



## Catalyzing Communities

A ChildObesity180 Initiative

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the Catalyzing Communities Learning Collaborative newsletter for April 2022! We've included some new resources in addition to ongoing items like speaker series, podcast links, and funding opportunities that will be featured every month. We hope you'll join us (and help spread the word) about our Keynote Presentation from Dr. Angela Odoms-Young on Thursday, April 21 from 1-2pm ET! A flyer is attached.

We want this newsletter to be useful in your work, and would love to hear any feedback you have on the structure or content. Feel free to forward or mention any relevant content or resources that you would like to see featured to anyone on the Catalyzing Communities team.

Thank you for your partnership and have a great April!

The Catalyzing Communities Team

### **Resources and articles of interest**

- Article from Human Impact Partners: Racial Justice and Power Sharing - the Heart of Leading Systems Change (link to article [HERE](#))
- Blog by Corinna Hawkes, Director of the Center for Food Policy at City at the University of London, that references a selection of books pertaining to themes of power, inequalities, and nutrition (link to article [HERE](#))
- Yvonne D. Greer's podcast recorded live on YouTube: "[Back to the Kitchen: Healthy Cooking Series with Community Champion Discussions](#)" Season 2 started February 16th.
- Podcast: [Simple Civics: Greenville County](#) - recommended by Sally Wills from LiveWell Greenville
- The Food Solutions New England 21 day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge, **April 4th - 24th**: open to anyone who wants to learn more about the history of race and racism in our food system and about inspiring ways to dismantle racism and build an equitable food future that works for everyone (learn more [HERE](#))

### **Speaker Events (virtual)**

- The Catalyzing Communities Learning Collaborative will host a keynote presentation on **Thursday, April 21st 1-2pm (ET)** from [Dr. Angela Odoms-Young](#), a renowned researcher whose work explores the social and structural determinants of dietary behaviors and related health outcomes in low-income populations and black, Indigenous and people of color.

Please register [here](#) and spread the word to colleagues, friends, and others who may be interested!

- [Shifting the Paradigm: Targeting Structures, Communications, and Beliefs to Advance Practical Strategies for Obesity Solutions](#)- The National Academies Roundtable on Obesity Solutions is convening a virtual public workshop on **Tuesday, April 19 10AM-3PM ET**. This workshop is the first in the series titled, *Translating Knowledge of Foundational Drivers of Obesity into Practice*. For more information and registration, click [here](#).
- [Tufts Food Systems Symposium: Unpacking Meat: Values, Cultures, and Futures](#), hosted by the Tisch College of Civic Life at Tufts University brings together a range of actors from different disciplines and practices to promote dialog, share insights, and gain new perspectives on the question of “what does meat mean to you?” The Symposium will take place virtually **Friday, April 8 1:00 - 3:00 PM ET**. For more information and registration, click [here](#).
- [Food Literacy for All](#) is a community-academic partnership course based at the University of Michigan. Structured as an evening lecture series, Food Literacy for All features different guest speakers each week to address challenges and opportunities of diverse food systems.
- [The Friedman School Speaker Series](#) includes 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 12:15-1:15pm (ET) on the academic year schedule.

### **Funding sources/opportunities**

- [The Center for Science in the Public Interest \(CSPI\)](#) seeks to support communities as they explore local, state, and federal policy interventions to elicit systemic change and advance a just and equitable food environment. CSPI is launching grant opportunities for 2022.