

New Book, Fed Up! Winning the War Against Childhood Obesity, Offers Advice for Parents with Overweight Children

Developing and publishing a book on preventing obesity in children and youth

SUMMARY

Susan Okie, MD, in collaboration with staff of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academy of Sciences, wrote a book called *Fed Up! Winning the War Against Childhood Obesity* (2005). The book provides strategies for protecting children and improving their exercise and eating habits.

Key Results

Fed Up! Winning the War Against Childhood Obesity (2005) provides specific strategies for protecting children and improving their exercise and eating habits.

A review in the *Washington Post* said: "[Fed Up!] concludes by offering thoroughly sound and detailed solutions to an exasperating problem. ... A must-read for parents whose children are overweight—or who hope to avoid the problem." (March 13, 2005)

Readers can order the book or download the book for a fee online. The cost ranges from \$12.50 for a PDF to \$27.95 for the hardback book.

By June 2006, the National Academies Press, publisher for the National Academies (including the IOM, under its imprint, Joseph Henry Press), had sold over 4,500 copies of the book.

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