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**To: School Food Authorities**  
**Subject: SFS-16-x137 Childhood Obesity Conference**

**Preventing Obesity in the Early Years: Translating Evidence into Action**

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This is the 9th annual childhood obesity and public health conference to be held at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center. Given the recent evidence that risk for obesity begins early in life, the topic of this year's conference is on the environmental, dietary, and physical activity factors that influence young children's risk of developing obesity and the evidence-based public health strategies to address the problem. A specific focus of the conference this year is on Louisiana-specific data and solutions to address childhood obesity among preschool-aged children.

**Who Should Attend?**

This conference is designed for professionals engaged in public health efforts, including: physicians, nutritionists, physical activity specialists, registered dietitians, nurses, health educators, psychologists, counselors, healthcare policy makers, researchers, media, business and civic leaders, parks and recreation personnel, and early childhood and school-age educators and decision-makers.

**Registration and Agenda**

Registration and additional conference information may be found on the following website:

[https://www.pbrc.edu/childhood\\_obesity\\_conference/default.htm](https://www.pbrc.edu/childhood_obesity_conference/default.htm)