

SNEB 2022 Conference - SNAC Dialogue Now Session

Strategies to Address Food Insecurities

Table Top Discussion Question: Has your SNAC attempted to tackle food and nutrition security in any way? What have been effective strategies? What would help improve or expand your efforts?

State	Agency	Strategy
New York	Teachers College - Columbia	Maintaining universal free school meals, Food Education Hub (www.tx.columbia.edu/tich), coordinating organizations conducting food and nutrition education, gardening, cooking, food justice for NYC schools.
Iowa	Department of Aging	Data sharing, partner sharing, guest speakers.
Florida	Polk State College	Implement our resources/information into our curriculum, collaborate with local agencies to serve students as well as families.
Indiana	Department of Health	CDC Health Disparity Grants, Produce Rx, SNAP Matching, Breastfeeding, Regional Food Systems Partnership Grant, Leah's Pantry (Trauma-Informed Nutrition Security (TINS), Learning Collaboratives, Nutrition Pantry Program), Indiana Nutrition Incentive Network, Competitive SNAP-Ed Grants - PSE initiatives, Farm to school network, SNAC quarterly meetings and bi-monthly newsletter, Website (indianasnac.com) went live last week, SNAP at farmers market, Seed to Consumer, LFPA collaborative agreement.
California	Leah's Pantry (CA SNAC member)	Farmers Market Initiative, Community Gardens Initiative, Trauma-informed capacity builders, Governors Council on Nutrition.
Texas	Texas A & M AgriLive Extension Service	Health and Human Services Commission is beginning to form SNAC with SNAP-Ed funded agencies. Currently developing strategies. Feedback survey from community beneficiaries to improve food assistance programs, data sharing.
Maine	DHHS-Office for Family Independence/ University of New England - SNAC	Included food security in SNAC mission, SNAC Strategic Plan, with initiatives selected by SNAC members which meet quarterly. They have SNAC subcommittees on: 1) Federal Food Programs (social media posts, infographics for promoting school meals and application completion) 2) Wrap around services (providing postcards to SNAP households with incentives for purchasing at farmers market with Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) funding and cards also promote SNAP-Ed and WIC family events).
South Dakota		State doesn't have a SNAC but are implementing Double Up Food Bucks, Community Gardens, My Pantry, Direct Education and Farm to School.
Iowa	Iowa State University	SNAC in Iowa is the IA Nutrition Network, Growing Together Iowa (ISU Extension), Rx program for food boxes, Fresh Conversations, Buy Eat Live Healthy, Funding to support program promotion due to decreased participation rates secondary to limited awareness.
Ohio	Ohio State University	Farmers Market Incentive Programs (Double up food bucks), Produce prescription, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). Need to expand building and sustaining cross-sector integration with healthcare and social services.
Massachusetts		Universal school meals, Healthy incentives programs and farmers markets, U Mass Extension Nutrition Education Program, supporting choice programs in food pantries, supporting community garden programs, current work in youth programs and schools
Utah		Direct nutrition education, PSE, Farmers Market, Gardening programs, food pantries, community gardening.

Organizations Involved in SNAC/Organizations Session Participants Partner With

Table Top Discussion Question: What organizations are represented on your SNAC? What other organizations or coalitions are working to address food and nutrition security in your state? How does your SNAC interact or participate in those efforts?

State	Agency	Organizations
Iowa	Iowa Dept. of Aging	Health and Human Services, SNAP- Ed implementing agencies, non-governmental agencies, commodity groups, State unit on aging, Food banks and pantries, Department of Agriculture, Department of Public Health, AmeriCorps, Grocery Association, Department of Education, Restaurant Association
Iowa	Iowa State University	Universities, state agencies, Food Bank Association, non-profit organizations, private businesses
	Xplusion Technology	Health and Human Services, SNAP-Ed Texas, Meals on Wheels, food banks and pantries
Utah	Utah State University	IRC, WIC, Schools/Education, Health Dept., Farmers Markets/Ag, Feeding America, Hunger Institute, Food pantries, Utah Food Chains, SNAP-Ed, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)
Maine	SNAP-Ed/SNAC	Department of Health and Human Services/Office for Family Independence, Maine CDC, WIC, Dept of Education, Good Shepard Food Bank, Full Plates Full Potential, Maine Federation of Farmers Markets, Lets Go/Maine Health, UMaine Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)/Cooperative Ext, Subcontracting organizations/Nutrition Educators, Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness, Fedcap, Office of Disability and Aging, YMCA, Representative from New Mainers, University of New England. Need: Veterans Admin, Senior Spectrum, OADS, Maine Senior Farmshare, Avesta Housing
California	CA SNAC	California Dept. of Social Services Calfresh, California Department of Social Services Calfresh Healthy Living, Department of Public Health Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention, WIC, Department of Aging, Department of Education (school meals), University of California Davis Center for Population Health, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Food as Medicine CA
California	UC Davis	AmeriCorps, Health and Human Services, Nonprofit organizations, Dairy Council, food banks, small farmers, commodity groups, Department of Aging, Catholic Charities, University of California, Texas A &M, Meals on Wheels, Department of Education, Public Health Department
Ohio	Ohio State University	Mid Ohio Food Collective, Central Ohio PACT (Partners Achieving Community Transformation), Rural Action, Appalachian Center for Economic Networks (ACEnet), Community Food Initiatives, Growing the Grow Collective, Healthcare Collective of Greater Columbus, Ohio State Wexner Medical Center
Washington DC	DC SNAP-Ed	All FNS program administrators, Food Policy Council (addresses food and nutrition security), SNAC members participate in FPC
South Dakota	SNAP-Ed/SNAC	WIC, TANF, Dept of Social Services, Tribal Leadership, Farm 2 School Coalition, Specialty Producers Coalition, Dept of Health, Department of Education, Department of Transportation, Healthcare (4 major entities)
Texas	Texas Tech University Food Pantry - Lubbock	SNAP-Ed, Non profit nutrition/feeding programs, county food pantries, Healthy Aging centers, volunteer centers, Extension workers, Department of Education
Texas	Houston , TX	Local grocery store (HLB), Farmers Association

Indiana	Dept of Health	Food banks/pantries, healthcare organizations, implementing agencies, WIC, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Head start, YMCA, non-profits, hunger relief programs, Food councils, Indiana University, Playwork, Parks and Recreation, No Kid Hungry, Indiana Grown for School, Indiana Dairy Association, Local Health Departments, State Breastfeeding/Nutrition and Dietetics Association, American Heart Association, Anthem/Elevance Health
Massachusetts	Extension	SNAC, Department of Education, University of Massachusetts, Boston Food Bank, Department of Transitional Services, Senior Council, Framingham University, John Stalker Institute
Measures of Success		
<i>Table Top Discussion Question: What are some outcome indicators you are using to measure success of your SNAC? How are you reporting SNAC activities to FNS? Are you using any indicators from the SNAP-Ed Evaluation Framework?</i>		
State	Agency	Outcome/Process Measures Collected
Iowa	Iowa State University	SNAP-Ed evaluation framework, pre/post familiarity with topics, nutritional risk, dietary intake, behavior intention, reach of unique website visits, Facebook views and shares.
Iowa	Dept. of Aging	# of participants reached, # of partners committed. One single state report on nutrition feeding programs.
California	Leah's Pantry (CA SNAC member)	Small projects can be a good place to test a <u>process</u> that could lead to greater outcomes (Farmers Market Initiative not huge impact but a successful example of SNAC completing a successful joint initiative). Results-based accountability could be a good strategy for SNAC (used by San Diego Accountable Communities for Health).
Maine	SNAP-Ed/SNAC	Social media (# of posts created and reach of posts, # partners involved, length of campaign), Farmers Market Nutrition Incentive (# postcards sent out, # framers markets involved, # postcards redeemed, # new SNAP shoppers), process evaluation of SNAC through surveys, SNAC initiatives aligned with the SNAP-Ed Eval Framework indicators, reporting through annual report with narrative and infographics of results (by Altarum - external evaluator as an appendix to annual report).
Ohio	Ohio State University	Outcomes: Food Security USDA screen (6, 10, or 18 item), Diet Quality/HEI, fruit and vegetable intake (National Cancer Institute (NCI) FV screener, Healthy Eating Index (HEI) veg sub scores, dermal carotenoids, serum carotenoids), stress (perceived stress, inflammatory markers). Process: reach (% of target pop engaged). Dose delivered, dose received, fidelity (any variance in program implementation across sites), quality feedback - barriers, facilitators from perspective of different stakeholders.
Texas	Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service	No SNAC at this time. SNAP-Ed PSE Change Report, readiness, # partners to deliver SNAP-ED.
Indiana	Dept. of Health	Key Partners - SNAP Ed Framework measuring # partnerships and depth and level of involvement and sectors represented, annual report to FNS, attendance at all SNAC meetings, listserv numbers, foodbank and forwarding of information.

Sharing Successes

Table Top Discussion Question: How does your SNAC share its progress and successes? Is this made publicly available in any way? If not, what ideas do you have to make this information more readily available to others?

State	Agency	Modes of Communicating Progress/Success
California		Website, through local office of SNAC agencies (e.g., local health departments, cooperative extension offices)
Maine	SNAP-Ed/SNAC	SNAC has a data repository and data analysis plan to be able to share progress and successes, infographics on SNAC successes; they want to make publicly available.
Ohio	Ohio State University	Peer-reviewed published articles (pay for open access to increase public access), community partner reports, conference presentations.
Washington DC	Dept of Health	Updating the Federal Nutrition Programs Toolkit - brings all FNS programs in our state together and toolkit is publicly available.
Indiana	Dept. of Health	Newsletters, quarterly meetings, website (indianasnac.com), social media - all available publicly
Iowa	Dept. of Aging	Infographics, YouTube Videos, newspaper articles, e-newsletter, social media, website, partner sharing, webinars, conferences.