Implementing and Sustaining Physical Activity and Nutrition Programs in Faith-based Settings: Insights from Faith, Activity, and Nutrition (FAN)

**Symposium Overview**

Faith-based programs can play a vital role in extending the reach of public health efforts. The 2017 symposium will examine factors related to putting faith-based, evidence-based programs into practice, using the Faith, Activity, and Nutrition (FAN) program as a model. FAN is a combined physical activity and dietary program, previously found to be effective, that seeks to help churches create a healthy church environment that supports physical activity and healthy eating.

The symposium will provide an overview of core program elements and insights from faith-based partners who have implemented the program in South Carolina churches. Partners will share strategies for tailoring the program for local churches, keys to success, barriers to implementation, and discuss planning for sustainability.

FAN is indexed in the National Cancer Institute’s Research-Tested Intervention Programs (RTIPs).

**Speakers**

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