



Catalyzing Communities

A ChildObesity180 Initiative

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Catalyzing Communities Learning Collaborative January 2023 newsletter!

This month we're featuring resources that highlight food justice. We've also included several events, toolkits, and funding opportunities that may be of interest to you. We hope these will be helpful to you and your community partners. Feel free to forward this newsletter to others in your community who might be interested.

Thank you for your partnership!

The Catalyzing Communities Team

Resources and articles of interest

- READ: [Building a Case for Racial Equity in the Food System](#) shares an analysis of what it means to build a racially equitable food system and lays out steps to achieving that goal.
- EXPLORE: [The Food Trust](#), based in Philadelphia, uses a community-centered approach to ensure nutrition security that weaves together three core programming elements – access, affordability and education – as well as a focus on advocating for public policy solutions. Click [HERE](#) for more resources.
- WATCH: [Conversations on Food Justice: Race, Poverty, and the Barriers to Accessing Social Benefit Programs](#), hosted by the Aspen Institute, examines the history of social welfare programs in the United States and explores how institutionalized racism and stereotyping of marginalized communities has shaped public policy and economic opportunity for communities of color.
- READ: [The Food Tank](#) proposes courses of action to build a more equitable food system in [Seven Ways to Fight for Food Justice](#).

- WATCH: [Food Literacy for All](#) is a community-academic partnership online course based at the University of Michigan. For winter 2023, the theme is “Roots: Food, Power and the Climate Crisis.” Structured as an online evening lecture series, Food Literacy for All features different guest speakers each week to address challenges and opportunities of diverse food systems. The course is free, and speakers are recorded so they can be viewed anytime. **Register [HERE](#).**
- LISTEN: [Stanford School of Public Policy](#) released an inspiring podcast series with farmers, hunger relief organizations, school districts, states, anti-hunger advocates and more. Learn how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the food system in the [latest podcast episode](#).

Request for Information

- The NIH released a [Request for Information \(RFI\): Innovative approaches to prevent mental health problems and promote mental wellness in populations that experience health disparities](#). This call for input seeks information from the community about potential or existing primary or secondary preventive intervention strategies addressing SDOH to prevent mental health problems in populations experiencing health disparities. From the call, “input from community-based service providers and other community-based organizations about promising or successful approaches in their communities is particularly encouraged.” Responses must be submitted by: **March 1, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST.**

Tools and Guides

- [The Food Justice Toolkit](#) is a collection of resources for advocates to inform current and future food access projects. Included are studies from non-profit and research entities, policy briefs and recommendations, personal accounts, and academic explorations on inequality in the food system. These resources represent an interdisciplinary approach to understanding issues of food production and access, and reflect Beyond Hunger Relief’s mission to expand sustainable solutions to food insecurity.
- [The Policy, Systems and Environmental Change \(PSE\) Resource Guide](#) by the The Comprehensive Cancer Control (CCC) National Partnership provides

models and tools to assist organizations with planning and implementing PSE agenda.

Events

- The Chicago Food Policy Action Council (CFPAC), in partnership with the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs & Special Events (DCASE), will host the 18th [Annual Chicago Food Justice Summit](#). The Summit will take place **virtually on February 8-9, 2023 and in-person at the Student Center East UIC on February 10, 2023**. Register [HERE](#).
- [Food, Housing, and Racial Justice Symposium](#), hosted by the University of Miami School of Law on **April 13 & 14 2023**, will examine lessons and opportunities for addressing hunger in communities of color. In particular, it will delve into the need to foreground the lived experiences and strategies of survival and resistance of communities of color around food insecurity, food system governance, access to land and natural resources, and the environment. Register [HERE](#).
- [The Friedman School Speaker Series](#) includes (hybrid) presentations from professionals across a wide range of topics in the field of nutrition. Our speakers include both researchers and practitioners of nutrition science and policy from academia, government, industry, and the non-profit sector. "Live" on **Wednesday afternoons from 12:15-1:15 pm (ET)** on the academic year schedule.

Funding sources/opportunities

- AmeriCorps seeks concept papers for [the AmeriCorps VISTA program](#) from outcome-driven organizations that share the AmeriCorps VISTA mission. Volunteers in Service to America, known as "VISTA," is a federal anti-poverty national service program designed to provide resources to nonprofit organizations and public agencies to address poverty and poverty-related problems in the United States. Deadline for concept papers: **Wednesday, January 18, 2023**.
- The American Heart Association released an RFA for the [Health Equity Research Network \(HERN\) on Improving Access to Care and other Health Inequities in Rural America](#) funding opportunity which encourages

applicants to propose solutions to meaningfully impact rural health disparities. Pre-proposal deadline: **Thursday, January 26, 2023.**

- The USDA [Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants program](#) aims to help rural communities use advanced telecommunications technology to connect to each other - and the world - overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. Application due: **January 30, 2023.** Apply [HERE](#).
- The USDA awarded the [RIDGE partnership](#) to Tufts University, the University of Missouri, and the University of Connecticut, Rudd Center. This partnership will support innovative research on nutrition assistance programs and aims to broaden the network of researchers applying their expertise to USDA topics. This extramural grants program seeks applications from a diverse community of experienced nutrition assistance researchers, early career scholars, and established researchers who are new to nutrition assistance research. Proposal due: **January 30, 2023.**

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