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- Please stay muted if not speaking
- Type questions into the chat
- Email with longer questions: dcfoodpolicy@dc.gov
Land Acknowledgement

Piscataway & Nacotchtank
Agenda

➢ Introductions/Ice Breaker
➢ Working Group Updates
➢ Centralized Kitchen Study
➢ Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grantees
➢ DC Federal Nutrition Programs Toolkit
➢ Events/Announcements
Ice Breaker

Who is/was your favorite teacher?

Groups of 4 (5 minutes)
Working Group Updates

- Food Access & Equity
- Urban Agriculture
- Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs
- Nutrition & Health
- Sustainable Supply Chain
Priority One

Decrease food insecurity and promote health equity among most at-risk populations highlighted in DC’s 2020 Food Access and Food Security Report.*

- No Senior Hungry Initiative: Collaborate with DC agencies to develop specific policy recommendations to address DC’s high food insecurity rate among seniors. - Food Access & Equity WG

- Promote and expand use of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (“SNAP” or “EBT”) online in collaboration with the DC Department of Human Services through outreach, technical assistance, and social media campaigns. - Food Access & Equity WG

- Help healthcare teams refer their patients to food resources and education in their communities. - Nutrition & Health WG

- Promote the connection between food and healthcare through communications, research, and public events. - Nutrition & Health WG

*Available at https://dcfoodpolicy.org/foodsecurity2020/
Priority Two

Increase investment/support for Black and Latinx-led food businesses and organizations and entrepreneurs of color.

Strategies

▪ Advocate for a public-private Fund that invests in small food businesses, food cooperatives, and entrepreneurs in Ward 5, 7, and 8. - Food Access & Equity WG

▪ Support the development of affordable commercial kitchen spaces, particularly for Black and Latinx entrepreneurs and small business owners. - Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs WG

▪ Promote the continuation of DC emergency rules that have helped small food businesses survive and food workers stay employed and safe during COVID-19, such as expanded outdoor dining. - Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs WG

▪ Encourage businesses and institutions to purchase more food products from local producers using sustainable practices, with a focus on BIPOC producers. - Sustainable Supply Chain WG
Priority Three

Expand healthy food access in areas where structural racism and disinvestment have led to low food access.

Strategies

- Promote the Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Fund for DC farmers, with preference for farmers of color and those serving marginalized communities. - Urban Agriculture WG

- Research community land trusts as a vehicle to preserve and transfer land for urban agriculture. - Urban Agriculture WG

- Complete the centralized kitchen study and amplify its findings on how a centralized kitchen could create jobs and improve food in schools and other institutions. - Sustainable Supply Chain WG

- Complete the DC nutrition education landscape study in partnership with Howard University to identify strategies to enhance nutrition education for DC residents. - Nutrition & Health WG
Centralized Kitchen Study

- Tariq Sheriff, OP
Centralized Kitchen Study

PRESENTED BY: TARIQ SHERIFF, MPH
AUGUST 4, 2021
Background & Study Goals

- Healthy Students Amendment Act of 2018
  - Prepare, Process, Grow, and Store healthy and nutritious foods
  - Support nutrition education
  - Provide job training programs

- Contract awarded on Friday, March 20, 2020 to Cureate and Food Works Group

- Explores the Topics of Management, Operations, Physical Facility, and Partnerships

- Understanding how a Centralized Kitchen Facility can create a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable food system
Methodology

- Formation of an Advisory Board of 13 Local and National Food Systems Leaders
- Review of existing reports, legislation, and assessments
- Case Studies
- Interviews with 62 District Agency members and National Food System Leaders
  - Follow-up as needed
- Coding and Analysis
- Final Report
State of the District

Strengths
- Geography
- Stakeholder Engagement
- People & Organizations

Weaknesses
- Inequities
- Land Access
- Infrastructure

Opportunities
- Efficiencies of Operational Co-Location
- Increasing Quality Institutional Food
- Aggregation & Cold Storage
- Regional Purchasing & Distribution
- Food System Equity

Threats
- Cost of Contract Operations
- Emergency Response
- Lack of Food System Resiliency and Redundancy
Why a Centralized Kitchen?

A central processing facility would promote health equity, the local food economy, and sustainability in the District by:

- Enhancing consistency of minimally-processed product for school and other institutional food
- Facilitating the purchase of regional product, year-round, by schools and others
- Supporting nutritional standards
- Providing space to store and preserve regional food throughout the year
- Providing equitable access to regional food
- Supporting producers in the region, including small, urban, emerging, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) farmers, by providing guaranteed access to storage and sales channels
- Addressing key infrastructure gaps in the supply chain
Recommendations & Best Practices

- 45 Best Practices & 57 Recommendations
  - Impact
  - Operations
  - Physical Facility

“A facility like this, if properly designed, will be at the forefront of conversation and purpose around racial injustice and economic opportunity as well, that has been perpetuated for 400 years.”

Tom McDougall, Founder and CEO, 4P Foods
Impact

- Equity
- Revenue & Economic Development
- Workforce Development

“I think that once we ‘slay the beast’ of increasing the product variety and quantity of regional food, and create affordable and sustainable ways to have it processed for wholesale, that’s when you start looking at the opportunities to increase the number of outlets in which it’s sold—and that’s when farmers/vendors realize economies of scale.”

— Pam Hess, Executive Director, Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture
Operations

- Management
- Aggregation
- Processing & Manufacturing
- Equipment
- Procurement & Contracts
- Labor, Workforce, and Personnel
- Distribution, Logistics, and Transportation
- Wholesale
- Quality Control & Food Safety

Davis School District Nutrition Services Director Pam Tsakalos says, “the thing about having a central kitchen is that we can turn on a dime. With 24 hours notice, we had to figure out that we needed to do a grab-and-go lunch program for thousands for students. And with the facility, the advantages that we have is when other people are scrambling to try to find co-manufacturers to plug in, we just pivoted our own operations and didn’t skip a beat”
Physical Facility

- Location & Amenities
- Layout
- Process & Workflow
- Cold & Dry Storage
- Waste, Reuse, and Recovery
Next Steps

- Promote the Research, Best Practices, and Recommendations of the Report to help further the Food Policy Council Priorities
- Work with partner agencies to explore how these recommendations can aid economic recovery for residents and small businesses
- Continue to work with HSEMA on the Food and Water Resiliency Study to determine if and how such a facility can increase food resiliency and redundancy in the District
Limitations & Assumptions

- No physical facility visits due to COVID-19
- Some originally identified interviewees were unavailable due to emergency operations pandemic response
- There was a truncated timeline for completing the report due to the pandemic and expiration of appropriated funding
- Regional food is the primary source of purchased food for K-12 operations and national broadliners are a secondary source used to backfill needs when regional foods are unavailable
- All recommendations and practices assume a fully functioning facility at full, or near-full capacity which could take 5-10+ years to achieve
Join us for the Virtual Launch!

Wednesday, August 11
2:00p – 3:00p

Featured Panelists:
Kim Bryden & Wendy Stuart

Register through Eventbrite
Virtual Launch: Central Food Processing Facility for Washington, DC
Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grants

- Brenda Perez, DOEE
DC Federal Nutrition Programs Toolkit

- Sara Beckwith, DC Health
District of Columbia
Federal Nutrition Programs Toolkit

August 4, 2021
Sara Beckwith MS, RDN, LD
Bureau Chief, Nutrition and Physical Fitness Bureau
DC Health
Agenda

• Background
• Federal Nutrition Programs
• How to use the Toolkit
• Questions
Background

• **Immediate Need during COVID-19**
  o Connect eligible residents with Federal Nutrition Programs
  o Coordinate and streamline communications from the Agencies about Federal Nutrition Programs to District residents

• **Multi-Agency Collaboration**
  o Office of State Superintendent of Education, DC Health, DC Public Schools, Department of Aging and Community Living, Department of Human Services, Office of Planning

• **Leveraged a Trusted Community-Based Organization**
  o DC Hunger Solutions
Federal Nutrition Programs

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants, and Children (WIC)
- WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (WIC FMNP)
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- School Nutrition Programs (SNP)
- Nutrition Programs for Older Adults (DACL)
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)/Grocery Plus
- Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (Senior FMNP)
**Timeline**

**Oct 2020**
Agencies meet to explore opportunities to streamline messaging and connect more residents with Federal Nutrition Program.

**Nov 2020**
Agencies meet multiple times and collectively decide to create a digital Toolkit.

**Dec 2020**
Recruit DC Hunger Solutions, trusted community partner, to host digital Toolkit on their website.

**Jan to Jul 2021**
Agencies draft content for Toolkit; OSSE drafts PDF Toolkit; DC Hunger Solutions and FRAC design the Toolkit.

**July 16, 2021**
Toolkit released!
PDF Version
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

WHAT IS SNAP?
• The District’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as Food Stamps) helps individuals and families buy the food they need for good health.
• Eligible residents receive benefits on an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card that they can use to buy groceries at SNAP-accepting grocery stores, corner stores, and farmers’ markets.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SNAP?
• Individuals (even if you are working), families, older adults/seniors, persons experiencing homelessness, persons with a disability, many immigrants, and citizen children of undocumented immigrants
• Household size and income determine if a resident is eligible to receive SNAP. More information can be found here: dhs.dc.gov/service/snap-eligibility.

HOW TO APPLY
• Applications can be completed online through the DC Benefits Portal (dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov/) or by downloading the “DC First” mobile phone app through the Apple App Store or Google Play store. You can also download an application from the DC Department of Human Services, Economic Security Administration (ESA) website, or go to the nearest ESA Service Center to pick up an application.
• Gather the documents needed for your application – download a list of the documents needed to apply.
• Submit your application online, drop off your application to any open ESA Service Center, or email your application to info@dchunger.org. You have the right to submit an incomplete application if you have completed and signed the first page.

CONTACT INFORMATION
• Phone: (202) 727-5355 or (202) 807-0405
• Email: dhs@dcs.dc.gov
• Website: dhs.dc.gov/snapinfo

LOCATIONS OF ESA SERVICE SITES
• Congress Heights Service Center: 4049 South Capitol St. SW (OPEN)
• H Street Service Center: 645 H St. NE (OPEN)
• Taylor Street Service Center: 1207 Taylor St. NW (temporarily CLOSED)
• Anacostia Service Center: 2100 Martin Luther King Ave. SE (OPEN)
• Fort Davis Service Center: 3851 Alabama Ave. SE (temporarily CLOSED)
Federal Nutrition Programs

AGE GROUPINGS AND ASSOCIATED FOOD PROGRAMS

PREGNANT WOMEN AND NEW MOMS
- 02 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- 04 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants, and Children (WIC)
- 05 WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (WIC FMNP)
- 06 The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

INFANTS (BIRTH - 1 YEAR)
- 04 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants, and Children (WIC)
- 05 WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (WIC FMNP)
- 08 Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT)
- 09 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- 10 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

CHILDREN (2 - 5 YEARS)
- 04 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants, and Children (WIC)
- 05 WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (WIC FMNP)
- 08 Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT)
- 09 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- 10 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- 11 School Nutrition Programs (SNP)

CHILDREN (6 - 18 YEARS)
- 02 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- 06 The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- 08 Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT)
- 09 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- 10 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- 11 School Nutrition Programs (SNP)
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**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (6 - 18 YEARS)**
- 02 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- 04 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants, and Children (WIC)
- 05 WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (WIC FMNP)
- 06 The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
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- 09 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
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- 11 School Nutrition Programs (SNP)

**ADULTS (19 - 59 YEARS)**
- 02 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
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- 05 WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (WIC FMNP)
- 06 The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

**ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES (19 - 59 YEARS)**
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**OLDER ADULTS (60+ YEARS)**
- 02 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- 06 The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- 07 Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)/Grocery Plus
- 09 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- 13 Nutrition Programs for Older Adults (DACL)
- 15 Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (Senior FMNP)
Federal Nutrition Programs

Home / Federal Nutrition Programs

D.C. Hunger Solutions, DC Department of Health, DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education, DC Public Schools, DC Department of Human Services, and DC Department of Aging and Community Living have come together to create a District of Columbia Federal Nutrition Programs Toolkit with a roadmap on how to navigate and sign up for federal programs.

The Toolkit breaks down programs by age group and details how you can apply for a variety of programs like:

- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- SNAP
- WIC
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Child Nutrition Program (CNP)
- Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (SNAP)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)

Federal Nutrition Programs

Apply for SNAP

Older Adults

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

School Breakfast Program (SBP)

National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

After School Meals

Summer Meals (SSP)

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants, and Children)

Welcome to WIC!

WHAT IS WIC?

WIC helps pregnant women, men, mothers, infants (0-12 months), and children up to age 5. Infants and children up to age 5 are cared for by grandparents, foster parents, or other legal guardians if they are eligible.

Who is Eligible for WIC?

- Pregnant women
- Women who delivered a baby in the past 6 months
- Infants up to age 1
- Children up to age 5
- Infants and children up to age 5 who are cared for by grandparents, foster parents, or other legal guardians if they are eligible.

To apply:

- To apply for WIC, you should call your local WIC site.
- Site locations and contact information can be found on WIC’s website.
- Additional information for how to apply for DC WIC can be found on D.C. Hunger Solutions’ website.

Get in Touch with DC WIC

- Phone: (202) 442-8297
- Email: info@dchunger.org
- Website: dchunger.org
- Instagram: dchunger

Locations of Services

Please use the contact information above to confirm if a service is currently open.

- There are local WIC clinics in DC.
- Find a local WIC clinic near you.
- Download the WIC mobile app.
- Other resources:
  - DC Hunger Solutions, DC Department of Health, DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education.

Download the toolkit to find the right program.
How to Use the Toolkit

• Providers can refer individuals to the Toolkit (PDF or Web)

• Residents can learn about programs and how to apply

• Key components for each federal nutrition program
  o Who is eligible
  o How to apply
  o Location of services
  o Get in touch
Questions?
Events & Announcements

- **Wednesday, August 11, 2pm**: Virtual Launch of the Centralized Kitchen Study
- **Monday, August 16, 11am**: Webinar on the DC Federal Nutrition Programs Toolkit
- **Wednesday, October 6, 2021**: Next full FPC meeting
- To join a Working Group listserv, email the WG chairs or dcfoodpolicy@dc.gov
- **Add other announcements to chat and/or unmute yourself.**