

MICHAEL & SUSAN DELL CENTER FOR HEALTHY LIVING

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OCTOBER 31 / NOVEMBER 1

October 31 – Learning Institute Research Design and Implementation Outcomes

MSD Center Author
Justin Benzer

9:00 AM-4:30 PM • Learning Institute



Influence of COVID-19 Misconceptions and Conspiracy Beliefs on Vaccine Intentions in Latino Day Laborers

MSD Center Author
Dale Mantey

1:00 PM-2:00 PM • Poster



Associations Among Physical Activity (PA) Policy Components and Educator Behaviors on Infant PA and Sedentary Time in Texas Early Childhood Education (ECE) Centers: A Cross-sectional Analysis

MSD Center Author
Shreela Sharma

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Cancer Risk Assessment of Benzene Exposure Among Workers at U.S. Unconventional Oil and Gas Sites During Flowback

MSD Center Author
Kevin Lanza

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Pediatric Asthma Hospitalizations, Air Pollution, and Neighborhood Opportunity in Harris County, Texas: Spatial Patterns and Community Context

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Kevin Lanza

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NOVEMBER 1

Promoting Access to Fresh Produce to Texas Teens Through a School-Based Produce Prescription Program

MSD Center Author
Ru-Jye (Lindi) Chuang

2:30 PM-4:00 PM • Roundtable



Vertical Integration in US healthcare: A Scoping Review of Measures and Outcomes

MSD Center Authors
Baojiang Chen • Shelton Brown

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The Independent Protective Effect of Positive Childhood Experiences on Adolescent Cardiovascular Health: A Dual-Factor Analysis of the ABCD Study

MSD Center Authors
Ethan Hunt • Augusto Cesar de Moraes

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Pre-Admission Opioid Abuse and In-Hospital Mortality in Traumatic Brain Injury: Evaluating Association, Mediation, and Causality

MSD Center Author
Vahed Maroufy

3:15 PM-3:30 PM • Oral



A Framework for Assessing Partnership Maturity in Activities Conducted Through Coalitions

MSD Center Author
Dorothy Mandell

3:30 PM-3:45 PM • Oral



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National Trends in Transgender Representation Among People Experiencing Homelessness in the United States, 2014–2024

MSD Center Authors
Justin Benzer • Dale Mantey

4:30 PM-4:45 PM • Oral



Daily Screen Time and Cognitive Outcomes in Adolescents: A Longitudinal Analysis of the ABCD Study

MSD Center Authors
Ethan Hunt • Augusto Cesar de Moraes

5:00 PM-6:00 PM • Poster



Assessing Users Navigation Through a Perinatal mHealth Education App (Father's Playbook) to Improve Health Promotion

MSD Center Author
Dorothy Mandell

5:00 PM-6:00 PM • Poster



What's in the Vending Machine? Ultra-Processed Foods for Sale in Texas Schools

MSD Center Authors
Deanna Hoelscher • Raja Malkani • Jerri Berry • Nalini Ranjit • Carolyn Smith • Adriana Pérez • Ethan Hunt • Christopher Pfladderer • Augusto Cesar De Moraes • Yuzi Zhang

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Examining Sexual Orientation Disparities in Dual- and Polysubstance Use Among Asian U.S. High School Students

MSD Center Author

Dale Mantey

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Feasibility and Impact of a School-Based Nutrition Education Program on Obesity-Related Health Outcomes and Psychosocial Well-being Among Parents in a Persistent Poverty Area

MSD Center Author

Ru-Jye (Lindi) Chuang • Shreela Sharma

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Short-Term and Sustained Improvements in Dietary Behavior and Central Adiposity Among Children in a Family-Based Lifestyle Program: A Pilot Study in an Underserved Hispanic U.S. Community

MSD Center Author

Belinda Reininger

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Nonmedical Provider Perspectives on Help-Seeking and Partner Influence in Maternal Risk Disclosure

MSD Center Author

Dorothy Mandell

10:30 AM-11:30 AM • Poster



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A Scoping Review of a 10-year Snapshot of Literature on Dental Hygiene Students' and Professionals' Knowledge, Attitudes, Beliefs, and Willingness to Recommend the HPV Vaccine to Patients and Parents

MSD Center Authors

Dale Mantey • Irene Tamí-Maury

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Variations in Infant Feeding Regulations for Early Childhood Education (ECE) Center Minimum Standards Across the United States and U.S. Territories

MSD Center Author

Shreela Sharma

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Examining Connectedness Profiles and their Association to Depressive Symptoms for Latino Day Laborers

MSD Center Author

Vahed Maroufy

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The Association Between Dual- and Polysubstance Use and Suicidality Among Asian American and Pacific Islander High School Students in the United States

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Dale Mantey

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Analysis of Early Childhood Worker Experiences with Trauma-Informed Training and Workplace Stress and Burnout

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Dorothy Mandell

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Characterizing School Trip Physical Activity in Children Using Matched GPS and Accelerometer Data: Findings and Lessons from the STREETS project

MSD Center Authors

Yuzi Zhang • Deanna Hoelscher • Kaitlyn Swinney • Deb Salvo*

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Engaging Adolescents in a School-Based Produce Prescription Program: Strategies and Lessons Learned

MSD Center Authors

Ru-Jye (Lindi) Chuang • Shreela Sharma

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Improving Chronic Kidney Disease and Retinopathy Screening Rates Through a Learning Collaborative Quality Improvement Initiative with Safety Net Clinics on the Texas-Mexico Border

MSD Center Author

Belinda Reininger

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Effects of a Home-Delivered Food is Medicine Program on Food and Nutrition Insecurity Among Low-income Postpartum Texas Women

MSD Center Authors
Nalini Ranjit • Alexandra van den Berg • Aida Nielsen
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Mapping Dietary Behaviors and Household Food Access Among Elementary-school Children to Inform Coordinated School Nutrition: A Network Analysis

MSD Center Authors
Ru-Jye (Lindi) Chuang • Shreela Sharma
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"Children are Less Independent Because They Can't Serve Themselves." Changes in Nutrition and Mealtimes During the COVID-19 Pandemic Among Early Childhood Education (ECE) Providers

MSD Center Author
Shreela Sharma
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CERD-Mapping: A Systematic Approach to the Co-Creation of Dissemination Strategies

MSD Center Author
Belinda Reininger
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Advancing Maternal Health Through Food Is Medicine in Texas

MSD Center Author
Shreela Sharma
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Evaluation of Theory-Informed, Nutrition-Focused Child Oral Health Education Videos for Parents of Early Elementary-aged School Children: Incorporating Humor, Culture, and Relatability into Bilingual Education

MSD Center Authors
Steven Kelder • Shreela Sharma
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Healthy Mujeres: Mobilizing for Women's Health in the Texas Rio Grande Valley via a Mobile Health Unit and Community Clinics

MSD Center Authors
Divya Patel • Joanne Delk
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Childhood Sleep Disturbance Trajectories and Subsequent Psychopathology: A Lagged Longitudinal Analysis of Six DSM-5 Outcomes in the ABCD Study

MSD Center Authors
Ethan Hunt • Augusto Cesar de Moraes • Dale Mantey
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Results and Lessons Learned from Implementing Target: BP in Federally Qualified Health Centers

MSD Center Author
Natalia Heredia
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Physical Well-Being Among Stroke Survivors from a Telerehabilitation Interventional Study

MSD Center Author
Belinda Reininger
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Suicidality and Parental Monitoring: Exploring Differences by Transgender Identity in the 2023 Youth Risk Surveillance System

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Dale Mantey
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An Equity Analysis of the Micro-and-Macro-Level Built Environment Surrounding Elementary Schools in Central Texas

MSD Center Authors
Deanna Hoelscher • Yuzi Zhang • Kaitlyn Swinney • Deb Salvo*
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Differences in Elementary-Aged Children's Meal Skipping Habits Between School and Summer. Three-year Findings from the What's UP (Undermining Prevention) with Summer Observational Cohort Study

MSD Center Author
Christopher Pfledderer
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Does Duration Matter for Diet? Examining the Association Between Length of Double Up Food Bucks Participation at Texas Farmers' Markets and Fruit and Vegetable Outcomes

MSD Center Authors
Alexandra van den Berg • Aida Nielsen
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Geographic Variation in Route of Opioid Administration Among Individuals Initially Entering Treatment: Examination of Sex Differences in a National Sample

MSD Center Author
Dale Mantey
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Structure and Function of Informal Support Networks Among Black Mothers During the Perinatal Period in Austin, Texas: A Secondary Qualitative Analysis

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Evaluation of Participant Experiences with Double Up Food Bucks in Texas Supermarkets and Farmers' Markets

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Organizational Responses to Extreme Heat in Sugarcane Agricultural Work in Eswatini

MSD Center Author
Kevin Lanza
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Integration of Non-Medical Drivers of Health Screening and Referral Support in a Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) Shows Promise for Improving Key Health Outcomes

MSD Center Author
Belinda Reininger
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Implementation Lessons Learned: Participant and Community Health Worker Perspectives on an Innovative Home-Based Stroke Telerehabilitation Pilot Study in a Rural South Texas Community

MSD Center Author
Belinda Reininger
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Motivations and Challenges of SNAP Shoppers Using Double Up Food Bucks in Texas: A Qualitative Study

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Alexandra van den Berg • Aida Nielsen
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Double Up Food Bucks as a Tool for Household Financial Flexibility Among Low-Income Families in Texas

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Alexandra van den Berg • Aida Nielsen
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Trends in Federal Food and Local Food Assistance Program Utilization at Texas Farmers' Markets during the 2025 Government Shutdown: Findings from Sales Data

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Baseline Cardiometabolic Risk and Food Insecurity Among Elementary-Aged Children in a Persistent Poverty Area

MSD Center Authors
Ru-Jye (Lindi) Chuang • Shreela Sharma
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Beyond Social Cues: The Normative Influence of Social Referents on COVID-19 Vaccine Compliance Among Latino Day Laborers

MSD Center Author
Vahed Maroufy
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CATCH Healthy Smiles: A Phase 3 Cluster-Randomized Trial of a School-Based Behavioral Intervention to Improve Children's Oral Health

MSD Center Authors
Shreela Sharma • Steven Kelder • Ru-Jye (Lindi) Chuang
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Advancing Translational Science Through Community-Engaged Capacity Building: A Qualitative Study of Solutions in Action Workshops

MSD Center Author
Belinda Reininger
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Mental Health Well-Being Among Stroke Survivors and Caregivers from a Telerehabilitation Interventional Study

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Belinda Reininger
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Implementing a Multi-Component School-Based Oral Health Intervention: Longitudinal Fidelity Findings from the CATCH Healthy Smiles Cluster-RCT

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Cross-Sector Collaboration to Improve Child Oral Health Equity Through A Coordinated School Health Intervention For Oral Health Promotion Among At-Risk Children

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Journal of Public Health Policy Best Paper of the Year Award – Preparing Public Health Researchers to Interact with State-level Legislators: Evaluation of the Texas Research-to-Policy Collaboration Project Training

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