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# Misperception of Child's Body Weight

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A collaborative study including Dr. Andrew Hansen, assistant professor of community health behavior and education, and Dr. Jian Zhang, associate professor of epidemiology at the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health Georgia Southern University examine the [change in misperception of child's body weight among parents](#). Little is known about parental recognition of their child's overweight status over time. The aim of this study was to examine the prevalence of parental misperceptions related to preschool children's weight in the last two decades. Results from the study indicate there was a declining tendency among parents to perceive overweight children appropriately. Strategies are needed to explore how to encourage clinician

discussions with parents about appropriate weight for their child and strengthen capacity for childhood obesity prevention.

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# ***U.S. Undergraduate Education in Public Health***

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A collaborative study including Dr. Yelena Tarasenko, Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Management and Epidemiology, examines [U.S. Undergraduate Education in Public Health](#). Undergraduate public health education has received growing attention in recent years. This includes a Washington Post article referring to undergraduate public health education as a “hot field” for a global generation, the Critical Component Elements of an Undergraduate Major in Public Health developed by the Association of School and Programs in Public Health (ASPPH), and a recent report from the de Beaumont Foundation and ASPPH. To evaluate the demand for the degree and assess the current state of undergraduate public health education, the researchers examined the number and characteristics of publicly reported U.S. baccalaureate public health programs. The researchers concluded that while public health may be a “hot” field in terms of the interest that it generates, the actual number of verified undergraduate programs available is relatively modest.

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