ADULT OBESITY FACTS:

- Obesity affects more than 39.7% of West Virginians.
- West Virginia is ranked 2/51 in states impacted by obesity.
- The age group most affected by obesity in West Virginia is 45-64 (46.7%).
- West Virginia ranks 1st in adults with Type 2 Diabetes (15.7%).

CHILDREN AFFECTED BY OBESITY IN WEST VIRGINIA:

- More than 16.5% of children ages 2-4 are affected by obesity.
- More than 20.9% of children ages 10-17 are affected by obesity.

COST OF OBESITY IN WEST VIRGINIA:

- The total cost of obesity in West Virginia is $13.84 billion.
- The cost of obesity for Medicare in West Virginia is $3.57 billion.
- The cost of employment for the population with obesity is $9.66 billion more than the normal weight population.

NATIONAL COST OF OBESITY:

- The total cost of obesity is $1.7 trillion.
- The total direct healthcare cost of obesity is $480 billion.
- The direct costs of childhood obesity is $14 billion.
- Healthcare costs for individuals affected by obesity is 34% higher.
- For people living with obesity, 28.2% of their annual healthcare costs are spent treating obesity-related conditions.

About The OAC:

The Obesity Action Coalition (OAC) exists to serve the needs of and give a voice to the individuals affected by the disease of obesity while helping them along their journey toward better health through education, advocacy, and support.

References:

- Centers for Disease Control
- Clinical Chemistry
- Milken Institute
- Obesity Action Coalition
- Trust for America’s Health

If you have any questions regarding the above information or if you would like to receive free educational materials on obesity, please contact the OAC National Office at (800) 717-3117 or info@obesityaction.org.

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