



The National Children's Study Federal Advisory Committee Meeting October 21, 2009

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The National Children's Study Federal Advisory Committee



- **The federal government may obtain advice for long-range planning, and development of programs from groups of outside experts through the formation of advisory committees**
- **Federal Advisory Committee Act – PL 92-463 (passed on October 6, 1972) creates standard and uniform procedures governing the operation of all committees**
- **The function of an Advisory Committee should be to advise.**
- **Advisory Committee meetings are generally open to the public with specific limited exceptions.**



The National Children's Study: Federal Advisory Committee



Roles and responsibilities for the Committee include:

- **Provide specific advice and recommendations to the NICHD Director, NCS Director, and Interagency Coordinating Committee regarding:**
 - **General direction and conduct of the study**
 - **Ethical issues**
 - **Community engagement and consideration**
 - **Hypotheses and other considerations of the study**
- **Respond to specific requests for advice and recommendations by the NICHD Director, NCS Director, and Interagency Coordinating Committee**
- **Serve as ambassadors for the NCS to outside groups**
- **Provide a forum for considering requests from the public and scientific community, and advocacy and industry perspectives and representation**



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● Study Update

- September 2008, contracts awarded to 27 Study Centers for 39 new Wave 2 Study Locations
- Budget-FY 2009--up to 192.3million; 2010 request--194.4million
- March 23, 2009 NICHD Director's Statement on cost and full evaluation of the Vanguard pilot study

● Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) Report

- Each lead agency (NICHD, NIEHS, CDC, and EPA) has an essential role to play in the Study and will assure that the study plays a role in fulfilling each agency's mission
- The ICC will lead efforts to inform the new administration about the Study



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- **Obesity: Challenges and Opportunities**
- **Independent Study Monitoring and Oversight Committee Update**
 - Initial Meeting planned for June 8, 2009
- **Vanguard Pilot Experience— Queens and Salt Lake**
- **Follow Up:**
 - Autism as an outcome
 - Formative Research Plans
- **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - Community Outreach and Engagement
 - Scientific Review
 - Ethics and Informed consent



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Agenda—October 21, 2009

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Report from the Director's Office**
- **National Children's Study Update**
- **Interagency Coordinating Committee Report**
- **Discussion of Recruitment Strategies**
- **--Lunch on your own--**
- **Discussion on Vanguard Center Protocol**

