and families. In the upcoming state legislative session, we are supporting the following bills and budgetary concepts:

### HEALTHY FOOD INCENTIVES IN FOOD BENEFIT PROGRAMS

Accessing healthy food can be difficult, especially for those who struggle with the typical high cost of healthier foods. We request an investment in technology upgrades to food benefit programs that allow healthy food incentives to seamlessly be added back onto their food benefit (EBT) card. We also request funding to continue providing such incentives under the highly successful *Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive* (FINI) program. Current federal funding for these incentives will run out by the end of 2019.

### HEALTHY KIDS, HEALTHY SCHOOLS GRANTS III

Schools play a significant role in helping kids develop healthy habits in their early, formative years. We support renewed funding at an increased level for the *Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools* grant program for schools to purchase school kitchen equipment, water bottle filling stations and physical education equipment. A total of \$17.9m was requested in 2016 with \$5m available, and almost \$10m was requested in 2018 with \$2.25m available. This shows an ongoing strong need from schools to increase and sustain funding for this grant program.

### NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE

Ensuring kids have easy access to the outdoors helps increase physical activity and improve health outcomes. We support renewed funding for the *No Child Left Inside* program, which provides under-served youth with quality opportunities to experience the natural world. Grant funds are available for outdoor environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other natural resource-based education and recreation programs.

### IMPROVE SAFETY FOR BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS

Strengthening the state's current *vulnerable user law* will help make streets safer, which in turn will produce more active transportation users, resulting in healthier communities.

### CAPITAL BUDGET INVESTMENTS

Making capital investments in key programs improves access to physical activity. Such programs include the *Youth Athletic Facilities* grant, which provides money to buy land and renovate outdoor athletic facilities, and the *WA Wildlife and Recreation Program*, which provides funding for a broad range of land protection and outdoor recreation.

## COALITION MEMBERS

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WASHINGTON RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION  
WASHINGTON SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION  
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WA STATE ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS  
WASHINGTON STATE DAIRY COUNCIL  
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