More than 40% of Louisiana children are overweight or obese.

The state’s cost of childhood obesity-associated illness increased from $35 million to $127 million over the past two decades.

A 263% increase

88% of Louisiana parents report being concerned about childhood obesity rates.

LSU research works for healthier kids.

- Based on the projections generated by the Prevention Impact Systems Model, supported by the LSU Pennington Biomedical Research Center, policies that support healthy eating and active lifestyles may reduce childhood obesity by 20% by the year 2020.

- The LSU College of Human Sciences and Education and the LSU AgCenter Smart Bodies program are nationally recognized, innovative programs of nutrition and physical activities integrated into Louisiana elementary schools to help prevent children from becoming overweight or obese.

- Pennington Biomedical designed and distributed more than 2,000 copies of their Childhood Obesity Treatment Toolkit to pediatricians across Louisiana in an effort to evaluate and combat childhood obesity.

- Pennington Biomedical’s Translational Research Clinic for Children utilizes telehealth to combine video games, exercise, and online coaching for cutting-edge research aimed at lowering kids’ body weights.

The world’s only operating infant metabolic chamber, housed at Pennington Biomedical, was designed to collect information about a baby’s metabolism.

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