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POLL #1

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Debbie Lou is the program analyst with Active Living Research, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Debbie engages advocacy, policy, and community groups to develop opportunities for research translation and dissemination, especially to ensure the research meets the needs of communities at highest risk for childhood obesity.

Debbie is co-author of a research synthesis with Dr. Wendell Taylor titled “Do All Children Have Places to be Active?” This synthesis reviews evidence showing that lower-income people and racial and ethnic minorities often live in communities that discourage active living.

Website:  www.activelivingresearch.org
POLL #2

In New York City today, what percentage of the adult population is overweight or obese?

a. 12%
b. 35%
c. 50%
d. 60%
Karen K. Lee, MD, MHSc, FRCPC, is Senior Advisor to the Built Environment & Healthy Housing Program at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Dr. Lee has been the lead for the NYC Health Dept. in its work with 12 city agencies including the NYC Departments of Design & Construction, City Planning, Transportation, and Housing Preservation and Development, and non-government partners, in the development of the award-winning Active Design Guidelines, published in January 2010. Since the publication of the Guidelines, Dr. Lee’s team has developed trainings on Active Design, and has worked with city agencies and private sector partners on developing and implementing Active Design policies and practices in NYC and 15 other U.S. cities.
POLL #3

Which of the following best reflects the status of active design projects (i.e. buildings or neighborhoods designed to promote physical activity) in your community, either planned, under construction, or completed?

a. I am not aware of any active design projects in my area
b. There are one or more active design projects in my area, but none of them are related to affordable housing
c. There are one or more active design projects in my area focused on affordable housing
d. Other: Please type into Q&A
Dr. Gayle Nicoll, Dean of the Faculty of Design, an architect, and environmental researcher has focused her teaching and research on human behaviour related to spatial typologies, building features and technology, human behavior and design practices related to healthy environments. Her research examining the physical environmental features that promote physically active lifestyles has provided an important foundation for building and urban design initiatives that promote health and combat chronic disease related to sedentary lifestyles and obesity, such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and colon cancer. Dr. Nicoll is a co-author of the Active Design Guidelines (ADG) which has over 15,000 copies distributed in 80 countries and has been recognized with multiple awards.

Website:  http://www.ocadu.ca/
POLL #4

Which of the following statements best describes the stairway(s) in your workplace?

a. They are visible, clean, and safe, but people rarely use them
b. They are visible, clean, and safe, and people use them regularly

c. They are not easy to find, and seem dirty and/or unsafe. People rarely or never use them.
d. They are not easy to find, and seem dirty and/or unsafe, yet some people still try to use them regularly.
e. We are not able to access stairways in my workplace unless in an emergency.

f. Not applicable
Shampa Chanda is currently Director of Preservation Planning and Disposition at NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development. She manages disposition of select HPD sites, enhances HPD’s preservation programs, incorporates active design elements in select HPD projects, and consults on zoning-related initiatives. In addition to her role at HPD, she is currently leading reviews of several development projects in different NYC boroughs for the NYC Department of City Planning. She has over 20 years of experience in planning having served in various management capacities at the HPD.

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