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Seminar Series  
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“NIH School-based Obesity Prevention Project: Tailored to Promote Involvement of Parents for Rural Hispanics & African Americans”



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Since arriving at Texas A&M University, Dr. McKyer has established the **Child and Adolescent Health Research Lab (CARHL)** within the Dept. of Health & Kinesiology. Her work has led to funding from state and federal entities. Since then, Dr. McKyer has steadily built the lab into one of the largest in the department, providing a forum for the training and development of future health education researchers and professionals.

Dr. McKyer's research is highly inclusive. She is actively engaged in collaborative projects with faculty representing the Dept. of Clinical Psychology, Dept. of Recreation, Parks and Tourism, Dept. of Nutrition and Food Science, Dept. of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning. She also holds adjunct faculty status with the Dept. of Social and Behavioral Sciences in the School of Rural Public Health, Texas A&M Health Science Center. The majority of her current research efforts focus on familial (parents, siblings), physical and other socioenvironmental (friends, peers) influences on childhood obesity/overweight and nutrition. She continues some research efforts in ATOD-related areas as well. She is a lifetime member of Psi Chi (Psychological Honorary Society) and of Eta Sigma Gamma (Health Education Honorary). She's also a member of the American Academy of Health Behavior, the American Public Health Association, and the Society for Research in Child Development.