



**Hunger Free
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QUARTERLY BULLETIN

MOW4Kids National Program Expansion

This year Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger (TBNEH) is launching a Meals On Wheels for Kids (MOW4Kids) national expansion program.

In Tampa Bay nearly half a million meals have been delivered to children in Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas counties. With such resilient efforts, this exciting expansion is looking to support others in creating their own delivery programs to press forward with innovation, collaboration and partnerships.

Caitlyn Peacock, Executive Director states, “MOW4Kids is an essential community program. We are excited to bring MOW4Kids to other communities across the country. The national expansion of this program is vital at this stage because the need is not going away. Kids are going hungry at home by not going to school. These children need our help now and we will do everything we can to make sure they have the nutritious meals they need.”

MOW4Kids was initially created to ensure that every child receives healthy meals, fresh produce, and shelf-stable food each week, delivered to their homes during the pandemic or when school is out of session – so that no child goes hungry.

With the expansion effort, the program offers the opportunity for other organizations interested to develop a community program to deliver nutritious meals to children, whether homebound or transportation-disadvantaged.

TBNEH is looking to support other communities implement the program with technology, hands-on technical assistance and initial funding up to \$2,500 for equipment and staffing to achieve the goal of delivering meals and ensuring kids can access free meals during school closures.

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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](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT HFC QUARTERLY WEBINAR

Tuesday, June 15
2:00pm–3:00pm
Register [HERE](#)

Other Dates

Tuesday, September 14
2:00pm–3:00pm
Register [HERE](#)

Tuesday, December 14
2:00pm–3:00pm
Register [HERE](#)

*Please note we are moving our
Quarterly Webinars to Zoom.
Participants must now register for each
Webinar via the links provided.*

March Quarterly Webinar

Recording —> [Click Here](#)

Announcing 2021 HFC Virtual Summit Dates:

November 3 –4

More details to come!

*If you have questions or
feedback, or if you'd like to share
any news with the rest of the net-
work in our next bulletin, please
reach out to [Jonique Lyles](#).*



UPDATES TO OUR RESOURCE LIBRARY

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

[“FACT SHEET: United States Department of Agriculture Provisions in H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan”](#) by United States Department of Agriculture

[“Nutrition in Food Banking Toolkit”](#) by Feeding America

[“Indy Hunger Network 2020 Annual Report”](#) by Indy Hunger Network

[“Budget Reconciliation 101”](#) by Food Research & Action Center

[“Why Colorado Must Protect its Agriculture Workers”](#) by Kasey Neiss, Fatuma Emmad & Nicole Civita

[“PAPER | Strengthening Evaluation Literacy”](#) by Tamarack Institute

[“ARTICLE | Asset-Based Community Recovery Framework”](#) by Tamarack Institute

[“TOOL | Community Engagement Planning Canvas”](#) by Tamarack Institute

[“PAPER | Collective Impact Post-Pandemic: A Framework for Response, Recovery and Resilience”](#) by Tamarack Institute

[“GUIDE | Tamarack's Guidelines for Working Remotely”](#) by Tamarack Institute

GRANT OPPORTUNITY: Albertsons Companies Foundation Nourishing Neighbors Program to Support the Child Nutrition Programs. Applications will **only** be considered for organizations working in counties in states with Albertsons Companies stores.

Summer Meals Grant: Funds will be used to support organizations in their efforts to provide summer meals to children.

Connecting Families and Children to Federal Meal Programs: Funds will be used to support organizations in their efforts to help enroll families to SNAP, WIC, and P-EBT, and school children to school meals.

Application Process

The grant application invitation can be found [here](#). Once you are logged in, select **FRAC** from the drop-down available in this section: “Please provide the name of the organization that nominated you for funding.” Use the code **MEALS2021**.

Interested organizations can apply for both opportunities but must complete separate applications. **Deadline 4/12 11:59 PT**. For more information please click [here](#).

Questions? Contact Christy.Duncan-Anderson@albertsons.com

MOW4Kids Tampa Bay has worked to diligently provide school meals to disadvantaged children organizing with members to successfully launch the program amidst the pandemic. Ms. Peacock states, “Millions of kids go hungry in the U.S. without school lunches when schools are closed every summer. When COVID struck and schools shut down, the problem became even greater.”

The National expansion of the program is looking to provide support to at least five partners for 2021. Currently applications are accepted on a rolling basis allowing approved applicants to receive financial aid and technical assistance to develop a home-delivered meal program. In order to apply you can visit the [online application](#) and the [request for proposal](#). These forms and additional information can also be found on the [MOW4Kids website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Vance, Director of Programs and Communications, at lauren.vance@networktoendhunger.org.

NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

Alabama Childhood Food Solutions Inc.

Alabama Childhood Food Solutions Inc. was not caught off guard when COVID took over. ACFS is celebrating its 10th year of sharing food in Central Alabama. When in March 2020 Alabama announced that schools would be closing and hard times might be coming, ACFS immediately was able to add 50% more weekend food bags for the children in 38 schools.

Getting the food to kids posed only minor logistical changes as ACFS received a bus with a power lift (see Photo). Children of all ages get a kick out of seeing the arrival of the “Feeding Little Tummies Bus,” knowing that food is on the way.

Alabama Childhood Food is seeking larger warehouse space to accommodate the ever increasing food needs of seven counties. See ACFS at www.alabamachildhoodfood.com.

To be a part of providing food in rural Alabama, please feel free to contact Jim Jones, CEO Alabama Childhood Food Solutions at childhoodfood@gmail.com.



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