

# The National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD) is recognized by President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition as a NYSS Champion<sup>SM</sup> to Promote Participation in Youth Sports

*NCHPAD becomes an NYSS Champion*

(Birmingham, AL) – The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is pleased to recognize The National Center on Health, Physical Activity, and Disability as a National Youth Sports Strategy (NYSS) Champion. The NYSS, released in September 2019, called for a national strategy to increase youth sports participation. The NYSS is the first Federal roadmap with actionable strategies to increase participation in youth sports, increase awareness of the benefits of youth sports participation, monitor and evaluate youth sports participation, and recruit and engage volunteers in youth sports programming.

NYSS aims to unite U.S. youth sports culture around a shared vision: that one day all youth will have the opportunity, motivation, and access to play sports — regardless of their race, ethnicity, sex, ability, or ZIP code. NYSS Champions represent organizations that are working towards achieving this vision.

As a NYSS Champion, NCHPAD has demonstrated their organization's support of youth sports and commitment to the NYSS vision. NCHPAD is recognized along with other NYSS Champions on [health.gov](https://www.health.gov) as part of a growing network of organizations partnering with HHS to improve the youth sports landscape in America.

"We know children who obtain regular physical activity gain important physical and mental health benefits, which are more important than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic," explains ADM Brett Giroir, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health at HHS. "I'm thrilled to acknowledge the work of the NYSS Champions who are furthering the mission of the NYSS and helping to foster a lifelong love of sports and physical activity for our Nation's youth."

## **About NCHPAD**

NCHPAD is the nation's premier center in promoting the health and wellness of people with disability. Subscribe to us for the latest guides on accessibility, fitness, nutrition, adapted sports, mindfulness, and more. The NYSS Champion is a service mark of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Used with permission. Participation by NCHPAD does not imply endorsement by HHS/ODPHP.

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