



# Catalyzing Communities

A ChildObesity180 Initiative

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the Catalyzing Communities Learning Collaborative November 2022 newsletter!

Are you registered for our Learning Collaborative Keynote presentation on November 16th? Please help us spread the word about Dr. Alison Tovar's (virtual) presentation—*“Centering Equity in Early Childhood to Improve Nutrition and Food Security among Young Children”*--- **on November 16th from 1-2pm ET!** This timely presentation is open to community members, colleagues, friends and broader networks - we hope you will invite anyone who might be interested to register today! **Click [here](#) to register!** We've attached a PDF to help you share.

This month, we're featuring resources that explore the themes, goals, and strategies, presented during the 2022 White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health. We've highlighted several events that you might find interesting and informative, as well as some toolkits and funding opportunities. We hope these resources will be helpful to you and your community partners!

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!

The Catalyzing Communities Team

## **Resources and articles of interest**

- READ: [Leveraging the White House Conference to Promote and Elevate Nutrition Security: The Role of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service](#). (2022). Authored by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), this report explains

how FNS aims to leverage the impact of the historic 2022 White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health.

- READ: [Informing the White House Conference: Ambitious, Actionable Recommendations to End Hunger, Advance Nutrition, and Improve Health in the United States](#). (2022). This report, authored by the Task Force on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health puts forth a series of policy recommendations and actions to advance the 2022 White House Conference goals. The report proposes a consensus-based strategy that reflects a diverse set of perspectives from leaders from academia, civil society, government, and the private sector.
- EXPLORE: [White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health](#). This article contains an overview of the 5 pillars as well as some small group discussion questions to consider.
- READ: [Biden-Harris Administration National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health](#). (2022). The official overview of the WHC strategy.
- 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](#).
- LISTEN: [School Nutrition With Dr. Juliana Cohen](#). Juliana Cohen, PhD is a Catalyzing Communities Advisory Board Member who works in the Department of Health Sciences at Merrimack College as an associate professor and as an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Nutrition at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. Dr. Cohen's research focuses on pediatric nutrition, including school-based interventions, child/adolescent health and development, health disparities, and nutrition policies.

## **Tools and Guides**

- The National Collaborative on Child Obesity Research (NCCOR) developed [A Toolkit for Evaluating Childhood Healthy Weight Programs \(CHWPs\)](#) that provides researchers and practitioners guidance on evaluation readiness, process measures, outcome measures, contextual factors, program sustainability, and remote evaluation of CHWPs.
- The American Medical Association (AMA) and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AMMA) published a [health equity guide](#) to stimulate critical thinking about language, narrative and concepts—helping readers to identify

harmful phrasing in their own work and providing alternatives that move us toward racial justice and health equity.

## **Events**

- Don't miss the Learning Collaborative Keynote presentation from Dr. Alison Tovar, member of the Catalyzing Communities Advisory Board! She will give a (virtual) Keynote presentation— *“Centering Equity in Early Childhood to Improve Nutrition and Food Security among Young Children”*--- **on November 16th 1-2PM ET. Click [here](#) to register!**
- [Advancing the Science of Community-Engaged Health Disparities Research | NHLBI, NIH](#) The NHLBI Center for Translational Research and Implementation Science (CTRIS) will host a two-day virtual workshop on **November 14-15 2022**, that focuses on advancing the science of community-engaged health disparities research. The workshop brings together researchers, healthcare providers, community partners, and government officials to discuss lessons learned from NIH-funded community-engaged research, new research methods, and the value of community partner relationships. Register [here](#).
- [The \[virtual\] Workshop on Housing and Obesity: Gaps, Opportunities, and Future Directions for Advancing Health Equity](#), hosted by the NIH on **November 14-15, 2022**, will explore the role of housing insecurity in obesity-related health disparities, the evidence base for housing-related interventions to address obesity disparities, and future directions to advance health equity for all. Register [here](#) by **November 9, 2022**.
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- [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 12:15-1:15pm (ET)** on the academic year schedule.

## **Funding sources/opportunities**

- [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Program](#) provides the nation’s most comprehensive learning experience at the intersection of

health, science, and policy in Washington, D.C. It is an outstanding opportunity for exceptional mid-career health professionals and behavioral/social scientists with an interest in health and healthcare policy. Fellows participate in the policy process at the federal level and use that leadership experience to improve health equity, healthcare, and health policy. **Application Deadline:** November 7, 2022, 3:00 p.m. ET. Click [here](#) for more information.

- [Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society \(ComPASS\) Program:Community-Led, Health Equity Structural Intervention Initiative \(OT2\)](#), issued by the NIH, provides funding to community organizations to develop, implement, assess, and disseminate co-created community-led, health equity structural interventions, in partnership with research organizations, that intervene upon structural factors that produce and perpetuate health disparities. This goal will be accomplished in three (3) phases: 1) the intervention planning and development phase; 2) the intervention implementation phase; and 3) the intervention assessment, dissemination and sustainability phase. **Letter of Intent Due:** November 18th, 2022. Click [here](#) for more information.

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