Welcome to the Quarterly Hunger, Nutrition & Health Action Collaborative newsletter!

ICYMI: Have you seen our third annual report on the Commitments to the National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition and Health? The CDC Foundation is continuing to track the progress of these commitments and sharing the results publicly. **See the full report here.**

Cultivating Connections: Building Partnerships to Address Hunger, Nutrition & Health Webinars

April Cultivating Connections webinar

Protecting and Growing Community-based Food Systems

April 16 at 3:30pm ET

Register for the April 16 Webinar

We have hosted three previous webinars addressing partnerships to promote hunger, nutrition and health. Please see the high-level overview

and key takeaways from each:

January: During this webinar, we heard from the Dr. Judy Monroe, President and CEO of CDC Foundation as we discussed the importance of the commitments to the National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition and Health as well as the importance of collaboration and public-private partnerships. We also shared highlights from the third survey of the Commitments to the National Strategy.

February: In this month's partner call, our panelists discussed how mayors are driving local solutions to fight hunger and improve health & wellbeing in communities across the US. Panelists included Mayor Paige Cognetti, Mayor of Scranton, PA and Vice-Chair of the Mayors Alliance to End Childhood Hunger; Jason Gromley, Senior Director of Advocacy, Share our Strength; and Maggie Martinelli, COO, Scranton Area Community Foundation. **View the recording here.**

March: This webinar highlighted how data-sharing can strengthen partnerships and demonstrate impact. Panelists included Isaac D. Castillo, Senior Advisor for Learning & Evaluation at KABOOM! and Claire Worshtil, Capital Budget Manager for Prince George Maryland County Department of Parks and Recreation. **View the recording here.**

Event Spotlight: HNH in Pregnancy Action Network Meeting

The Hunger, Nutrition and Health in Pregnancy Action Network held a convening of partners on March 18, 2025, bringing together over 20 organizations committed to this work. In this meeting they focused on solidifying the mission and vision for the network, sharing successes and opportunities, and commitments for 2025.

To see more information about this action network, visit **www.impacthunger.org/nutrition-in-pregnancy.**

Partner Spotlight: Dreaming Out Loud

This month we would like to highlight one of the ten Community-Based Organizations that are part of our CBO Innovation Lab. Based in Washington DC, Dreaming Out Loud has been rebuilding urban, community-based food systems, helping to increase access to healthy food and improve community health, developing low-income entrepreneurs and cooperatives, and training at-risk adult residents for sustainable, family-supporting wages since 2008.

With two urban farms, a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, and farmers markets, Dreaming Out Loud grows and provides

food for their community. They are also working to expand and build the Marion Barry Avenue Market, that will provide a place to buy locally sourced food East of the River as well as a hub for community engagement and building connections. It will include a demo kitchen to support nutrition education and cooking classes, a cafe that allows you to sit down with friends and community members, and events with leaders in the community.

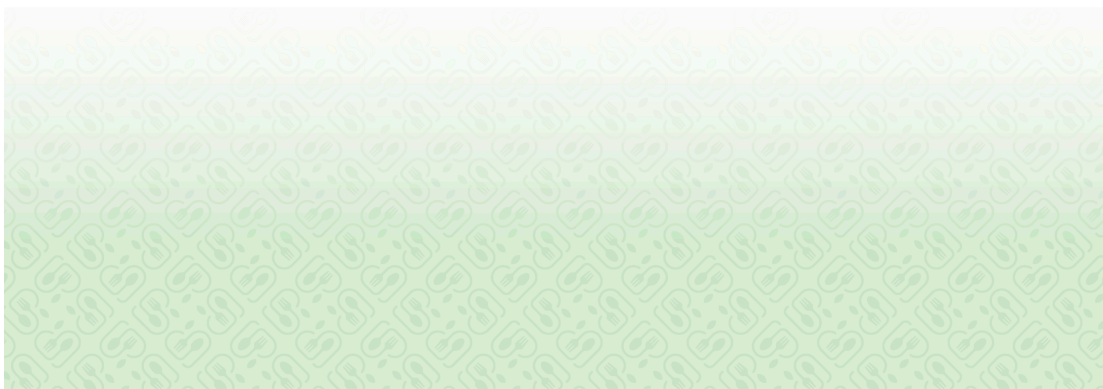To learn more, please visit **dreamingoutloud.org.**

Reminder: Hunger, Nutrition & Health Directory

We hope **this directory** will help foster new partnerships and collaborations. Many organizations support the National Strategy for Hunger, Nutrition and Health through their work. Explore by organization name, location, populations served and organization type. Clicking the logo will take you to their website. **If you would like to be listed in this directory, please contact us here.**

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