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Exploring the Role of Environment & Community in Overweight Children *Live, National Satellite Teleconference Examines The Issues*

The proportion of overweight children in the United States has almost doubled since the mid 1980's, largely owing to the impact of social influences on children's diet and physical activity patterns. On Thursday April 24th, 2003 from 11 a.m to 5 p.m. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County will be telecast the 2003 Current Issues in Nutrition Videoconference from Iowa State University, *Overweight Issues in Childhood, the Role of Environment & Community*. The cost to attend is \$10. Pre-registration is required. The videoconference features nationally recognized experts discussing the impact of social influences on children's diet and physical activity patterns that lead to overweight problems in children. Speakers will focus on successful efforts in combating childhood obesity that demand a coordinated effort by parents, school systems, communities and government representatives. The five-hour program will be carried live with time scheduled for questions from the satellite viewing audience. Nutritionists, registered dieticians, nurses, dietetic technicians, physicians, exercise physiologists, physicians' assistants, family and consumer scientists, health educators and other health care providers will find the conference of particular interest. The \$10 registration fee includes an information packet; all program related fees, refreshments and a certificate of attendance. To register, please call Pat Finch, 845-340-3990 before April 22, 2003. For more information about the program, please contact June Strand, Extension Educator, 845-340-3990.

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