



**Recreation-Education-Exhibition Program (REEP)
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Issue: Recognizing that aerobic activity plays an important role in physical and mental health as well as the likelihood that an individual will maintain a higher quality of life, REEP has focused on participants' attention on play, learning and teamwork with an ultimate goal of having fun as we move through life together being healthy in our life habits.

What has been done: A pilot program involving youth in the College Station, Texas Boys and Girls Club allowed us to test the ARC game which is a key component of the REEP framework.

Impacts: REEP being pilot tested with 10 youths from the Boys and Girls Club Summer Sports Program at the Lincoln Center in College Station, Texas allowed us to field test the potential for the full program which will focus on 100 students at H. T. Jones Elementary School adjacent to the campus of Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas. The youth were very enthusiastic about the program and were very excited about being the first individuals to play this new game which was fun and also educational with a focus on health, nutrition, science and math.

Funding Sources, Cooperators, Partners, Mentors etc.: Funding Sources at present have been limited to private partners who are interested in the development of the ARC game, but who also envision the game as being a natural crosswalk to the education and exhibition components of REEP. Cooperators will include: Prairie View A&M University, College of Agriculture and Human Sciences, Department of Agriculture, Nutrition and Human Ecology, Department of Health and Human Performance, Cooperative Agricultural Research Center, Cooperative Extension Program, and H. T. Jones Elementary School.

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