



# Catalyzing Communities

A ChildObesity180 Initiative

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the Catalyzing Communities Learning Collaborative newsletter for June 2022!

This month: Ever wondered who creates the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs)? There's a chance to apply to be part of the 2025 Advisory Committee; along with podcasts about Food and Racial Equity, and centering primary voices in the food movement; resources for advocacy; upcoming events; and funding sources we found that might be interesting to you and your team.

We're planning our next Learning Collaborative online Workshop (coming up this summer – scheduling email to come!) and welcome your ideas for topics or presenters. If you have information to share with others about an event or resource, or want to share your reflections about any part of the Learning Collaborative, please email anyone on the team!

Thank you for your partnership and happy Juneteenth!

The Catalyzing Communities Team

## **Resources and articles of interest**

- READ: [adrienne marie brown's keynote from the 2021 St. Louis Racial Equity Summit](#), in which she recounts the power of imagination and stories as precursors to creating the future.
- EXPLORE: Dan Hatfield (who presented on Thursday afternoon) forwarded information about [Systems for Action](#). *Systems for Action (S4A)* is a signature research program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that builds a *Culture of Health* by rigorously testing new ways of connecting the nation's fragmented medical, social, and public health systems.
- INTERACTIVE DATA: Check out the [Food and Research Action Center website](#) which uses interactive data to share stories about food and nutrition research.
- PODCAST: Check out [this list of episodes](#) from the Duke Sanford World Food Policy Center focused on Food and Racial Equity.
- PODCAST: [Real Food Real Stories podcast by the Curious Eater](#) outlines topics concerning the centering of primary voices in the food movement.
- PODCAST: Yvonne D. Greer's podcast recorded live on YouTube: "[Back to the Kitchen: Healthy Cooking Series with Community Champion Discussions](#)"

## Tools

- [Pouring Rights: A toolkit for advocates](#), Created by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) as a roadmap to guide campaigns, with academic research, case studies, model policies, messaging guidance, and other resources
- [Healthy School Meals For All: A toolkit for advocates](#), Created by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) as a resource for advocates to improve school meals. The focus of this toolkit is advocacy at the state and local levels, but many of the resources provided can be used for federal advocacy as well. Topics covered include strengthening nutrition standards, increasing access to free meals, and funding for training, technical assistance, and kitchen equipment for operators.

## Events

- [Nominations for the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee!](#) Are you or someone you know interested in using your scientific expertise to serve your fellow Americans? HHS and USDA are asking for nominations to the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. The role of the Committee is to review the current body of nutrition science and develop a scientific report to help HHS and USDA develop the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*. The Departments invite members of the public to nominate themselves or other qualified scientific experts to serve on the Committee. Nominations are due by July 15, 2022 at 11:59 PM E.T. [Learn more](#) about who qualifies and how to [submit a nomination](#).
- [Nutrition as Prevention for Improved Cancer Health Outcomes](#), FREE 3-day workshop **July 26-28** hosted by the National Institute of Health (NIH) includes speakers that assess the scientific evidence on how nutritional interventions affect cancer health outcomes. After the workshop, an independent panel will draft a report on evidence gaps and identify priorities for future research. For more information and registration, click [HERE](#).

## Funding sources/opportunities

- [The Research in Transforming Health and Healthcare Systems](#) call for proposals from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is to support policy-relevant, community-engaged research that helps improve the affordability of care for communities most impacted by structural racism, inequities, and discrimination. We seek proposals for research and policy analysis projects that examine the design, implementation, and/or impact of local, state, and/or national policies related to the affordability of high-quality, equitable care. Proposals should focus on a historically marginalized racial or ethnic group; people with disabilities; immigrants; people from the LGBTQ+ community; or another community that has historically faced systemic and persistent barriers to good health. Application Deadline: **Friday June 24, 2022**.

- [Closing the Gap with Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Plans](#)- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of funds to develop multi-sector action plans that address the social determinants of health (SDOH) by accelerating action in state, local, territorial, and tribal jurisdictions, and communities that lead to improved chronic health conditions among Americans experiencing health disparities and inequality. Application Deadline: **July 8, 2022**
- [Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity](#)- Evidence for action (E4A) is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that funds research expanding the evidence needed to build a Culture of Health, with an explicit emphasis on advancing racial equity. We recognize that achieving racial equity is not possible without a focus on the foundational and structural drivers of health, often referred to as the social determinants of health (e.g., housing, education, built environment, economic opportunity, law enforcement, and others). Therefore, we partner with researchers, practitioners, community leaders, advocates, and policymakers to develop evidence about what works to dismantle or remedy unjust systems and practices and produce more equitable outcomes for people and communities of color. Application Deadline: **Rolling Admission.**
- [Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health](#)- seeks proposals that are primed to influence health equity in the future. We are interested in ideas that address any of these four areas of focus: Future of Evidence; Future of Social Interaction; Future of Food; Future of Work. Additionally, we welcome ideas that might fall outside of these four focus areas, but which offer unique approaches to advancing health equity and our progress toward a Culture of Health. We want to hear from scientists, anthropologists, artists, urban planners, community leaders—anyone, anywhere who has a new or unconventional idea that could alter the trajectory of health, and improve health equity and well-being for generations to come. The changes we seek require diverse perspectives and cannot be accomplished by any one person, organization or sector. Application Deadline: **Rolling Admission.**

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