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Science, Health and Education



SHE Foundation is focused on **basic and clinical research** (Science), and is aimed at promoting **healthy habits** (Health) through **Communication and Education** (Education) of the population.

SI! Program aims to promote health among children and adolescents by using their proximal environment (school, teachers, and families).

Its contents are adapted for different ages of child development, **covering** from 3 to 16 years of age.

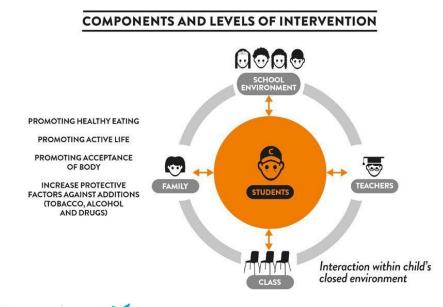
We educate healthy **knowledge**, attitudes and behaviours related to:

- Healthy **diet**
- Promotion of **physical activity**

Obra Social "la Caixa'

- Understanding of the **human body and heart** work
- Management of **emotions** (addictions prevention, etc.)

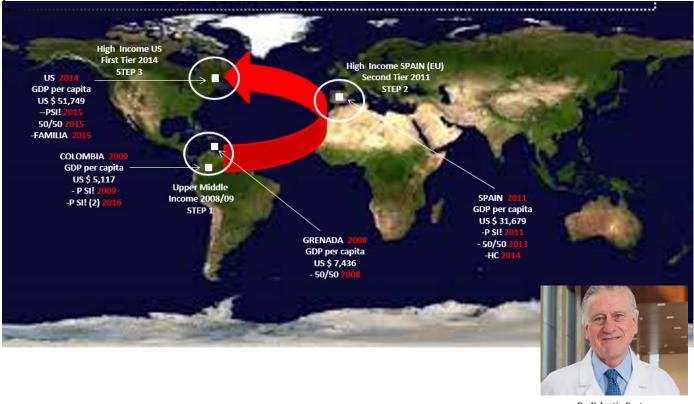
It is evaluated through **randomized controlled trial**, after a pilot qualitative intervention.





Overview of global health programs

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Dr. Valentín Fuster

Scientific study design Timeline for different educational stages (Spain)

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SI! Program for children 3 to 5 years of age







Teaching Units, Healthy Week, Family Activities

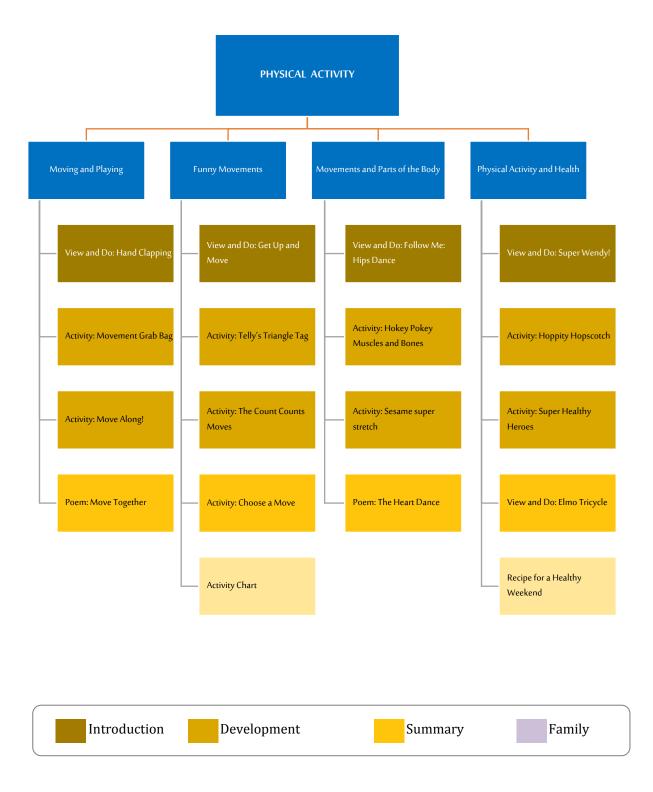
70h per course

















Movement Grab Bag

Pretending to be animals helps children discover new and energetic ways to move their bodies.

* Try This!

Use the animal cards to help children go from one activity to the next. Ask children to move like sleepy turtles when they are moving too quickly. If you need children to move faster, ask them to be "busy bees" so they can fly quickly to their coats before going outside.

Children will:

- Get physically active, even during transition times
- < Become more aware of their bodies and how they move

< Glue

Materials:

- Index cards or small pieces of paper
- < Crayons
- < Old magazines < Paper bag

Ask children:

How do animals move? Which animals move fast? Which move slowly? Which animal is your favorite, and how does it move?

Activity:

- Cut animal pictures from magazines and glue to index cards, or have children draw their own animal on an index card. Put all cards in a paper bag; now you have a Movement Grab Bag.
- 2. At different times during the day (perhaps when children are on the way to the dramatic play area or another center), ask a child to choose an animal card from the bag.
- Call out the animal so that children can move like this animal. Help children to name the body parts they move.





Sesame Super Stretch

Stretching keeps us flexible, which means we're able to move and bend our bodies easily – without tightness or pain. Most kids are pretty flexible, but they still can enjoy the best part of stretching: It feels great!

***** Try This!

After sitting still in circle time, this is a great way to get children up and moving.

Children will:

- Stretch their bodies in a variety of ways
- < Learn that stretching helps "wake their bodies up"
- < Mirror movements they see in pictures

Materials:

- Sesame Super Stretch Chart (copy page 32)
- < Small block

Ask children:

Can you pretend you are waking up in the morning? How does your body feel? Now pretend you are sitting in the car for a long time. How do you feel? How does your body feel right now?

Activity:

- 1. Do some warm-up exercises (run or jump in place).
- Introduce different stretching moves: Stretch UP! (reach up to the ceiling) Stretch DOWN! (reach down to your toes) Stretch all AROUND! (hold your arms out to the sides and move them around slowly in BIG circles)
- Have children take turns tossing the block onto the Stretch Chart to see which stretch it lands on.
 All children then stretch the way their Sesame Street friend is stretching on the chart.
- 4. Ask, "What does it feel like after you stretch your muscles? Check your body – are there any spots you want to stretch more so you can move more easily?"







Informal Evaluation

In this Teaching Unit children have been:

Exploring and having fun with new moves, stretching and dancing as they explore their bodies and the importance of being physical active.

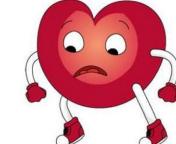
Review with your children the most important concepts,

Does Cardio feel very well when...

- \rightarrow I run, play and move?
- \rightarrow I stretch my body?
- \rightarrow I dance?
- \rightarrow I am active?

Does Cardio feel very bad when...

- \rightarrow I watch too much TV without move?
- \rightarrow I'm not very active?
- → I play alone with the computer?
- \rightarrow I am not active?





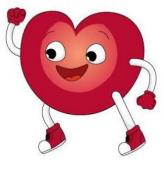
Dr. Ruster says

"If you want to take care of your body and your heart, run, play and dance as much as you can!"



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This section offers easy and fun ideas and activities to help children learn about fruits, vegetables, healthy choices and balanced diet.

Key Activities:

1. What are fruits and vegetables 1

2. What are fruits and vegetables 2

3. Every day food

4. Balanced diet

Healthy food keeps us happy and strong! There are so many foods to choose from, but which are best for growing children?

You can guide children to the right choices by helping them learn about healthy eating and allowing them to choose from a variety of nutritious foods.

Food is colorful and it's delicious. Enjoy it together!









WEEK 3

DURATION	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WENSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
	Key act	tivity1:	Key act	Emotions				
	What are fruits	. e	What are fruits	Key activity 2:				
]	l		I feel sad				
30 minutes	View and do: Fruit dance	View and do: Fruit dance	View and do: Veggie dance	View and do: Veggie dance	Word garden			
45 minutes Activity: Pick and pull		Activity: Anytime apples	Activity: Mystery food box	Activity: Build me a salad	Explore			
	HEALTHY BREAK							
45 minutes	Poem: I say fruits and vegetables	Poem: I say fruits and vegetables	View and do: Colors of the rainbow	View and do: Colors of the rainbow	Show it			

WEEK 6

DURATION	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WENSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY				
	Key acti Every da	-	Key ac Balan	Emotions Key activity 3: I feel happy					
30 minutes	View and do: Cookie is a sometime food	View and do: Cookie is a sometime food	View and do: Mango Tango	View and do: Mango Tango	Routines				
45 minutes	Activity: Cookie, Cookie, cucumber	Activity: Healthy day hunt	Activity: A bit of this, a bit of that	Activity: A meal for a monster and me	Watch and play				
	HEALTHY BREAK								
45 minutes	Activity: Healthy land	Activity: Healthy land	Activity: Adding up to five	Activity: Adding up to five	Show it				









I Say Fruits and Vegetables

We eat a rainbow of colors every day. They help make us strong so we can play!

I say red.

We say apples and cherries! I say blue.

We say big blueberries!

I say green.

We say zucchini would be yummy!

I say purple.

We say plums will please our tummy! I say yellow.

We say squash would be nice!

I say orange.

Let's have a carrot by the slice!

We eat a rainbow of colors every day. They help make us strong so we can play!



When you come to a fruit or vegetable, encourage children to strike a pose. If you say cherries, children might ball up on the floor. If you say carrot, they might stand up on their tiptoes. Name various movements rapidly so children are moving around!

Add your own colorful foods to the poem. Say the first part of each line ("I say red..." or "I say green...") and encourage children to call out their own healthy red or green fruits and vegetables.







Together Time

Start with a story: It's the one time of day during which everyone is together, but no one seems to talk or interact during dinner. "Why do we all have to sit here?" Carla wants to know. "I want to go play," she whines.

Talk about it: Ask, "What are your favorite things to do at the dinner table? What are some new things we might do to help make dinner even more fun? Let's come up with a list of questions to ask one another as we sit together."



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Family Newsletter

Hello, families!

In our program, we've been making sure that we are eating lots of nutritious foods that are low in sugar, fat, and salt.

In the program, children have been:

Learning about sometime and anytime foods and drinks and the importance of eating five fruits and vegetables every day.

Rhyming, sorting, counting, and adding and subtracting.

* Did You Know?

Children who get all five servings of fruits and vegetables each day are more likely to get the nutrients they need. We call these healthy foods "anytime foods" because we can eat them every day. We've also been learning that foods like cookies, chips, sodas, and other snacks that are high in sugar, fat, and salt are called "sometime foods" because we should only eat them once in awhile.

You can help at home! Children need healthy options in order to make healthy choices. At home, give children lots of healthy foods and drinks to choose from so that no matter what they pick, you'll know they are getting the nutrients they need to grow and learn every day ("Would you like an apple or a banana? Would you like some salad or some yogurt?") You can empower children as they make their own choices.

ANYTIME foods and SOMETIME foods Take a tour around the kitchen together and look at the foods you are eating every day to make sure you have lots of the anytime foods such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lowfat milk/cheese/yogurt, and lean meats. If you discover any chips, cookies, candy, sodas, or sports drinks, pause to remember that these foods are high in sugar, fat, and/or salt and are only sometime foods.







Measurements

Children

- Questionnaire of Knowledge, Attitudes and Habits related to Diet, Physical activity and Understanding of Body and Heart¹
- Test of emotional comprehension²
- Anthropometry and blood pressure





Skinfold thickness



Weight

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Blood pressure



Waist circumference

Other intervention levels

Questionnaires for parents, teachers and principals¹

¹ Céspedes J et al. Am J Med 2013; ² Pons F & Harris P. Oxford University Press 2000.









SI! Program for children 6 to 11 years of age



RCT ongoing





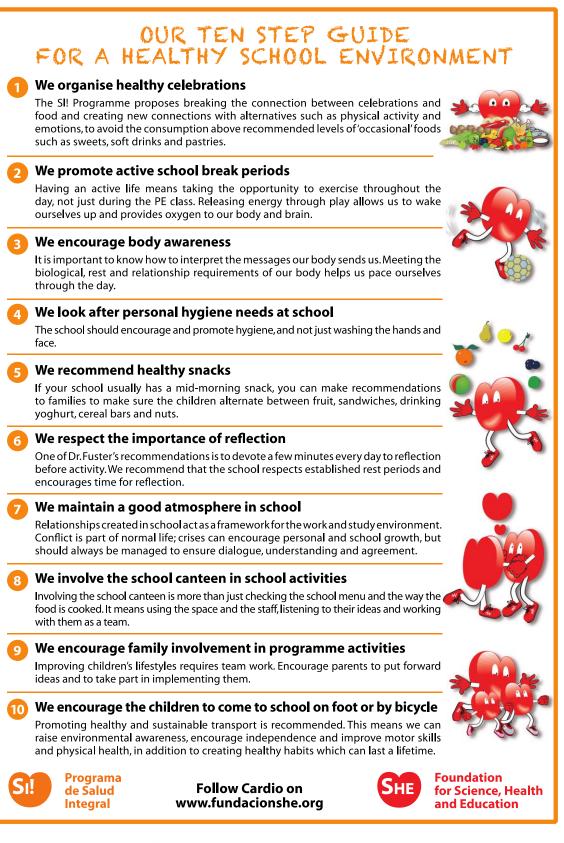


Classroom Activities, Healthy Week, Family Activities

6-7 years of age: 32h per course 8-11 years of age: 24h per course













Measurements

Children

 Questionnaire of Knowledge, Attitudes and Habits related to Diet, Physical activity, Understanding of Body and Heart, and Emotions ¹

Anthropometry and blood pressure







Skinfold thickness



Blood pressure



Weight

Waist circumference

Other intervention levels

• Questionnaires for **parents**, **teachers** and **principals**²

¹ Santos-Beneit G et al. BMC Public Health 2015; ²Gomez-Pardo E et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2016; Remor E. Span. J. Psychol 2006; Serra-Majem L et al. Public Health Nutr 2004; Encuesta Nacional de Salud de España 2011/12; Goodman R J Child Psychol 1997; Sotos-Prieto M et al. Nutr Hosp 2015

Height





SI! Program for children 12 to 16 years of age

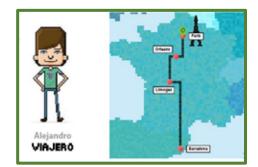


RCT ongoing









Classroom Activities, Healthy Week, Family Newsletter

12-18h per course

Gamification to promote Physical Activity Extra curricular







Measurements

Children

- Questionnaire of Diet¹, Physical activity², emotions³, Addictive substances⁴ and Food Frequency⁵
- Anthropometry, Blood pressure, Bioelectrical impedance, Dual energy Xray absorptiometry, Blood analysis (Glucose, cholesterol and triglyceride levels), Salivary and Urine analysis (mainly polyphenol intake), Accelerometers.



Other intervention levels

• Questionnaires for **parents** and **principals**⁶

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Strengths



- **Evidence-Based.** The SHE Foundation has reviewed many European healthy programs to develop the PSI!, basing on their benefits and trying to overcome their weaknesses.
- **Emotion management work with children and their families**, as a protector factor of disruptive behaviors in adulthood. Some of these behaviors are directly related with CVD, such as anxiety disorders and poor anger management, or drugs use.
- Contents, materials and strategies developed by experts from different areas of knowledge (education, psychology, pedagogy, medicine, biology, physical activity and human nutrition), and based on health promotion and social learning models.
- Simple and fun activities, to generate motivation and interest on children, teachers and families. All activities start from the basis of experimentation, imitation and game, to convey the contents of the program.
- **Embedded in the school curriculum**. It has a systematic structure, transversal contents and adaptable activities to different academic systems.
- **Use of a principal character and its story,** is a central feature in all the program activities, functioning as a motivational guide with whom children can easily identify and learn about the importance of taking care of their bodies, managing emotions, physical activity, and diet.
- **Family activities,** which help to continue the work on health promotion also at home.
- **Practical and theoretical training for teachers,** in accordance with administrative requirements for official accreditation.
- **Flexible and adaptable,** successfully implemented in 3 countries (Spain, USA and Colombia), in different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. Available in Spanish and English.





Dedicated development and support





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SHE Team: Biologists, Biostatisticians, Nutritionists, Educators, Physical Education and Sports Experts, Psychologists, Economists.

CNIC Team: Medical doctors, Biostatistician, Epidemiologists.

Collaborations: School teachers, Public Educational Departments, Universities, Private Organizations.





Scientifically proved



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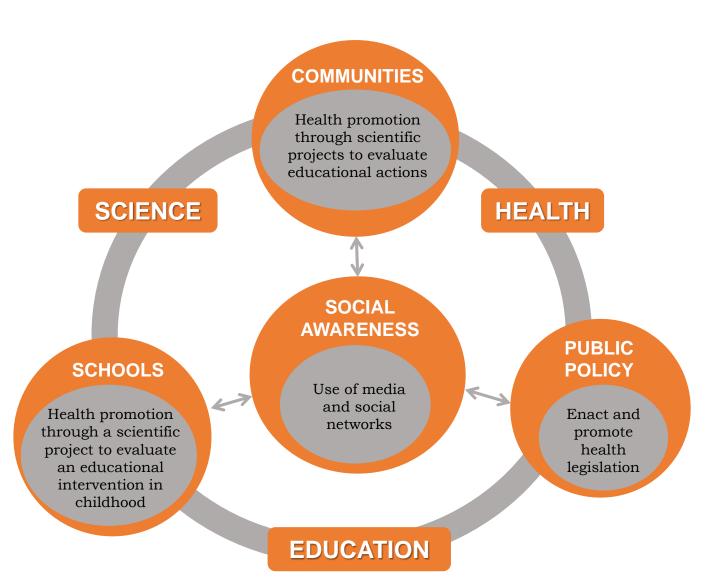
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Feasibility to be scaled-up









How to implement the SI! Program



- **1. Local Partners**: The successful replication of the SI! Program requires careful consideration of local conditions and securing technically competent partners who are committed to the program.
 - **Financial infrastructure**. LOCAL partners should be able to finance the entire structure of a pilot study plus an overhead for Valentin Fuster Mount Sinai Foundation for Science, Health and Empowerment to accompany the process with external technical support and guidance.
 - **Institutional relationships**. Partners should demonstrate links with public institutions involved in the project (school districts, local board of education, etc.) in order to facilitate sustainability.
 - Previous related experience.

Expert personnel. Prospects should provide evidence (CVs) of team members with the knowledge and skills necessary to implement the program.

2. Initiate with a pilot. Outsourcing the program will only take place after a pilot is put in place locally, financed by the sponsor. The pilot will follow Standard Operating Procedures provided by Valentin Fuster –Mount Sinai Foundation for Science, Health and Empowerment. The pilot will include local schools and school officials and allow for the adaptation of the materials to local sociodemographic realities.

3. Reporting to Valentin Fuster –Mount Sinai Foundation for SHE. Monthly (or quarterly) reporting on the progress of the pilot.

4. Quality control, follow-up and scientific commitment. Prospects should commit to collect some data on implementation to monitor quality control, to enter the data in a common electronic database platform with global access, and to perform periodic follow-up of the participants included in the program. The prospects will agree that these data can be used for joint scientific activities and the diffusion of results (mainly in the form of abstracts and manuscripts).

5. Program SI! is a unique opportunity to create a diverse set of international cohort of kids intervened to be followed-up until adult age. The first step involves proving the concept in an initial preschool-age group by demonstrating actual decrease in cardiovascular risk factors, subclinical disease and clinical events.

6. For the mid-long term, the program will rely on self-reported data, and an electronic brief newsletter/questionnaire every 3 years to calculate general scores.

7. In order to promote the scientific diffusion of the program, we propose creating some kind of platform (like in other studies) with committees addressing proposals for ancillary studies, use of data collected, publications and so forth.

8. Communication, intellectual property, credits and branding. local partners will agree to guidelines associated with use of intellectual property associated with the program and communication and branding criteria.





Implementation example



March/April/May 2019

- o Secured funds (March 2019- March 2022)
- Signed and MOU between the players
- Dr. Fuster kick off meeting
- Develop work plan
- To prepare materials (Sept 2019)
- To create the database (Sept 2019)

- December 2019

- Recruit schools for the Pilot
- March/June 2020
 - To start the pilot in 2/3 schools (April)
 - Focus groups, training teachers

July 2020/March 2021

- Results from pilot trial: barriers/facilitators, focus groups, etc.
- Correction and adequate materials
- Materials edition
- Recruit intervention schools
- o Training teachers, coordinators, web

April 2021-December 2021

- Start of the randomized-control group proof-of concept trial in 600-1200 children (sample size calculation needed)
- o Baseline measurements and randomization
- Educational intervention
- Follow-up measurements

- January 2022/June 2022

- First results of the proof-of-concept randomized educational intervention trial. Publications
- Potential roll out





Annex



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Dr. Valentin Fuster serves The Mount Sinai Medical Hospital as Physician-in-Chief, as well as Director of Mount Sinai Heart Center. Dr. Fuster is the General Director of the Spanish National Center for Cardiovascular Research (CNIC). He is also President of the Advisory Health Council of the Spanish Ministry of Health, Social Services, and Equality.

The innumerable positions he has held include those of President of the American Heart Association, President of the World Heart Federation, member of the US National Academy of Medicine, where he chaired the Committee for the document on "Promotion of Cardiovascular Health Worldwide and presently Co-Chairs the Advisory Committee on "the Role of the United States on Global Health" as advisor to the new President, Member of the European Horizon 2020 Scientific Panel of Health, Council member of the US National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and President of the Training Program of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Fuster has been named Doctor Honoris Causa by Thirty-three universities. He is an author on more than 1000 scientific articles (HI-145). He was named Editor-in-Chief of the journal Nature Reviews in Cardiology and recently Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, the ACC's flagship publication and the main American source of clinical information on cardiovascular medicine (Impact factor 17.7). His research into the origin of cardiovascular events, which have contributed to improved treatment of heart attack patients, was recognized in 1996 by the Prince of Asturias Award for Technical and Scientific Research (highest award in Spanish speaking countries). And in June 2011 he was awarded the Grand Prix Scientifique of the Institute of France (considered a most prestigious award in cardiology), for his translational research into atherothrombotic disease.

Among his many achievements, it is noteworthy that Dr. Fuster is the only cardiologist to have received the highest awards for research from the three leading cardiovascular organizations: the American Heart Association (Gold Medal and Research Achievement Award), the American College of Cardiology (Living Legend and Life Achievement Award 2017) and the European Society of Cardiology (Gold Medal).

This vocation and the clear need to promote healthy lifestyle habits recently led to Dr. Fuster launching the **Science, Health and Education Foundation (SHE)**, with the goal of improving public health, especially among young people.





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Link to the website of the SI! Program and SHE Foundation: <u>http://www.programasi.org/en/</u> <u>http://fundacionshe.org/en/home/</u>

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