



Safe Routes to School National Partnership's 2010–2011 State Network Project www.saferoutespartnership.org

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) National Partnership is expanding its State Network Project to 19 states and the District of Columbia beginning in January 2010. The project aims to increase physical activity among children by improving the built environment and state-level policies to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children to walk and bicycle to and from school.

The project builds upon successes gained working in nine states and the District of Columbia during [2007–2009](#). This second project phase also will focus on serving low-income communities and abating crime on the trip to and from school.

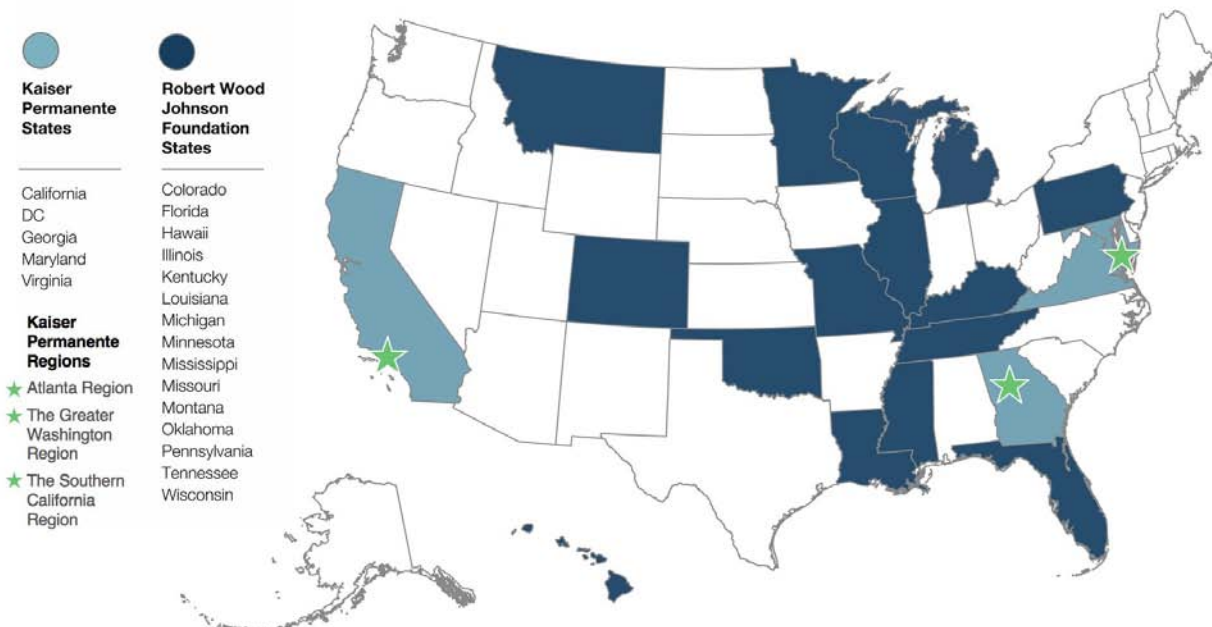
Goals

- ✓ Increase physical activity for children in grades K–8 by increasing safe opportunities for children to walk and bicycle to schools in network states.
- ✓ Institutionalize the SRTS program at the state level by building partnerships with state-level agencies, municipalities and advocacy organizations.
- ✓ Leverage additional resources and policy changes to support walking and bicycling to school and improvements to the built environment, especially in low-income communities.

Methods

- ✓ Create a network of partners including government agencies, non-profits and policy-makers.
- ✓ Research state policies to identify best practices for the networks. Detailed briefs to help participants assess policies related to SRTS issues in their state are available at: www.saferoutespartnership.org/state/bestpractices.
- ✓ Prioritize state policies based on opportunities and need.
- ✓ Develop and implement a state action plan to address state policies and engage partners.
- ✓ Evaluate progress, look for new state policy and funding opportunities and revise state action plans regularly.

2010–2011 State & Regional Network Project Participants



Participating Organizers

To get involved in your State Network Project, e-mail the organizer that is leading the efforts in your state.

California	Safe Routes to School National Partnership
Colorado	The Children's Hospital in partnership with LiveWell Colorado
District of Columbia	Washington Area Bicyclists Association
Florida	National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
Georgia	Georgia Bikes!
Hawaii	Peoples Advocacy for Trail Hawaii in partnership with the Hawaii Nutrition & Physical Activity Coalition
Illinois	Active Transportation Alliance
Kentucky	Kentucky Youth Advocates; Chair – Office of Lt. Governor, Second Lady
Louisiana	Center for Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans
Maryland	Washington Area Bicyclists Association
Michigan	Michigan Fitness Foundation
Minnesota	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, Center for Prevention
Mississippi	Bike Walk Mississippi
Missouri	Missouri Foundation for Bicycling and Walking in partnership with the Missouri Convergence Partnership and the Missouri Council for Activity and Nutrition
Montana	Eat Right Montana
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Bicycling Education Fund
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Walks and Bikes
Tennessee	YMCA of Middle Tennessee in partnership with the Tennessee Obesity Taskforce
Virginia	Prevention Connections/ VA Foundation for Healthy Youth
Wisconsin	Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin

Selection Process

The SRTS National Partnership held an open call for applications to invite states to apply for the State Network Project. The states were selected based on need and their capacity to support the program. High levels of childhood obesity, diversity and low-income communities also were considered. States that were not selected may still receive technical assistance to help move their state processes forward.

Funding

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation provided funding for 15 states, and Kaiser Permanente provided funding for another five states. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also provided financial support for the State Network Project.