

NetChange

Supporting Healthy Black Communities



At NetChange, we are committed to improving health equity in Black communities. We provide world-class research + expertise that help Black organizations to support the communities they serve.

NetChange partnerships will assess critical risk factors impacting healthy living, provide policy solutions to combat nutrition, physical activity and weight issues, and empower key decision makers to forge an overall culture of health with our communities.

NetChange derives its name from the financial term meaning the change in value from one day to the next. Our mission is to achieve positive and lasting changes in health-related outcomes in Black communities. It is a national initiative of the African American Collaborative Obesity Research Network (AACORN), the premier research organization that develops and distributes information about ways to improve the health profiles of Black Americans. AACORN's National Office is based at the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, which has an outstanding commitment to social justice.

NetChange recognizes that advocacy and activism to support a culture of health in black communities must be based on sound evidence. A key NetChange focus is on justice around food and physical activity. These are gateway issues related to overall black community health and well-being.

At NetChange, we seek collaboration with partners who stand ready to work together in achieving the following:

- **Enhancing environments in Black communities through policy and advocacy to provide appealing and affordable options for healthy eating and active living**
- **Fighting for health equity through a holistic community approach that allows us to address health disadvantages and healthy living**

The health-related challenges facing Black communities are complex and dynamic. Becoming a NetChange partner means being at the forefront of the movement to overcome persistent health disparities and achieve health equity among Black Americans.

Contact your local AACORN member and stand up for your community to make a NetChange for Healthy Black Communities.

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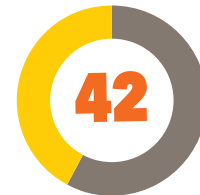
“Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle.”

—Martin Luther King Jr

Percentage of Obesity in American Youth 2-19 Years, (2011-14)



Percentage of Black Americans with Hypertension (2011-14)



Percentage of American Adults with Diabetes (2011-14)



Percentage of Chain Supermarkets Available in Black vs White Neighborhoods* (2005)



*Powell et al., 2007, adjusted for income