



### *IHWI Membership*

Membership is free and open to any individual or organization whose mission is consistent with the IHWI's priorities and meets the requirements for membership.

#### **Membership Benefits and Opportunities:**

- Individual Members who complete the IHWI Annual Survey attend the Annual meeting at no cost.
- Organization members that complete the IHWI Annual Survey may send 2 representatives from their organization to the IHWI Annual Meeting at no cost.
- Organization members who complete the IHWI Annual Survey receive a 10% discount on sponsorship and exhibitor fees at the IHWI Annual Meeting.
- Member organizations who complete the IHWI Annual Survey receive a custom report about other IHWI organizations working on similar projects as described in the Annual Survey.
- Member organizations have networking and collaboration opportunities with other organizations committed to addressing the burden of obesity in Indiana through policy, systems, and environment change.
- Participation in statewide efforts to make a difference in the burden of obesity.
- Professional education and information.
- Public recognition of leadership in obesity related efforts.
- Access to IHWI Policy Actions and Alerts.

#### **Member Expectations and Responsibilities:**

1. Members are expected to do the following:
  - Commit themselves to activities that support the IHWI's mission, vision, or goals.
  - Endorse and support IHWI priorities as appropriate for their organization
  - Share information about how IHWI priorities and strategies are being implemented and other information via **the IHWI Annual Survey**.
  - Strive to attend the IHWI Annual Meeting
  - Participate in the process of determining statewide obesity prevention priorities
2. Members reserve the right to resign their IHWI membership at any time.

#### **The IHWI Annual Survey**

The IHWI Annual Survey is a tool by which the IHWI gathers critical information about the nutrition and physical activity efforts happening around the state. The survey helps the IHWI develop connections between members and helps the IHWI leadership team and workgroups develop strategic engagement, data, and policy actions each year.



### **IHWI Membership Statement:**

All IHWI Members agree to support the IHWI's Mission and Vision.

#### **Mission**

To enhance the health and quality of life of Hoosiers by promoting good nutrition, regular physical activity and a healthy weight through policy, environment and lifestyle change.

#### **Vision**

All Hoosiers practice and enjoy a lifestyle of healthy eating and physical activity within an environment that supports health, wellness and vitality.

#### **Overall Goals**

- Increase access to and consumption of healthy foods and beverages.
- Increase opportunities for and engagement in regular physical activity.
- Increase efforts aimed at enabling people to achieve and maintain a healthy weight across the lifespan.
- Reduce environmental and policy-related disparities for breastfeeding, nutrition, physical activity, overweight, obesity, and chronic disease.
- Increase the capacity of communities and the settings within those communities (e.g., schools, worksites, faith-based organizations, etc.) to develop and sustain environmental and policy support systems that encourage healthy eating and active living.
- Increase state and local strategic partnerships to more effectively coordinate efforts, share resources, and identify and reach priority populations.

#### **Organizational Membership Review**

The Indiana Healthy Weight Initiative reserves the right to review all membership applications and to revoke membership from any individual or organization at any time. All Organizational Memberships will be reviewed by the IHWI Steering Committee to evaluate the organizational alignment of each organization seeking membership. The IHWI Steering Committee will determine if the Mission, Vision, and Actions of each organization qualify them for membership. In some cases, the IHWI Steering Committee will examine an organization's close ties to other organizations or conglomerates to determine if membership is appropriate. The IHWI may consider the following criteria as well as Mission, Vision, and Actions when making a determination: the core practices of the organization and its close partners, the history of the organization and its close partners, the marketing practices of the organization and its close partners, the organization and its close partner's public policy agenda, if that organization's membership would support or detract from IHWI's actions or image, if membership would make it appear that IHWI endorses a product or brand, and other criteria deemed appropriate by the Steering Committee. If an organization is denied membership the IHWI Steering Committee will inform the organization in writing as to the reason membership was denied.

#### **Policy Statement**

The IHWI maintains an Annual IHWI Policy Agenda. Members DO NOT necessarily endorse the IHWI Policy Agenda. Those IHWI organizations that DO support our Annual Policy Agenda are found on our website. For more information about the IHWI's relationship with Policy and Policymaking please see our website. [www.indianaobesity.org/policy](http://www.indianaobesity.org/policy)