



Illinois Partnership for Childhood Nutrition Security

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Vision

Ensure every child in the state of Illinois is food secure through partnerships and collaboration





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The purpose of the **Childhood Nutrition Security Project** is to foster collaboration between pediatricians, state food delivery, and family support partners to improve pediatrician food insecurity screening, referral mechanisms, and resource delivery to families.

The Partnership will create and implement a **collective impact plan** to advance childhood nutrition in Illinois.



<https://illinoisAAP.org/childhood-nutrition-security/>



Project Scope

- 9-month limited term project
- Increase healthcare engagement in connecting families to local food resources and in policies and systems change
- Partnership is not meant to supplant the expertise, strategies and roadmap collectively at the state, regional, and local levels
- Springboard for future opportunities/partnerships and to align healthcare with existing partnership strategies

Project Partners

Government Agency

Chicago Department of Public Health

Chicago Public Schools

Cook County Health

Illinois Department of Human Services

Illinois State Board of Education

Southern 7 Health Department

SNAP Education, University of Illinois Extension

Tazewell County Health Department

Healthcare System

ACCESS Community Health Network

American Heart Association

Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

Erie Family Health Centers

Esperanza Health Centers

Heartland Health Services

Illinois Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

OSF Healthcare Children's Hospital of Illinois

PCC Community Wellness Center

Proviso Partners for Health: Veggie Rx

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

UIC Office of Community Engagement and Neighborhood Health Partnership

Local Food Initiative

Chicago Food Policy Action Counsel

Experimental Station

Illinois 4-H Food Security Communities

Peoria Grown

Food Bank / Pantry

Beyond Hunger

Catholic Charities of Archdiocese of Chicago

Feeding Illinois

Greater Chicago Food Depository

Marillac St. Vincent Family Services

Midwest Food Bank

Northern Illinois Food Bank

Public Health

Illinois Public Health Association

Illinois Public Health Institute

Home Visiting / Daycare

Start Early

Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies



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Overview of Collective Impact Plan Tasks

Goal 1: Build collaboration and consensus to address food insecurity in Illinois

Goal 2: Build Chapter capacity to promote training and resources and pediatrician efficacy to address food insecurity and connection to local food resources

Goal 3: Implement collective impact plan to improve screening and family connections to food resources



Dec Meeting #1

- Validate assets for promoting food security
- Identify best practices



Jan Meeting #2

- Prioritize best practices to pilot or scale
- Agree upon metrics and shared data



Feb Meeting #3

- Collective impact plan input
- Develop specific plans, outputs, and metrics

Today's Session Outline

Project Overview: 30 minutes

- Vision
- Scope
- Highlights from last meeting

Breakout Sessions: 40 minutes

- Healthcare/Nutrition
- Community Connections
- Resources

Wrap-up: 20 minutes

- Formative feedback poll

Healthcare/Nutrition

Best Practices Breakout Room Recap

Which best practices should be prioritized of those identified by the larger group?

- Increase Screening for Food Insecurity

How should the best practices be piloted/trialed?

- Heartland will be piloting screening/referral process, implementation, and connect with community partners (creating closed loop system)
- Dr. Goldberg will be training ICAAP members and other physicians to screen and refer
- Institutions that already have screenings should establish better connections to Food Partners

How will progress or success be measured? (Metrics, shared data)

- Look at resource databases like NowPow and IRIS to see how many referrals were made and families that were connected to a food resource

Community Connections

Best Practices Breakout Room Recap

Which best practices should be prioritized of those identified by the larger group?

- Amplify youth and family voice and community representation: Ask people what they need and want, don't assume
- Culturally appropriate food
- Connection to the grower is important and the taste and nutrition tends to be higher
- For food banks, influencing the food supply is really important to make it healthier

How should the best practices be piloted/trialed?

- Piloting mobile or delivery service for SNAP
 - Share highlights of the community member voice to inform work that is done
 - Make connections among stakeholders to increase local growers/suppliers for culturally match product
 - Partner with pantries/healthcare to create a resource for healthier options

How will progress or success be measured? (metrics, shared data)

- TBD

Resources

Best Practices Breakout Room Recap

Which best practices should be prioritized of those identified by the larger group?

- Increase understanding about program details such as eligibility, program enrollment

How should the best practices be piloted/trialed?

- Online education (SNAP, WIC, other) to increase understanding of program purpose, eligibility, enrollment, and emergency food resources
- Tailored to the specific types of organizations (healthcare, social services, childcare providers, faith-based organizations)

How will progress or success be measured? (metrics, shared data)

- Increased utilization rates with quantifiable data



Choose your breakout room

Breakout room #1	Healthcare	Dr. Moeenuddin, Ms. Vaughn
Breakout room #2	Community Connections	Drs. Goldberg, Christison
Breakout room #3	Resources	Dr. Seo-Lee



Formative Feedback Poll

The Illinois Partnership for Childhood Nutrition Security has increased my teamwork with organizations and stakeholders who are working to end food insecurity in Illinois?



Breakout Room Reports

1. Any remaining breakout room questions/discussions
2. Sustainability:
 - a. How can we continue to partner? Who is interested in continued collaboration?
 - b. Which organizations/coalitions are already incorporating these best practices into their work?
 - c. What are the opportunities for participation in current initiatives?
3. What information do you have that you would like to include in the collective impact plan?



Thank you!

- ICAAP will seek input on the collective impact plan / action agenda
- ICAAP will begin training medical residents and pediatricians on food insecurity screening, referrals, and food resources
- Heartland Health Services in Peoria, Illinois will be piloting food insecurity screening, referrals, and connection to local resources