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Childhood obesity has emerged as a critical public health challenge with significant implications for children's immediate and long-term health [1,2]. Defined as a body mass index (BMI) at or above the 95th percentile for age and sex, childhood obesity is associated with numerous health risks, including type 2 diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and psychosocial problems. Addressing this issue requires a multifaceted approach encompassing dietary, physical, behavioral, and policy interventions. This article delves into the prevention strategies for childhood obesity, highlights effective approaches, and discusses the challenges and future directions for combating this epidemic.

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**D** ✉ : Childhood obesity is diagnosed when a child's BMI falls above the 95th percentile of age- and sex-specific BMI-for-age growth charts [3]. This measurement is a common indicator of body fat and is used to classify obesity in children and adolescents.

**CI** ✉ : Obesity in children is typically classified into categories such as moderate and severe based on BMI percentiles and associated health risks.

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**G** ✉ **F** ✉ : Genetic predisposition can influence a child's likelihood of becoming obese, although genetics alone do not determine obesity.

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**Limit screen time and sedentary activities**: Limit screen time and sedentary activities to help increase physical activity levels and reduce obesity risk [6].

**Support community and school-based programs**: Support community and school-based programs that provide safe spaces for physical activity and sports.

**Use positive reinforcement strategies**: Use positive reinforcement strategies to encourage healthy behaviors and discourage unhealthy habits.

**Set achievable health goals**: Set achievable health goals and provide rewards for meeting these goals to reinforce positive behaviors.

**Teach children and families about healthy eating, cooking skills, and the importance of physical activity**: Teach children and families about healthy eating, cooking skills, and the importance of physical activity through educational programs [7].

**Behavioral therapy for children with significant weight issues**: For children with significant weight issues, behavioral therapy can help address underlying psychological factors and develop effective weight management strategies.

**Implement programs in schools**: Implement programs in schools that promote healthy eating, physical activity, and wellness education.

**Adopt policies that ensure access to healthy foods and opportunities for physical activity during school hours**: Adopt policies that ensure access to healthy foods and opportunities for physical activity during school hours.

**Engage community organizations in creating environments that support healthy lifestyles**: Engage community organizations in creating environments that support healthy lifestyles, such as farmers' markets, community gardens, and safe recreational areas.

**Involve parents in obesity prevention efforts**: Involve parents in obesity prevention efforts through workshops, support groups, and educational materials [8].

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