



# News from the Association of State Public Health Nutritionists

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## Washington State Launches Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentives

In 2015, the [Washington State Department of Health](#) and more



than 60 multi-sector partners won a four-year \$5.86 million Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentives (FINI) grant from the [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#).

The grant will support innovative approaches to make it more affordable for participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to purchase fruits and vegetables. The grant partners will use the funds to offer incentives and discounts on fruits and vegetables in three types of venues: farmers markets, grocery stores, and community-based health settings.

Washington State's FINI-funded incentive program will roll out across the state in 2016. SNAP shoppers can then redeem the fruit and vegetable incentives at approximately 280 sites in Washington.

For more information contact Bridget Igoe at the Washington State Department of Health: [bridget.igoe@doh.wa.gov](mailto:bridget.igoe@doh.wa.gov).

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## We'll Miss You Kim; Good luck Becky!

Kim DeDino (OH), regrettably, resigned her position as ASPHN President on January 8th. Kim has taken on a new job, so she is no longer eligible to be ASPHN President. In her new position, Kim will be working on systems to improve the health of medically fragile individuals enrolled in Medicaid. Kim plans to stay active in ASPHN as an Associate Member.



ASPHN will miss Kim's leadership. She has a wonderful way that is calm, clear thinking, and inclusive. Kim has been a dedicated ASPHN leader. She served as chair of the MCH Nutrition Council and was one of the first graduates of the Growing ASPHN Leaders program.

Fortunately, Becky Adams (AR), President-elect, is available to fulfill the duties of ASPHN President right away. Becky, also, is a dedicated ASPHN leader. She has been a Board member for eleven years. During that time, she chaired the MCH Nutrition Council chaired an ASPHN committee, and served as President. Becky makes sure Arkansas takes advantage of ASPHN opportunities, and she encourages her staff to get involved in ASPHN.

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## Little Rock, AR: Our site for the 2016 Annual Meeting

Join us in Little Rock, Arkansas for ASPHN's 2016 Annual Meeting. Events begin on Saturday, June 11 with a networking activity and will run through Tuesday, June 14. The meetings will be at the [Little Rock Marriott](#). Our focus will be on

developing the public health nutrition work force, emphasizing networking and leadership.



ASPHN's Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to network with colleagues from other states, learn where our federal partners are focusing their resources, and return home energized and excited to take on your state's challenges and priorities.

The Annual Meeting also provides a great opportunity to explore Little Rock. Close to the hotel you will find great shops and restaurants as well as the [Clinton Presidential Center](#), [Heifer Village](#), and the [River Market District](#).

Keep an eye on [ASPHN's website](#) for details on the meeting as they unfold.

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## Now is Your Opportunity to Join the ASPHN Leadership Team!

Do you welcome the opportunity to:

- Be on the pulse of emerging public health nutrition practices
- Work side by side with national partners to move forward key nutrition and public policies and programs
- Strengthen your leadership skills through leadership training and working with seasoned leaders
- Be a part of a network of states that present a collective voice
- Access educational workshops on cutting edge public health nutrition issues and strategies?

If so, consider running for an elected position in ASPHN. Nominations are open through February for the following positions:

- President-Elect
- Treasurer
- Directors-at-Large (These Board members serve as committee chairs)
- Governance Committee members
- Chair-elect, MCH Nutrition Council
- Chair-elect, Fruit and Vegetable Nutrition Council

Elections will be in March 2016 for the Board year starting August 1, 2016. You can nominate yourself or a fellow member. President-elect must have previous experience on the Board of Directors.

For more information, email ASPHN Governance Committee Chair [Patrice Isabella](#) or call her at 801-538-6269.

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## Farm to Preschool Focus of Fruit and Vegetable Coordinators' March 8 Call



The National Council of Fruit and Vegetable Coordinators invites all ASPHN members to join a training call on Farm to Early Care and Education: Promising Strategies to Support Health, Wellness and Nutrition Standards in Early Care and Education. Our call presenters will be Lacy Stephens, MS, RDN, with the National Farm to School Network's Farm to Early Care and Education

Program and Johanna (Josie) Ennist, RD, with New York State's Farm to Preschool Program.

The call will be on March 8 at 1 pm Eastern Time. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## Community Engagement Training for HPKE States

ASPHN's Healthy Places for Kids to Eat (HPKE) Program is now in its third year. ASPHN will offer a HPKE training on Community Engagement on March 31st at 2:00pm Eastern. Our presenter will be Suzanne Bronheim, Ph.D. Dr. Bronheim is with Georgetown University's National Center for Cultural Competence.

Watch for three networking calls coming up for the states participating in HPKE and also three training calls on Program Sustainability.

[Click here](#) to learn more about HPKE.

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## It's Not too Late to Donate to Your Public Health Nutrition Organization

Thank you to the ASPHN members who donated to our end of the year fundraising drive!



Help us get 2016 off to a strong start with a donation to help support our activities that are not covered by grant funding. Here's an example of how your contribution can make a difference: At the 2015 ASPHN annual meeting in St. Louis MO, members' donations allowed ASPHN to give a gift card to all students who participated in the graduate student poster contest. This annual contest is beneficial for both current members and also future public health nutritionists.

[Click here](#) to make a tax-deductible donation today!

Contact [Karen Probert](#), ASPHN Executive Director, with any questions or new fundraising ideas.

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## Send Us Your Photo

Keep your state's member directory looking good! Email your photo to [Allison McGuigan](#) in .jpg format to be included with your listing in [ASPHN's member directory](#).

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## Farm to Military

Public Health Nutritionists involved in establishing new farmers markets might be interested in the new *Guide for Farmers Markets on Military Installations*. You can read more about it on the USDA Blog: [Bringing More Farmers Markets to Service Members](#). USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service developed this detailed manual as part of the U.S. Department of Defense's (DoD) Healthy Base Initiative (HBI), and in partnership with the nonprofit organization Wholesome Wave.

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## About ASPHN



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The Association of State Public Health Nutritionists (ASPHN) is a non-profit membership organization that develops leaders in public health nutrition

who strengthen policy, programs and environments, making it possible for everyone to make healthy food choices and achieve healthy, active lifestyles.

Our vision is to create new environmental norms where healthy eating and active living are the easy and natural choices for all Americans. We welcome your involvement in our growing organization. Learn more about us at [About ASPHN](#).

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