

**NGA Interdisciplinary Network on School-Health Partnerships:
Mississippi Action Plan**

Goal 1 *Host Governor's Summit on School Health in Summer of 2002 to Educate the Public and State Leaders as to the Impact of Successful School Health Programs and Partnerships*

- A. Set date
- B. Reserve location/site
- C. Identify conference funding
 - * Governor's Office?
 - * Department of Health?
 - * Department of Education?
 - * Division of Medicaid?
- D. Develop agenda/program
- E. Invite keynote speakers
 - * Dr. Lloyd Kolbe
 - * Governor Musgrove
 - * Governor King
- F. Develop invitation list
 - * Legislators
 - * Mississippi Association of School Superintendents
 - * School Board Association
 - * Mississippi Alliance for School Health
 - * Professional Associations
 - * Business Community/MS Economic Council
 - * Supervisors
 - * Municipal Leaders
 - * State Board of Education
 - * State Superintendent
 - * District Health Officers
 - * State Board of Health
 - * State Agency Directors (Interagency Council for Early Childhood Services)
 - * Advisory Committee for Early Childhood Services
 - * Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness and Sports
- G. Complete Logistics for Summit
 - * Site arrangements
 - Room set ups
 - Audio/visual equipment
 - Meals

- * Registration
 - Name tags
 - Summit materials/packet
- * Press releases/media coverage
- * Information booths/displays (?)

Goal 2 Obtain State Funding for Physical Educator Coordinator Position and Secure Passage of Legislation Mandating Physical Education Curriculum (2003 Session - After Summit)

- A. Solicit support of a representative and a senator to have legislation drafted and to introduce legislation
- B. Form coalition with other advocacy groups to educate legislators as to success and effects of physical education and the need for coordinator in State Department of Education
 - * Arrange for guest speaker to appear before Education and Public Health committees
 - * Arrange for a School Health Day in rotunda of capitol with informational brochures, school nurses/physicians/community members/PE instructors staffing booth
- C. Track and monitor status of legislation and appropriation bill to ensure continued progress throughout legislative session

Goal 3 Formalize a Children's Council to Monitor the Health and Quality of Life of Children in Mississippi (Birth-18 years of Age)

- A. Analyze comparable entities in other states to determine statutory authority/duties, composition, and purpose.
- B. Analyze effectiveness of creating the Council statutorily or via Executive Order
- C. Create Council
 - * Define purpose
 - * Define responsibilities
 - Submit annual report to Governor and Legislature (?)
 - Work with MSU Social Sciences Institute to conduct 5-year assessments of status of children (?)