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QUARTERLY BULLETIN



Save the Children Tackles Summer Hunger

This is an excerpt of an interview with Tamara Sandberg, U.S. Food Security and Nutrition Advisor for Save the Children. Save the Children is an organization that has been committed to making sure children are healthy and thriving since the Great Depression. Since the pandemic, Save the Children has focused efforts on childhood hunger in the U.S. and joined the Alliance to End Hunger.

Save the Children is known for its global work. Tell me about how Save the Children is working on U.S.-based rural hunger? What are some of the unique challenges that food access in rural areas presents?

Families in rural communities can have difficulties accessing nourishing food because of a lack of full-service grocery stores; insufficient number of sites offering federal child nutrition programs like Summer Food Service Program or Child and Adult Care Food Program; food pantries that may only be open for a few hours a month; and transportation challenges to accessing any of the available services.

When the pandemic struck, Save the Children really focused on food security as a way to make sure that every child has what they need to thrive and succeed. We were able to partner with many nonprofits last year and get meals out to some of the hardest communities to serve in rural America. For example, to meet the immediate need for food assistance we participated in the USDA's Farmers to Families Food Box program. It was a truck to trunk model where the refrigerated truck would show up with the boxes and families were able to access those boxes right from the back of the trunk. We were able to distribute over 600,000 food boxes in rural communities thanks to this program. (continued on page 2)

2021 Hunger Free Communities (HFC) Virtual Summit

The summit will be held on November 3 & 4.

We are currently accepting proposals for workshops until 9/10. You can learn more and submit a proposal [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT HFC QUARTERLY WEBINARS

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

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

Please note we moved our webinars to Zoom. Participants must now register for each Webinar via the links provided.

ARCHIVED EVENTS

June Quarterly Webinar
Recording [Here](#)

Operationalizing Racial Equity in
Anti-Hunger Work Webinar
[Here](#)

If you have 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 [Minerva Delgado](#).

NEW HFC NETWORK RESOURCES

Baylor University's new HFC website:
www.texashungernetwork.org

UPDATES TO OUR RESOURCE LIBRARY!

“TOOLKIT FOR STIMULUS CHECK OUTREACH TO IMMIGRANT FAMILIES” by Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

“Food is Medicine” by Feeding America

“Key Drivers to Improve Food Security and Health Outcomes” by Feeding America

“At First Glance: Hunger, Health & Equity | Spotlight on the Black Community” by Feeding America

“At First Glance: Hunger, Health & Equity | Spotlight on Latinos” by Feeding America

“At First Glance: Hunger, Health & Equity | Spotlight on Native Americans” by Feeding America

“Nutrition in Food Banking Toolkit” by Feeding America

ALLIANCE PUBLISHED PIECES

“An Interview with Alliance President Emeritus, Rev. David Beckmann”

“The Unique Challenges of LGBTQ Hunger: A Conversation with Tyrone Hanley”

Another part of our strategy is advocating to make sure that the federal nutrition programs work the way they're supposed to for families in rural communities. Families in rural communities face unique barriers to accessing food through the federal nutrition programs...

For full interview text, [click here](#). You can contact Tamara Sandberg at tsandberg@savechildren.org or 859•358•6719.

NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

Children's Hunger Alliance

July 1 through August 12 [Children's Hunger Alliance](#) will be providing free, summer meals at all of the Dayton Metro Library branches. Each week caregivers can pick up 10 free meals as well as a fresh fruit for each child. Through this program Children's Hunger Alliance is addressing the nutrition gap for more than 700,000 food insecure children in Ohio.

Manna Food Center

Last year, [Manna Food Center](#) collaborated with the Montgomery County Office of Agriculture and the Montgomery County Food Council to launch a “County Farm to Food Bank” program. Built on Manna's long-standing efforts to connect with local producers, the program started with half a dozen farmers and quickly grew to over 20 farmers who have now sold over 13,600 pounds of local product to the County food assistance network. Manna uses its Community Food Rescue infrastructure to administer the program designed to support small local farmers whose markets were impacted by the pandemic, while simultaneously making nutritious local produce available to community members experiencing food insecurity.



Request from Community Wealth Partners

As part of their Community of Practice (CoP)'s Nutrition Education Pod (NEP), [Community Wealth Partners](#) have embarked in an effort to improve how nutrition education is delivered. As part of this process, they are soliciting stakeholders (community leaders, professionals, parents, caregivers) to participate in In-Depth Interviews and Focus Group Discussions to better understand how to deliver nutrition education in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner through an updated theory of change. Participants will be [compensated for their participation](#). Please email [Deanna Belleny](#) if you are interested in participating or for more information.