

# Obesity Prevention and Control: Digital Health Interventions for Adolescents with Overweight or Obesity

## Summary Evidence Table

This table outlines information from the studies included in the Community Guide systematic review of Digital Health Interventions for Adolescent with Overweight or Obesity. It details study quality, population and intervention characteristics, and study outcomes considered in this review. Complete references for each study can be found in the Included Studies section of the [review summary](#) [<https://www.thecommunityguide.org/findings/obesity-prevention-and-control-digital-health-interventions-adolescents-overweight-obesity>].

### Abbreviations Used in This Document:

- Outcomes:
  - %BF: percent body fat
  - BMI: body mass index
  - BMIz: body mass index z-score
  - FV: fruits and vegetables
  - HRQoL: health-related quality of life
  - MVPA: moderate to vigorous physical activity
  - SSB: sugar sweetened beverage
- Study design:
  - iRCT: individual randomized controlled trial
  - gRCT: group randomized trial
- Measurement terms:
  - CI: confidence interval
  - d: day
  - min: minutes
  - mmHg: millimeters of mercury
  - m: months
  - serv: servings
  - wk: week
  - yrs: years
- Other terms:
  - NA: not applicable
  - NR: not reported
  - NS: not significant
  - SES: socioeconomic status
  - T2DM: Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

### Notes:

- **Suitability of design** includes three categories: greatest, moderate, or least suitable design. [Read more >>](#) [<https://www.thecommunityguide.org/about/glossary#suitability-of-design>]
- **Quality of Execution** – Studies are assessed to have good, fair, or limited quality of execution. [Read more >>](#) [<https://www.thecommunityguide.org/about/glossary#quality-of-execution>]
- **Race/ethnicity** of the study population: The Community Guide only summarizes race/ethnicity for studies conducted in the United States.

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<p><b>Author, Year:</b> Chen et al., 2017</p> <p><b>Study Design:</b> iRCT</p> <p><b>Suitability of Design:</b> Greatest</p> <p><b>Quality of Execution:</b> Good (1 limitation)</p>	<p><b>Study population:</b> Overweight Chinese American overweight patients from a primary care setting</p> <p><b>Sample size:</b> Intervention:23 Control:17</p> <p><b>Demographics:</b> <u>Intervention</u> Mean age: 15.0yrs Gender: 42% female Race/ethnicity: 100% Chinese American SES: low-income</p> <p><u>Control</u> Mean age: 14.8yrs Gender: 47% female Race/ethnicity: 100% Chinese American SES: low-income</p>	<p><b>Location (urbanicity):</b> northern CA, USA (urban)</p> <p><b>Intervention duration:</b> 24 weeks <b>When intervention occurred:</b> 2015-2016</p> <p><b>Intervention activities:</b> Focus of Intervention: PA + weight + diet</p> <p>Intervention components: self-monitoring + goal setting</p> <p>Device(s): wearable device + mobile</p> <p><i>Intervention:</i> Intervention was based on social cognitive theory, and utilized key concepts such as self-efficacy, outcome expectation, skill mastery, and self-regulation capabilities. The intervention included three major components, in which participants (1) used a wearable sensor for six months, (2) reviewed eight online educational modules for three months, and, after completing the modules, (3) received tailored, biweekly text messages for three months. The wearable sensor app and the online program were used to track physical activity, sedentary activity, and dietary intake progress (by recording number of serving of fruit and vegetable, sugar-sweetened drink, and glasses of water consumption per day); set realistic individualized goals; monitor progress related to attaining goals; provide tips for everyday activities; and provide strategies for maintaining healthy weight.</p>	<p><b>Primary Outcome Measure(s):</b> BMIz, Systolic and Diastolic BP</p> <p><b>Additional Outcome Measure(s):</b> FV, SSB, # days active 60min, sedentary time, HRQoL</p> <p><b>How Ascertained:</b> California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), Pediatric Quality of Life-Adolescents</p> <p><b>BMIz</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Intervention</th> <th>Control</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pre</td> <td>1.60</td> <td>1.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post 6m</td> <td>1.42</td> <td>1.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Change</td> <td>-0.18</td> <td>+0.34</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Summary Effect: -0.52</b></p> <p><b>Systolic BP</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Intervention</th> <th>Control</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pre</td> <td>116.7</td> <td>115.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post 6m</td> <td>114.7</td> <td>115.9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Summary Effect: -2.93</b></p> <p><b>Diastolic BP</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Intervention</th> <th>Control</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pre</td> <td>72.7</td> <td>69.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post 6m</td> <td>70.2</td> <td>72.1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Summary Effect: -4.79</b></p> <p>FV: +0.85 servings of FV/day SSB: Decrease 0.91 servings of SSB/day # days per week active 60 min: Increase 0.77 d/w Sedentary time: Decrease 42 min/day HRQoL (higher score indicates increased QoL): Increase 6.0</p> <p><b>Paper conclusions:</b> "A culturally appropriate smartphone-based intervention has great potential to reduce obesity and improve adherence to a healthy lifestyle. Reducing sugary</p>		Intervention	Control	Pre	1.60	1.54	Post 6m	1.42	1.80	Change	-0.18	+0.34		Intervention	Control	Pre	116.7	115.7	Post 6m	114.7	115.9		Intervention	Control	Pre	72.7	69.9	Post 6m	70.2	72.1
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<p><b>Author, Year:</b> Doyle et al., 2008</p> <p><b>Study Design:</b> iRCT</p> <p><b>Suitability of Design:</b> Greatest</p> <p><b>Quality of Execution:</b> Good (1 limitation)</p>	<p><b>Study population:</b> overweight 12-18 yrs</p> <p><b>Sample size:</b> Intervention: 42 Control: 41</p> <p><b>Demographics:</b> <u>Intervention</u> Mean age: 14.9 yrs Gender: 65% female Race/ethnicity: white: 52.5%; black: 27.5%; Hispanic: 7.5%; other: 12.5% SES: NR</p> <p><u>Control</u> Mean age: 14.1 yrs Gender: 60% female Race/ethnicity: white: 47.5%; black: 25.0%; Hispanic: 17.5%; other: 10.0% SES: NR</p>	<p><b>Location (urbanicity):</b> San Diego, CA and St. Louis, MO (urban and suburban)</p> <p><b>Intervention Duration:</b> 16 weeks <b>When intervention occurred:</b> 2003-2006</p> <p><b>Intervention Details:</b> Focus of Intervention: PA + weight + diet</p> <p>Intervention Components: self-monitoring + goal setting + social support + parental involvement/education</p> <p>Device(s): computer</p> <p><i>Intervention:</i> Student Bodies 2: Internet delivered education (portion sizes, recommended daily activity; guided behavior modification for weight control (self-monitoring with feedback) and cognitive exercises for improving body</p>	<p><b>Primary Outcome Measure(s):</b> BMIz</p> <p><b>Additional Outcome Measure(s):</b> Weight concern, shape concern, eating concern, restraint</p> <p><b>How Ascertained:</b> Eating Disorder Examination-Questionnaire (EDE-Q)</p> <p><b>Results</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Intervention</th> <th>Control</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pre</td> <td>2.19</td> <td>2.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post 4m</td> <td>2.11</td> <td>2.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Change</td> <td>-0.08</td> <td>+0.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>Summary Effect: -0.09</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">4 month follow-up</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 m f/u</td> <td>2.10</td> <td>2.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Change</td> <td>-0.09</td> <td>-0.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>Summary Effect: -0.05</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>EDE-Q</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Weight Concern: -0.04</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Intervention	Control	Pre	2.19	2.19	Post 4m	2.11	2.20	Change	-0.08	+0.01	<b>Summary Effect: -0.09</b>			4 month follow-up			4 m f/u	2.10	2.15	Change	-0.09	-0.04	<b>Summary Effect: -0.05</b>			<b>EDE-Q</b>			Weight Concern: -0.04		
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<p><b>Author, Year:</b> Fonseca et al., 2016</p> <p><b>Study Design:</b> iRCT</p> <p><b>Suitability of Design:</b> Greatest</p> <p><b>Quality of Execution:</b> Good (1 limitation)</p>	<p><b>Study population:</b> overweight 12-18 yrs</p> <p><b>Sample size:</b> Intervention: 40 Control: 40</p> <p><b>Demographics:</b> <u>Intervention</u> Mean age: 14.5 yrs Gender: 55.0% female SES: NR</p> <p><u>Control</u> Mean age: 14.5 yrs Gender: 47.5% female SES: NR</p>	<p><b>Location (urbanicity):</b> Lisbon, Portugal (urban)</p> <p><b>Intervention duration:</b> 12 weeks <b>When intervention occurred:</b> 2014-2015</p> <p><b>Intervention activities:</b> Focus of Intervention: PA + weight + diet</p> <p>Intervention components: self-monitoring + goal setting</p> <p>Device(s): Computer</p> <p><i>Intervention:</i> The primary goals of the intervention were (1) to reduce binge eating, (2) to maintain weight, (3) to increase healthy eating, (4) to increase</p>	<p><b>Primary Outcome Measure(s):</b> BMI</p> <p><b>Additional Outcome Measure(s):</b> HRQoL</p> <p><b>How Ascertained:</b> HRQoL Impact of Weight on Quality of Life-Lite</p> <p><b>Results</b> <b>BMI:</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1396 1161 2007 1218"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Intervention</th> <th>Control</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pre</td> <td>30.95</td> <td>31.42</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Summary Effect at 3m: -0.27 (reported in Ho et al systematic review)</b></p> <p><b>HRQoL:</b> no significant effect</p> <p><b>Paper conclusions:</b> "Our findings provide little support for the effectiveness of internet-based weight management programs as an add-on to</p>		Intervention	Control	Pre	30.95	31.42
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<p><b>Author, Year:</b> Jones et al., 2008</p> <p><b>Study Design:</b> gRCT</p> <p><b>Suitability of Design:</b> Greatest</p> <p><b>Quality of Execution:</b> Fair (3 limitations)</p>	<p><b>Study population:</b> overweight high school students</p> <p><b>Sample size:</b> Intervention: 52 Control: 53</p> <p><b>Demographics:</b> <u>Intervention</u> Mean age: 15.0 yrs Gender: 73.0% female Race/ethnicity: White: 67.%; Black: 4%; Hispanic: 23%; other: 6%</p>	<p><b>Location (urbanicity):</b> ID and CA, US (not reported)</p> <p><b>Intervention duration:</b> 16 weeks</p> <p><b>When intervention occurred:</b> Cohort 1: spring of 2005 - summer 2005; Cohort 2: fall 2005 - winter 2006</p> <p><b>Intervention activities:</b> Focus of Intervention: PA + weight + Diet</p>	<p><b>Primary Outcome Measure(s):</b> BMIz</p> <p><b>Additional Outcome Measure(s):</b> Fat intake, sugar intake, binge eating, weight and shape concerns, depression</p> <p><b>How Ascertained:</b> Fat and sugar intake: PACE+ dietary fat screening a 21-item inventory assesses intake over 1 week; Binge eating and Weight and Shape Concerns: semi-structured diagnostic interview using modified Eating Behavior Inventory adapted from Eating Disorder Examination; Depression: Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale</p>

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	<p>SES: Mother education&gt;HS: 26%                      Father education&gt;HS: 24%</p> <p><u>Control</u>                      Mean age: 15.2 yrs                      Gender: 66.0% female                      Race/ethnicity: White: 60%; Black: 11%; Hispanic: 19%; other: 10%                      SES: Mother education&gt;HS: 30%                      Father education&gt;HS: 30%</p>	<p>Intervention components: self-monitoring + goal setting + peer support + social support</p> <p>Device(s): computer</p> <p><i>Intervention:</i> Internet-facilitated program that includes self-monitoring, goal-setting, stimulus control, and appetite awareness and introduces emotion regulation skills. The primary goals of the intervention were (1) to reduce binge eating, (2) to maintain weight, (3) to increase healthy eating, (4) to increase physical activity, and (5) to reduce sedentary activities. In addition to psycho-educational material, the online program included interactive components such as self-monitoring journals for dietary intake, physical activity, weight, personal thoughts, and goals. Students were given a packet of the monitoring forms to complete off-line, followed by entering the data into their online journal. In addition, intermittent motivational messages were mailed to participants to increase program adherence. Second cohort give option of face-to-face sessions.</p> <p>Social Support: discussion group moderated by research assistant</p> <p>Parental Support: handbook and weekly letters were sent to participants to reinforce program</p> <p>Intervention Deliverer: trained research assistant supervised by licensed psychologist and psychiatrist</p>	<p><b>Results</b></p> <p><b>BMiZ</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Intervention</th> <th>Control</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pre</td> <td>1.81</td> <td>1.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post 4m</td> <td>1.56</td> <td>1.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Change</td> <td>-0.24</td> <td>-0.11</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Summary Effect: -0.13</b></p> <p>5 m Follow-up</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Intervention</th> <th>Control</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Follow-up 4m</td> <td>1.60</td> <td>1.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Change</td> <td>-0.21</td> <td>-0.03</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Summary Effect: -0.18</b></p> <p>Fat intake: -4.65 dietary fat screening score                      Sugar intake: "no significant effect"                      Binge eating OBEs (objective binge eating) and SBE (subjective binge eating): -12.77                      Weight and Shape Concerns: -0.17                      Depression: -1.57 Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale</p> <p><b>Paper conclusions:</b> "Internet-facilitated intervention is moderately effective in short-term weight loss and weight maintenance and yields a large reduction in binge eating."</p>		Intervention	Control	Pre	1.81	1.79	Post 4m	1.56	1.68	Change	-0.24	-0.11		Intervention	Control	Follow-up 4m	1.60	1.76	Change	-0.21	-0.03
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<p><b>Author, Year:</b> Mameli et al., 2018</p> <p><b>Study Design:</b> iRCT</p> <p><b>Suitability of Design:</b> Greatest</p> <p><b>Quality of Execution:</b> Fair (3 limitations)</p>	<p><b>Study population:</b> obese patients from an obesity clinic</p> <p><b>Sample size:</b> Intervention: 23 Control: 20</p> <p><b>Demographics:</b> <u>Intervention</u> Mean age: 12.6 yrs Gender: 31.2% female SES: not low income  <u>Control</u> Mean age: 12.4 yrs Gender: 42.9% female SES: not low income</p>	<p><b>Location (urbanicity):</b> Milan, Italy (urban and suburban)</p> <p><b>Intervention duration:</b> 12 weeks <b>When intervention occurred:</b> March-July 2015</p> <p><b>Intervention activities:</b> Focus of Intervention: PA + weight + Diet  Intervention components: self-monitoring + goal setting + professional support (dietitian, physician)  Device(s): Wearable device + app  <i>Intervention:</i> Participants wore wristband (WB) and used an APP. The WB measured energy expenditure and the APP measured energy intake. The APP allowed recording of food consumption. It contained a visual database of foods and three portion sizes. Pediatric endocrinologists, sports medicine doctors and registered dietitian developed personalized lifestyle programs. Weekly feedback on diet and PA was sent via SMS. Positive feedback was included in the SMS every time a participant reached at least one goal. 12 SMS per child were sent during study.  Intervention Deliverer: healthcare provider  Confidentiality: password protected</p>	<p><b>Primary Outcome Measure(s):</b> <b>BMIz</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1396 406 1997 519"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Intervention</th> <th>Control</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pre</td> <td>2.20</td> <td>2.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post 3m</td> <td>2.17</td> <td>2.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Change</td> <td>-0.22</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Summary Effect: +0.01 (95%CI: -0.15, 0.18)</b></p> <p><b>Paper conclusions:</b> “A personalized lifestyle program based on a WB and an APP was not superior to a standard lifestyle program at promoting weight loss in obese children.”</p>		Intervention	Control	Pre	2.20	2.09	Post 3m	2.17	2.05	Change	-0.22	0.0
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<p><b>Author, Year:</b> Nawi et al., 2015</p> <p><b>Study Design:</b> gRCT</p> <p><b>Suitability of Design:</b> Greatest</p> <p><b>Quality of Execution:</b> Fair (2 limitations)</p>	<p><b>Study population:</b> obese secondary school students</p> <p><b>Sample size:</b> Intervention: 47 Control: 50</p> <p><b>Demographics:</b> <u>Intervention</u> Mean age: 16y Gender: 53.2% female SES: not reported</p> <p><u>Control</u> Mean age: 16y Gender: 40% female SES: not reported</p>	<p><b>Location (urbanicity):</b> Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (urban)</p> <p><b>Intervention duration:</b> 12 weeks <b>When intervention occurred:</b> NR, but 2013-2015</p> <p><b>Intervention activities:</b> Focus of Intervention: PA + weight + Diet</p> <p>Intervention components: self-monitoring</p> <p>Device(s): computer or mobile</p> <p><i>Intervention:</i> All participants given website address and signed up as a member in the website. The website consists of information on healthy lifestyle, diet, and ways to overcome obesity. The contents of the website were developed by a panel expert consisting of a psychologist, public health specialist, two dietitians, and a nurse. Participants were notified with any updates and information. Interactive sessions were conducted in the chat toolbar in the website. Any negative comment was not approved by the admin. Participants were advised to weigh themselves at home and calculate their BMI every two weeks or as required by using the BMI calculator provided in the website.</p>	<p><b>Primary Outcome Measure(s):</b> %BF <b>How Ascertained:</b> bioelectrical impedance analysis</p> <p><b>Additional Outcome Measure(s):</b> HRQoL <b>How Ascertained:</b> NR</p> <p><b>Results</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Intervention</th> <th>Control</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pre</td> <td>29.65</td> <td>28.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post 3m</td> <td>29.18</td> <td>29.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Change</td> <td>-0.47</td> <td>+0.02</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Summary Effect: -0.49</b></p> <p>physical functioning: -2.04 emotional functioning: +7.33, &lt;0.05 social functioning: -4.14 school functioning: -0.78 psychosocial health: +0.39</p> <p><b>Paper conclusions:</b> “The internet-based intervention program can be an effective medium for promoting healthy diet and physical activity among the obese adolescents.”</p>		Intervention	Control	Pre	29.65	28.98	Post 3m	29.18	29.00	Change	-0.47	+0.02
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	<p><u>web+SMS arm</u>                      Mean age: 14.3 yrs                      Gender: 50% female                      Race/ethnicity: White: 8.3%;                      Black: 12.5%; Hispanic: 87.5%;                      Native American: 4.2%;                      Asian/Pacific Islander: 0%;                      multiethnic/other: 0%                      SES: NR</p> <p><u>Control</u>                      Mean age: 14.5 yrs                      Gender: 72.0% female                      Race/ethnicity: White: 12.0%;                      Black: 28.0%; Hispanic: 56.0%;                      Native American: 0%; Asian/Pacific                      Islander: 4.0%; multiethnic/other:                      4.0%                      SES: NR</p>	<p>necessary, a phone call from a health counselor</p> <p><b>Web + group arm:</b> includes the Web intervention + monthly 90 min group sessions of 5–10 adolescents + parents groups where they discussed behavioral skills from web tutorials; brief (20 min) bimonthly phone calls from health counselor reviewing concepts presented in web tutorial and reinforcing behavioral strategies such as goal setting and problem solving; attendance and participation in group sessions were rewarded with mileage incentives and a lottery for prizes such as cookbooks or other materials to assist with healthy behavior change + nutrition demonstrations + physical activities were also integrated in each session</p> <p><b>Web + SMS arm:</b> web intervention + minimum of 3 text messages/week related to weekly challenges and intervention goals; reminder texts were sent if participant did not log onto website by 4th day of intervention. Participants could also communicate via text messages with a health counselor if they had questions. Participants were provided with cell phones and prepaid text message plans that allowed research staff to monitor SMS use</p> <p>Intervention Deliverer: health counselor</p> <p>Social Support: group sessions with other adolescents (5-10 adolescents per session)</p>	<p>HRQoL: score 2.2                      Depressive symptoms: -1.5</p> <p><b>Web + group arm:</b>                      FV: 0.5 servings/1000 calories                      MVPA: 19.6 mins/d                      Sedentary Time: -42 min/d                      HRQoL: score 2.1                      Depressive symptoms: -0.7</p> <p><b>Web + SMS arm:</b>                      FV: 0.5 servings/1000 calories                      MVPA: 14.1 min/d                      Sedentary Time: -12min/d                      HRQoL: score 1.3                      Depressive symptoms: -0.4</p> <p><b>Paper conclusions:</b> "12-month obesity intervention for adolescents at risk for T2DM that utilized a website program had positive effects on sedentary behavior. Additionally, when this website program was combined with group sessions, positive effects on use of behavioral change strategies for fruit and vegetable consumption were found. However, 12 months of access to the same website program coupled with SMS or group sessions and counselor calls had no effects on sedentary behavior or behavior change strategies. Although there were no intervention effects on the main outcomes of BMI, adiposity, diet, and physical activity, the use of change strategies for fruit and vegetable consumption was positively correlated with fruit and vegetable consumption among girls."</p>

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		<p>Parental Support: Parents participated in online activities and monthly group sessions</p> <p>Confidentiality: NR</p> <p><i>Comparison:</i> Participants were given printed materials produced by the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association; encouraged to attend three 1 h group nutrition sessions at a local children’s hospital during the first 6 weeks at no charge. They also received monthly tip sheets by mail. This combination of intervention elements reflected the prevailing community standard of care for adolescents judged to be at risk for type 2 diabetes.</p>													
<p><b>Author, Year:</b> Pittman, 2018</p> <p><b>Study Design:</b> iRCT</p> <p><b>Suitability of Design:</b> Greatest</p> <p><b>Quality of Execution:</b> Fair (3 limitations)</p>	<p><b>Study population:</b> Adolescents from a school setting</p> <p><b>Sample size:</b> Intervention: 33 Control: 31</p> <p><b>Demographics:</b> <u>Intervention</u> Mean age: 12.3 yrs Gender: 52% female Race/ethnicity: Asian 6%; Black 21%; White 42%; Hispanic 30% SES: low</p> <p><u>Control</u> Mean age: 12.6 yrs Gender: 58% female Race/ethnicity: Asian 3%; Black 16%; White 52%; Hispanic 29% SES: low</p>	<p><b>Location (urbanicity):</b> central TX, USA (not reported)</p> <p><b>Intervention duration:</b> 10 weeks <b>When intervention occurred:</b> September to December 2016</p> <p><b>Intervention activities:</b> Focus of Intervention: PA + weight + diet</p> <p>Intervention components: self-monitoring + technology generated feedback + social support</p> <p>Device(s): Wearable device + mobile</p> <p><i>Intervention:</i> <b>Intervention activities:</b> (AT) wore the activity tracker at all times (unless swimming). Points were stored on the tracker and</p>	<p><b>Primary Outcome Measure(s):</b> %BF <b>How Ascertained:</b> bioelectric impedance scale</p> <p><b>Additional Outcome Measure(s):</b> FITNESSGRAM</p> <p><b>How Ascertained:</b> FITNESSGRAM curl up and push-up</p> <p><b>Results</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>%BF</th> <th>Intervention</th> <th>Control</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pre</td> <td>24.58</td> <td>26.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post 2.5m</td> <td>26.23</td> <td>26.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Change</td> <td>+1.65</td> <td>+0.26</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Summary Effect: +1.39</b></p> <p>FITNESSGRAM: +17.57</p> <p><b>Paper conclusions:</b> This study gives no clear support to the hypothesis that use of activity trackers and a text messaging intervention have</p>	%BF	Intervention	Control	Pre	24.58	26.13	Post 2.5m	26.23	26.39	Change	+1.65	+0.26
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<p><b>Author, Year:</b> Riiser et al., 2014</p> <p><b>Study Design:</b> individual non-RCT</p> <p><b>Suitability of Design:</b> Greatest</p> <p><b>Quality of Execution:</b> Good (1 limitation)</p>	<p><b>Study population:</b> overweight 13-15 yrs</p> <p><b>Sample size:</b> Intervention: 75 Control: 33</p> <p><b>Demographics:</b> <u>Intervention</u> Mean age: 13.7 yrs Gender: 60% female SES: mixed Overweight: 68%; obese 32%</p> <p><u>Control</u> Mean age: 13.8 yrs</p>	<p><b>Location (urbanicity):</b> eastern Norway (not reported)</p> <p><b>Intervention Duration:</b> 12 weeks <b>When intervention occurred:</b> 2003-2006</p> <p><b>Intervention Details:</b> Focus of Intervention: PA</p> <p>Intervention Components: self-monitoring + goal setting + counseling + journal + social support</p> <p>Device(s): computer and/or mobile</p>	<p><b>Primary Outcome Measure(s):</b> BMI</p> <p><b>Additional Outcome Measure(s):</b> 20m shuttle run, HRQoL, body image</p> <p><b>How Ascertained:</b> 20m shuttle run timed run; HRQoL KIDSCREEN-10, body image Norwegian body image scale</p> <p><b>Results</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Intervention</th> <th>Control</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>BMI</b></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pre</td> <td>26.62</td> <td>27.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post 4m</td> <td>26.40</td> <td>27.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Change</td> <td>-0.22</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Intervention	Control	<b>BMI</b>			Pre	26.62	27.45	Post 4m	26.40	27.45	Change	-0.22	0.0
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<p><b>Author, Year:</b> Sousa et al., 2015</p> <p><b>Study Design:</b> non-RCT</p> <p><b>Suitability of Design:</b> Greatest</p> <p><b>Quality of Execution:</b> Fair (2 limitations)</p>	<p><b>Study population:</b> overweight 12-18 yrs</p> <p><b>Sample size:</b> Intervention: 40 Control: 40</p> <p><b>Demographics:</b> <u>Intervention</u> Mean age: 14.4 yrs Gender: 50.0% female SES: NR</p> <p><u>Control</u> Mean age: 14.0 yrs Gender: 52.2% female SES: NR</p>	<p><b>Location (urbanicity):</b> Lisbon, Portugal (urban)</p> <p><b>Intervention duration:</b> 24 weeks <b>When intervention occurred:</b> 2014-2015</p> <p><b>Intervention activities:</b> Focus of Intervention: PA + weight + diet</p> <p>Intervention components: self-monitoring + goal setting</p> <p>Device(s): Computer</p> <p><i>Intervention:</i> The primary goals of the intervention were (1) to reduce binge eating, (2) to maintain weight, (3) to increase healthy eating, (4) to increase physical activity, and (5) to reduce sedentary activities. The program introduced a new topic each week. The online program included interactive components such as self-monitoring journals for dietary intake, physical activity, weight, personal thoughts, and goals, as well as discussion group moderated by a research assistant.</p> <p>Social Support: group chats and discussion forums</p> <p>Parental support: handbook and weekly email</p>	<p><b>Primary Outcome Measure(s):</b> BMIz</p> <p><b>Additional Outcome Measure(s):</b> Physical activity, diet, sedentary time, HRQoL</p> <p><b>How Ascertained:</b> PA and sedentary time: on-line journal; Diet: Index of Nutrition; HRQoL: Impact of Weight on Quality of Life (IWQOL)</p> <p><b>Results</b> <b>BMIz</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1398 691 1822 805"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Intervention</th> <th>Control</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pre</td> <td>2.61</td> <td>2.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post 6m</td> <td>2.53</td> <td>2.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Change</td> <td>-0.08</td> <td>-0.10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Summary Effect: +0.02</b></p> <p>PA: +20.6 min/d Sedentary Time: -12 min/d Diet: Marginally significant p=0.057 HRQoL: score -3.0 (both groups improved)</p> <p><b>Paper conclusions:</b> “e-therapeutic program led to a significant increase in health responsibility, inconclusive results were found regarding the program effectiveness compared to the standard multidisciplinary intervention.”</p>		Intervention	Control	Pre	2.61	2.71	Post 6m	2.53	2.61	Change	-0.08	-0.10
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<p><b>Author, Year:</b> Williamson et al., 2006 and 2005; White et al., 2004</p> <p><b>Study Design:</b> iRCT</p> <p><b>Suitability of Design:</b> Greatest</p> <p><b>Quality of Execution:</b> Fair (2 limitations)</p>	<p><b>Study population:</b> overweight 11-15 yrs</p> <p><b>Sample size:</b> Intervention: 28 Control: 29</p> <p><b>Demographics:</b> <u>Intervention</u> Mean age: 13.1 yrs Gender: 100% female Race/ethnicity: 100% African American SES: low</p> <p><u>Control</u> Mean age: 13.2 yrs Gender: 100% female Race/ethnicity: 100% African American SES: low</p>	<p><b>Location (urbanicity):</b> US, (not reported)</p> <p><b>Intervention duration:</b> 104 weeks</p> <p><b>When intervention occurred:</b> NR, but 2006 or earlier</p> <p><b>Intervention activities:</b> Focus of Intervention: PA + weight + Diet</p> <p>Intervention components: self-monitoring + goal setting + counseling + parental support</p> <p>Device(s): computer</p> <p><i>Intervention:</i> HIP-Teens family assigned a counselor who conducted 4 face-to-face sessions (wk 1, 3, 6, and 12) and corresponded using e-mail. Communicated by e-mails weekly with counselor regarding progress and counselors provided feedback on program components (e.g., quizzes, lessons, weight graphs, goal-setting, and clinic appointments). The web site provided nutrition education and behavior modification for adults and adolescents using a family-oriented format. The web site contained</p>	<p><b>Primary Outcome Measure(s):</b> %BF</p> <p><b>How Ascertained:</b> Dual energy x-ray absorptiometry</p> <p><b>Additional Outcome Measure(s):</b> Concerns about dieting/weight, overeating change, exercise change obtained using Interview for Diagnosis of Eating Disorders IV</p> <p><b>How Ascertained:</b> Interview for Diagnosis of Eating Disorders IV</p> <p><b>Results</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>%BF</b></td> <td>Intervention</td> <td>Control</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pre</td> <td>45.9</td> <td>45.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post (24m)</td> <td>NR</td> <td>NR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Change</td> <td>-0.08</td> <td>+0.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>Summary Effect: -0.92</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">6 month data during intervention</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Intervention</td> <td>Control</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pre</td> <td>45.5</td> <td>46.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6M (White '04)</td> <td>NR</td> <td>NR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Change</td> <td>-1.04</td> <td>+0.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Summary Effect: -1.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Concerns about dieting/weight: +1.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Overeating change: +1.07</td> </tr> </table>	<b>%BF</b>	Intervention	Control	Pre	45.9	45.9	Post (24m)	NR	NR	Change	-0.08	+0.84	<b>Summary Effect: -0.92</b>			6 month data during intervention				Intervention	Control	Pre	45.5	46.2	6M (White '04)	NR	NR	Change	-1.04	+0.38	Summary Effect: -1.42			Concerns about dieting/weight: +1.00			Overeating change: +1.07		
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		<p>interactive components to self-monitor weight and physical activity weekly, and self-monitor food intake by entering foods consumed; receive feedback (modeled after the traffic light diet) on the number of servings and caloric content of the food.</p> <p>Parents and adolescents were trained to use problem-solving to overcome barriers to success.</p> <p>Participants were also instructed to read 52 lesson plans during the 1st year of the program. Family provided digital scales to be used for body weight.</p> <p>Social Support: none</p> <p>Parental Support: family enrolled in intervention</p> <p>Intervention Deliverer: counselor</p> <p>Confidentiality: password protected</p> <p><b>Comparison:</b> received nutrition education from a registered dietitian and additional computer training but were not prescribed behavioral tasks to yield weight loss. Provided digital scales to be used for body weight.</p>	<p><b>Paper conclusions:</b> “An internet-based weight management program for African-American adolescent girls and their parents resulted in weight loss during the first 6 months but did not yield long-term loss due to reduced use of the web site over time.”</p>