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### Annual Meeting: Lead, Develop, Mentor: Opportunities for Success

The 2016 ASPHN annual meeting, Lead, Develop, Mentor: Opportunities for Success, will be held in Little Rock Arkansas beginning on Sunday, June 12 and running through Tuesday, June 14 at the [Little Rock Marriott](#). The



conference theme will focus on mentoring the public health nutrition workforce. The in-depth sessions are designed to lead you further into career success.

We are very excited to announce the meeting will open with a message from ASPHN member, Angie Tagtow, MS, RD, LD, Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, USDA.

Join us for an exciting mentoring workshop based on the book [Mentoring 101](#) by John Maxwell. All participants will be asked to read this, quick read, book. It is available from Amazon for a little over \$5.

Are you ready to register? Watch the ASPHN website for [registration](#) details, coming soon.

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### Join the APHA Food and Nutrition Conversation on LinkedIn

The American Public Health Association- Food & Nutrition Section has established a LinkedIn page to offer a forum for members to share on public health topics related to food and nutrition. [Click here](#) F&N Section LinkedIn page.

If you are a member of LinkedIn check out their group! The group is not restricted to members of APHA, so feel free to invite friends and colleagues who are also interested in public health nutrition.

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### National Performance Measures: Incorporating Nutrition in the Title V MCH Services Block Grant

The revised national performance measurement system is a three-tiered framework, which includes National Outcome Measures (NOMs), National Performance Measures (NPMs) and State-initiated Evidence-based or -informed Strategy Measures (ESMs). The ESMs are developed by the state, and provide accountability for improving quality and performance related to the NPMs and to the MCH public health issues.

Because there is no national nutrition data source that can be broken out at the state level, none of the revised NPMs address nutrition issues. Nutrition strategies can impact most NPMs at the ESM level. This document lists the revised NPMs and suggests nutrition related ESMs.

Read the full report:  
[Incorporating Nutrition in the Title V MCH Services Block Grant: National Performance Measures](#)

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## ASPHN 2015 - 2016 Priority Issues

In September, the ASPHN Board of Directors approved ASPHN Priority Issues for the 2015-2016 year. The Priority Issues accompany the Association's strategic plan. ASPHN leaders use the Issues to guide their actions on committee, council, and Board work. For example, the Board may refer to the Priority Issues to direct their decision making on whether to apply for funding or as a guide to build relationships with potential partner organizations.



Nearly fifty ASPHN members provided input on these Priority Issues! The Board was pleased to have so much input. You can [view the 2015 - 2016 Priority Issues here](#). Don't hesitate to contact ASPHN President [Kim DeDino](#) with any questions.

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## Just Released: United States Breastfeeding Committee 2015 Annual Report

The United States Breastfeeding Committee recently released their 2015 annual report which details an action-oriented team approach to national initiatives supporting breastfeeding.

Board of Directors Chair Joan Younger Meek describes the "Constellation Model" as "helping stakeholders develop more effective strategies for creating the policy and practice changes that will ensure all families who want to breastfeed are supported to reach their personal breastfeeding goals. This new structure ensures alignment between who is at the table, the timing and context of the work they pursue, and its desired impact. Resources can be leveraged and coordinated while partners maintain the flexibility to move in and out of projects at the right pace and scale for them. Funding, energy, and effort focus on the collaborative actions that have the greatest potential, as momentum or opportunity waxes and wanes. Already we are seeing significant progress, with more robust connections that bolster each other's work, enrich communication, and deepen collaboration."

Read the full report available on the [USBC website](#). Scroll down under Welcome.

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## About ASPHN



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PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITIONISTS  
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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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