



**Hunger Free
Communities
Network**

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Hunger Free Communities Network™ QUARTERLY BULLETIN

Happy New Year from the Alliance!

We are looking forward to another year collectively working to end food insecurity.

How did your organization address hunger in your community last year? Did you meet or exceed your goals? Were there any unexpected hurdles or setbacks? Share your reflections and suggestions with the network.

Send your updates [here](#) to be included in the newsletter.

Highlights from the 2019 Hunger Free Communities Summit

Thank you to everyone involved in making our 2019 Summit a success!

We had over 150 community anti-hunger leaders and advocates from across the country join us this year.

Participants expressed their appreciation for the diversity of the audience, presenters, and topics, the focus on root causes of hunger, particularly racial equity, and being empowered with tools and resources to take back to their communities.

The schedule of events, presentations, and speaker bios are all available on our website [here](#).

Read more about the event [here](#).

Are you attending the [National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference](#) on March 1-3 in Washington, DC?

If so, please plan to join us for the annual *Hunger Free Communities Network Dinner* (details to follow).

[Let us know](#) if you are planning to attend.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT HFC QUARTERLY WEBINAR

Tuesday, March 10th,
2:00PM-3:30PM (ET)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

NO KID HUNGRY WEBINAR

Engaging Community
Partners in Summer Meals
Planning for the New Year
Tuesday, January 21st,
2:00—3:00 PM (ET)

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY 2020

March 20, 2020
National Ag Day is intended to
raise awareness about the
vital role of agriculture in
society.
Learn more [here](#).

TRYING TO BUILD YOUR CAPACITY?

Don't forget to check out the Self-Assessment Workbook! You can download it or find and use individual sections on our [website](#).

Check Out The Six Conditions of Systems Change Webinar!

Systems change can be a challenging concept for organizations to understand and apply. FSG's *The Water of Systems Change* uses an inverted triangle framework that provides a model for sustainable, effective change. The report is available [here](#) and we recommend watching the companion webinar hosted in partnership by the Collective Impact Forum, FSG and New Profit found [here](#).

“Why should there be hunger and deprivation in any land, in any city, at any table, when man has the resources and the scientific know-how to provide all mankind with the basic necessities of life?”

~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

UPDATES TO OUR RESOURCE LIBRARY

WE'VE ADDED SOME MORE RESOURCES TO OUR [LIBRARY](#)! HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS:

“2019 Hunger Innovation Report” by No Kid Hungry, Share Our Strength

“Guide to Better Youth Engagement” by The Alliance to End Hunger

“Household and Food Security in the United States in 2018” by USDA Economic Research Service

“How an Important Federal Law Can Help Millions of Low-Income People Register to Vote Through State Public Assistance Agencies” by FRAC

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

Community Food Advocates Pushes for Cafeteria Redesigns

Since implementing universal free lunch, some NYC public schools have transformed the meal experience with an innovative redesign of the lunchroom. These “Enhanced Cafeterias” feature student-friendly seating with booths and round tables that create a more welcoming and inviting environment, as well as deli-style and food court style serving lines that provide more menu options and increase the appeal of the food.

These changes have resulted in a dramatic increase in lunch participation. According to [Community Food Advocates](#), lunch participation in high schools with enhanced cafeterias increased by 35% compared to 15.2% in schools without. According to the NYC Office of Food and Nutrition Services enhanced cafeterias served more fruits and vegetables as well. Learn more about the results [here](#) and read the article by David Sandman, CEO of the New York State Health Foundation [here](#).

Sign up for the No Kid Hungry Webinar: Engaging Community Partners in Summer Meals Planning for the New Year *January 21, 2019 at 2:00-3:00PM ET*

Join No Kid Hungry for the first installment of 2020 ‘School’s Out, Food’s In’ summer meals webinar series, which will highlight effective strategies for community partner engagement as well as practical recommendations for developing and implementing a plan to improve and/or expand your program. Hear from experts who draw from their own experience to highlight keys to success, and be sure to bring your own questions and ideas to share during interactive Q&A

If you have any questions or feedback, or if you'd like to share any news with the rest of the network in our next bulletin, please reach out to Olivia McConnell at omcconnell@alliancetoendhunger.org.

