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Registration Now Open!

Are you ready to work smarter, not harder?

Get the inspiration, tools and training you need to optimize your performance by [registering](#) today for ASPHN's 2019 Annual Meeting. Registration is only \$90 and includes all sessions and lunch at the Association Update/Annual Awards presentation.

Be sure to [book your hotel room](#) at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort after you register for the meeting. The hotel is offering the federal per diem rate of \$94 per night. This includes daily complimentary breakfast and an invitation to the manager's reception from 5:30 - 7:30pm each evening.

Connect with nutrition professionals from all over the country, hear from experts such as Dr. Robert Murray and Viki Lorraine, receive federal updates, and see how others are optimizing performance in their states.

The Annual Meeting will be held June 9-11 in Scottsdale, AZ and is open to members and non-members alike. Attendees will receive certificates for continuing education for attending the Annual Meeting.

For complete details, be sure to [visit the meeting web page](#). For questions, contact Cyndi Atterbury at cyndi@asphn.org.

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ASPHN Annual Meeting Call for Posters

ASPHN invites all members, including student members, and other meeting participants to submit poster presentations for the ASPHN 2019 Annual Meeting. The meeting will feature poster sessions that highlight community and public health nutrition activities, programs, and research in which members are involved.



These sessions will offer informal, one-on-one or small group discussions with the presenter about the issue, challenge, project, or research addressed in the poster.

To learn more and apply, please visit this [web page](#). Poster applications must be received by 11:59pm on May 1, 2019. For questions, contact Cyndi Atterbury at cyndi@asphn.org.

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2019-20 ASPHN Obesity Mini Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network (CollIN) Kicked Off March 26th, 2019

Early care and education (ECE) settings present a critical window for healthy early childhood development and obesity prevention. CDC is supporting the 2019-20 ASPHN Obesity Mini-CoIIN focused on the popular and effective farm to ECE intervention, as a way to teach healthy habits at a young age.



Congratulations to the 5 states competitively selected to participate in the 2019-20 Mini CoIIN: Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Minnesota and Ohio. They will utilize the CoIIN process to improve ECE nutrition environments, policies and practices based on a comprehensive farm to ECE approach. The Mini CoIIN will support the states with regular webinars, networking opportunities, access to experts, a small stipend to support CoIIN plans, and in-person meetings. In addition to the 5 states, 6 other states submitted highly competitive applications to the 2019-20 Mini CoIIN. These states have also been invited to join in the CoIIN webinars and use the resources. ASPHN and CDC are delighted by the interest, passion and support the 2019-20 ASPHN Obesity Mini-CoIIN received.

For more information contact Emia Oppenheim, PhD, RD, LD, at emia@asphn.org.

The 2019 ASPHN Obesity Mini CoIIN is made possible by a Cooperative Agreement with CDC (Number CDC-RFA-OT18-1802). The contents of this document are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of CDC.

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ASPHN Releases Vendors Training Tool

ASPHN has just released the "Vendors Training Guide Tool," a resource for public health nutritionists who are creating trainings and educational sessions for blind vendors and Business Enterprise Program (BEP) partners under the Randolph- Sheppard Act.



The 31-page document is designed to facilitate education around topics that blind vendors have identified as paramount to better, healthful vending services and customer satisfaction. Key topics include consumer snacking trends and spending, vendor challenges and barriers, new markets, profitability, and nutrition standards.

The brief pulls from various data sources and heavily references a survey of 139 members of the National Association of Blind Vendors (NABM). The survey was conducted in 2018 by The Alliance for A Healthier Generation in conjunction with NABM and the National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA). Funding for the survey was provided through ASPHN and the CDC.

Learn more by [downloading the brief from ASPHN's website](#). For more information or questions, contact Shana Patterson, RDN at shana@asphn.org or 814 255-2829 ext. 708.

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Get CPEUs from ASPHN Trainings

Attend educational webinars or training offered by ASPHN that qualify for continuing education through the Commission of Dietetic Registration and you will receive an emailed certificate shortly afterward.



ASPHN is excited to provide you with certificates to help reach your required continuing education hours. Even if you are not an RDN, we encourage you to keep your certificate and check with your certification organization whether it qualifies for credits there.

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Take the 'Systems Approaches for Healthy Communities' Course and Enhance Your PSE Capacity

Interested in strengthening ongoing policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) change work in your organization? Take the [Systems Approaches for Healthy Communities](#) course from University of Minnesota Extension.



[Systems Approaches for Healthy Communities](#) is a web-based, professional development program that promotes the integration of (PSE) change approaches with educational strategies for organizations doing health promotion work. It aims to help staff understand, reflect, and act on the many influencing factors related to making healthy choices easy.

- Learn through engagement in five online modules and two toolkits that present activities, examples, stories, reflection questions, and interactive exercises.
- Earn 5 hours of continuing education pre-approved by the Commission on Dietetic Registration, National Commission on Health Education Credentialing and National Board of Public Health Examiners.
- Registration options include organization- and individual-level enrollment.

For more details on the program content, including learning objectives, download the [Systems Approaches for Healthy Communities program summary \(PDF\)](#) from the University of Minnesota Extension website.

Contact Stephanie Heim at heim0106@umn.edu with questions.

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USBC Learning Opportunities

Register now for cutting edge breastfeeding webinars available from United States Breastfeeding Committee. Choose from many offering times and topics that best fit your needs.



Collective Impact Webinar Series
Bi-monthly webinars 2-3 pm EST, 4th Tuesdays of even months.

Power Tools Webinar Series
Bi-monthly webinars 2-3:30 pm EST, 3rd Wednesday of odd months.

Racial Equity Webinar Series
Bi-monthly webinars 2-3:30 pm EST, 4th Tuesday of odd months.

CDC-USBC Webinar Series
Bi-monthly webinars 2-3 pm EST, 2nd Tuesday of even months.

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Welcome New Members!

ASPHN expanded its network of talented professionals in March with 23 new members!

Expanded Members:

Jessica Davenport in the AZ Dept of Health

Gina Gordon, MA, CLEC in the CA Dept of Public Health

Kim Hinnenkamp, RD, LD in the ND Dept of Health



Erika Hixon, RDN in the MN Department of Education

Cynthia Hutson at Osawatomie State Hospital

Jenna Kiepke, MPH, RD, LD in the MN Dept of Education

Mike Leathead in the MI Dept of Education

Niambi Lewis, MSW in the CA Dept of Public Health

Charles Lorinser, RD, LD in the IA Dept of Health

Viki Lorraine, MS in the MI Dept of Education

Ginger Roberts-Scott, LSW in the ME WIC Nutrition Program

Bianca Smith, MDA, RD in the WA Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Caitlyn Wood in the MI Department of Education

Kathy Griffin, MS, RDN

Jennifer Kozaczek, RD, LDN

Sara Moss, MPH, RD

Tonya Nicholson, MS, RD

Bhuvana Parmar, MS, RD, LDN

Julie Sundermann, MPH, RDN, LDN

Vivian Wiese-Hansen, MA, RD

Kimberly Wright, RD

all in the NC Department of Health and Human Services

Associate Members:

Alexcia Gill, student, East Carolina University

Natalie Tauzin, MPH, RD at Spokane Regional Health District

Thank you for joining us!

Our ASPHN member-network is strengthening our nation through collective action that makes healthy eating and active living possible for everyone.

You, too, can join this dynamic group of Public Health Nutrition leaders. Check out our [member benefits](#) and [become a member now](#).

Contact Allison McGuigan at allison@asphn.org with questions.

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About ASPHN



The Association of State Public Health Nutritionists (ASPHN) is a non-profit membership organization that strengthens nutrition policy, programs and environments for all people through development of public health nutrition leaders and collective action of members nationwide.

Our vision is healthy eating and active living for everyone. We welcome your involvement in our growing organization. Learn more about us at [About ASPHN](#).

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