



The Collaboration Committee recognizes and thanks our Liaisons that work with ASPHN partners and projects throughout the year.

ASPHN Collaboration Committee

The ASPHN Collaboration Committee works to strengthen and improve ASPHN's strategic partnerships with other organizations. The Committee:

- Reviews requests for ASPHN members to serve on partner organizations' committees or workgroups.
- Recruits members to be ASPHN representatives to these committees.
- Provides guidance and support to these liaisons.
- Develops policies to guide the organization's work with our partners.

ASPHN Collaboration Committee

The Collaboration Committee seeks partnerships that advance the Association's mission, vision and values and that advance the goals outlined in our strategic plan. In working with a variety of partner organizations, we work to expand our visibility and effectiveness.

Learn more about the Collaboration Committee [here](#).

ASPHN 2019 Partnerships

1. Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics, Center Lifelong Learning
2. Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics, Nutrition in Food Retail Fellowship
3. Association of SNAP Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA)
4. ASTHO Community Healthy & Prevention Policy Committee
5. ASTHO Affiliate Council
6. ASTHO Workforce Workgroup
7. Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP)
8. Breastfeeding Public Health Partners
9. Building Capacity for Future Leaders in Nutrition PH Workforce to Address CVD
10. Building Capacity to Increase Access to Breastfeeding Support
11. CDC – CSTLTS, DNPAO
12. Community of Practice on Childhood Obesity Prevention in ECE Rural Settings
13. de Beaumont National Consortium for Public Health Workforce Development
14. Food Marketing Workgroup (convened by CSPI)
15. Learn the Signs, Act Early - WIC Replication
16. Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)

ASPHN 2019 Partnerships, continued

17. Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Grantees

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19. National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD)

20. National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD)/CDC, SPAN Ambassador Program

21. National Farm to School Network

22. National Fruit & Vegetable Alliance (PBH)

23. National Physical Activity Society (NPAS)

(organization is dissolving in 2020)

24. National Salt & Sugar Reduction Initiative (NSRI)

25. National WIC Association (NWA)

26. Technical Support Improving Nutrition Environments of Early Care & Ed (ASPHN Obesity mini CoIIN)

27. United Fresh Produce Assoc. (UFPC)

28. U.S. Breastfeeding Committee (USBC)

29. University of Tennessee, MCH Leadership Training Advisory Committee

New Partnerships formed in Jan. 2020

30. American Public Health Association, Food and Nutrition Section

31. American Heart Association - Healthy for Life Program

32. 1,000 Days

The following slides contain quotes from the liaisons with highlights from their partnership or accomplishments from the past year.

Some partnership, specifically new collaborations, have a brief description about the partnership and the potential upcoming projects.

Note that several of the partnerships' work has been redefined by the current COVID-19 pandemic. Those changes will be reflected in next year's partnership update.

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics- Center for Lifelong Learning

- Liaison: Karen Probert

ASPHN collaborated with the Academy on the development of the [Public Health Nutrition Certificate of Training](#); from June 2017 through October 2019 there were 1,155 registrations for the online certificate of training and 108 people completed all five modules of the certificate of training and passed the final exam.

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation, Nutrition in Food Retail Program Development Fellowship (NFRPDF)

- Liaison: Shana Patterson

This is a new (2019) partnership. The purpose of the partnership advisory committee is to develop a concept and agree on scope for how to leverage RDNs in the food retail environment to pilot and scale a "food is medicine" approach which focuses on RDNs providing personalized food "prescriptions" for individuals based on their medical and social history as well as personal preferences. I am excited that a Food as Medicine Retail Nutrition Model (Draft) Framework and Logic Model has been created, and that ANDF is giving thoughtful consideration to ASPHN's input on how to include elements of collective impact into these proposed processes.



Association of SNAP-Ed Nutrition Networks and Other Implementing Agencies (ASNNA)

- Liaison: Latresh Davenport

In 2019 ASPHN collaborated with ASANNA on comments for USDA's proposed rule change for Categorical Eligibility in SNAP and incorporating food insecurity in ICD-10 codes.



ASTHO Community Health Prevention Policy Committee

- Liaison: Becky Adams

“I am very excited about the ASTHO Community Health Prevention Policy Committee priorities for the coming year. Several of the priorities have strong nutrition components. Top priority issues for the Committee are:

- *Preventing Childhood Obesity,*
- *Tobacco/Nicotine Use and Misuse, and*
- *Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs).*

The Committee task for the year will include four policy statements: obesity, tobacco use, substance use, and ACEs. The Committee has also expressed interest in SNAP. I have the opportunity to share ASPHN policy priorities and language for sign on letter etc.”



ASTHO Affiliate Council

- Liaison: Karen Probert

ASPHN learns about the operations, advocacy work, and programs/projects of sister affiliates from working with the ASTHO Affiliate Council. We build relationships so that we can collaborate on potential projects. Also it's a good group to go to with questions relevant to state governmental public health.



ASTHO Workforce Work Group

- Liaisons: Karen Probert & Shana Patterson

This is a quiet year for this partnership as we are gearing up for the next workforce survey in 2021. In the past, this group has produced public health survey data through: Directors Assessment of Workforce Needs Survey (DAWNS); and [The Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey \(PH WINS\)](#)



Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP)

- Liaisons: Karen Probert & Sandy Perkins

“I am proud of the project to develop training modules to support breastfeeding and culturally centered early childhood nutrition beyond 6 months of age for Title V/MCH programs.”

Breastfeeding Public Health Partners (BPHP)

- Liaison: Martha Hagen

Notable highlights from 2019:

- *Presented in coordination with City Match in Road Island on BPHP's work*
- *Initiative to encourage more comments on Healthy People 2020*
- *Breastfeeding Month social media campaign*

Building Capacity for Future Leaders in National PH Workforce to Address CVD

- Liaison: Steve Owens

“The Health Equity Internship Program is most proud of mentoring 33 interns in 2019. These interns were from ethnic and racial minority populations, undergraduate and graduate programs at minority serving institutions, and diverse and underrepresented groups attending predominantly white institutions of higher education. These interns represent the future public health workforce. Providing the interns with professional development opportunities and practical work experience, empowered them with tools to become competent public health professionals. In 2019, the internship program identified and collaborated with 27 preceptors to mentor these interns. These preceptors work in a variety of settings; federal agencies, state and local government, community-based organizations, national organizations and academic institutions. Through these collaborative efforts and partnerships, interns were placed in 10 states (AL, FL, GA, IL, LA, NC, OH, PA, TN, TX) and the District of Columbia.”

Building Capacity to Increase Access to Breastfeeding Support

- Liaison: Martha Hagen

Notable highlights from 2019:

- *Breastfeeding Month social media campaign*
- *Worked with Mom's Rising and USBC to present at ROSE conference*
- *ASPHN page on BPHP's toolkit on USBC website*

CDC, Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CSTLTS)

- Liaison: Karen Probert

ASPHN has a cooperative agreement with the [CSTLTS](#) and we are in the second year of a 5-year cooperative agreement. We freely share ideas and resources. We are in constant communication and it is a priority for both of us. Outside of administrative requirements that are made exclusively by CDC, we jointly make decisions.

Community of Practice on Childhood Obesity in ECE Settings in Rural Areas

- Liaison: Emia Oppenheim

A toolkit on obesity prevention in rural early care and education (ECE) settings has been written by ASPHN consultants, edited by MCHB and HRSA staff, and will be released as Health Resources and Services Administration products. This product is in the final stages of development. The toolkit will include

- *8 case studies of rural ECE providers,*
- *recommended interventions for rural ECE settings,*
- *implementation considerations,*
- *sustainability strategies, and*
- *lessons learned*

De Beaumont Foundation

- Liaison: Karen Probert

The [De Beaumont Foundation](#) is gearing up to do some preliminary work on the Institute of Medicine's public health core functions and essential services.



Food Marketing Workgroup

- Liaison: Jennifer Young

This partnership provides an opportunity to share policy initiatives with the policy committee. ASPHN representation on CSPI Workgroup calls results for working with the [Food Marketing Workgroup](#).

Learn the Signs. Act Early.

- Liaison: Amber Brown

“We have 3 funded states who are finishing up their pilot phase of the [Learn the Signs. Act Early](#) project and are planning to implement statewide over the summer/fall months. We have 7 states in our Technical Assistance Program. The Technical Assistance states are not obligated to implement the program, but 4 of them have begun pilot and/or statewide implementation already.”

Maternal and Child Health Bureau

- Liaison: Karen Probert

ASPHN has worked with the [Maternal and Child Health Bureau](#) as follows:

- Children's Healthy Weight CollN cooperative agreement that started September 1, 2016 and will end August 31, 2020
- Five-year contract started September 27, 2018 and will end Sept 26, 2023
- ASPHN has had a contract (single year or three years) with MCHB since before 2006

Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Grantees

- Liaison: Sandy Perkins

“I am excited about increasing the number of joint projects, especially work on proposing a nutrition specific national performance measure for the Title V MCH Block Grant.”

National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity (NANA)

- Liaisons: Carole Garner & Michelle Futrell

“We are most excited about Child Nutrition efforts to preserve all of the important nutrition standards improvements enacted in the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act.”

National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD)

- Liaisons: Karen Probert & Michelle Futrell

“As a result of this partnership with the [National Association of Chronic Disease Directors \(NACDD\)](#) I am most excited about the pertinent facts and figures on key public health issues which NACDD shares with ASPHN and other partner organization via timely emails, webinars, and monthly update calls. Through this partnership ASPHN is able to advocate more effectively on public health nutrition legislation and policies.”

NACDD/CDC SPAN Ambassador Program

- Liaison: Shana Patterson

This is a new (2019) partnership. This group comprised of representatives from ASPHN, CDC and NACDD, meets bi-monthly to discuss and foster supportive measures specifically for states receiving minimal or no CDC funding to conduct state-level, nutrition-based work. This high-level, 4-person group provides communication & oversight to specific measures offered by each organization (ASPHN, CDC, NACDD) to states. We are excited about our ongoing State Support Networking Calls, which invited our state-level physical activity practitioners to join our calls in Dec. This resulted in current and future reporting on collaborative ways that states have stretched limited funding to continue state level work.



National Farm to School Network

- Liaison: Emia Oppenheim

“This partnership/collaboration has resulted in many impressive outcome this past year June 2019- March 2020. This collaboration has included the technical support of 5 state teams working on [Farm to Early Care and Education \(ECE\)](#), which includes connecting with over 40 individual public health practitioners in these states and supporting their farm to ECE work. In addition this collaboration has supported a new project with the CDC HOP recipients. 14 of these recipients have supplementary HOP funding for one year to develop Farm to School efforts at the county (its)- level. ASPHN, together with NFSN, has successfully many webinars providing technical assistance on this project. Continued...



National Farm to School Network, cont.

- Liaison: Emia Oppenheim

Each webinar has had over 70 participants. In addition ASPHN, NFSN and CDC worked together to bring 120+ individuals, working on this supplementary project, together to learn, develop their sense of project ownership, increase their farm to school knowledge and deepen their partnerships to get the work done. ASPHN's collaboration with NFSN will continue this year supporting these states and HOP recipients, while these teams increase opportunities for children to access healthy foods."

National Fruit and Vegetable Alliance (NFVA) & PBH

- Liaisons: Mary Ann Ellsworth & Sandy Perkins

“ASPHN is most excited to have consistently communicated internally and externally to evaluate the value of this partnership to ASPHN members to improve fruit and vegetable behaviors. We anticipate this group will be re-engaged in the coming months of 2020. The [National Fruit and Vegetable Alliance](#) (formerly the 5 A Day Steering Committee) has historically served as a key partner of ASPHN and the National Fruit and Vegetable Council. The Alliance has historically identified itself as a public private partnership, co-led by the Produce for Better Health Foundation and a federal/public partner. Continued...

National Fruit and Vegetable Alliance (NFVA), cont.

The partnership has not been actively convened since November 2017 and during that time ASPHN has worked with others to identify the value of the partnership. ASPHN will participate in the process to reconvene the group. The PBH Board of Trustees has identified the following priorities.

- Develop research and expertise related to fruit and vegetable consumption behaviors;*
- Broaden efforts to include a systems-based approach to increase intake; and*
- Convene a broad multi-sector coalition of fruit and vegetable supporters to work in partnership to achieve maximum impact.*

National Physical Activity Society (NPAS)

- Liaisons: Aurora Buffington & Karen Probert

ASPHN and [NPAS](#) compiled a list of state physical activity contacts that expressed an interest in participating on ASPHN support calls. ASPHN has this list to reach out to additional interested parties for applicable webinars and calls.

National Salt & Sugar Reduction Initiative (NSSRI)

- Liaison: Michele Kawabe

Partnership with [NSSRI](#) is beneficial in that it allows for a channel of communication regarding NSSRI updates/activities, and these activities impact the health of the public at large.



National WIC Association

NWA is the non-profit education arm and advocacy voice of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

National WIC Association

- Liaisons: Karen Probert & Shana Patterson

“This has been and is an important partnership even though we have experienced a quiet year together. While we have other ASPHN-based projects that are working with WIC partners, the relationship with [NWA](#) is still a priority. We are still talking and working with NWA leadership to determine how to provide the next round of training related to nutrition and public health practices.”

Technical Support Improving Nutrition Environments of Early Care & Education (ASPHN Obesity Mini CollN)

- Liaison: Emia Oppenheim

The goal of the CDC-funded ASPHN Obesity Mini CollN is to support states working with to early care and education (ECE) providers, trainers, technical assistance networks to improve nutrition content, environments, policies, and practices. States will learn and apply the CollN approach for different strategies targeting ECE nutrition environments.

United Fresh Produce Association (UFPA)

- Liaison: Mary Ann Ellsworth

[“United Fresh Produce Association](#) is an active and responsive partner and continues to work to achieved ASPHN’s purpose for the collaboration. Together we have expanded and deepened our collaboration that maximizes opportunities to address ASPHN priorities related to fruit and vegetable access and consumption.

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United Fresh Produce Association (UFPA), cont.

- Liaison: Mary Ann Ellsworth

Activities have included sharing:

- *Policy Priorities for CNR*
- *Webinar Presentation of policy updates for Fruit and Vegetable Council members in Nov. 2019.*
- *Announcement of Community Innovation Grants*
- *Explanation of USDA Proposed changes to School meal regulations.*
- *Dates of United Fresh events, with a focus on potential future ASPHN presence and/or presentations to share the public health perspective to the non-public health partners.”*

United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC)

- Liaisons: Suzanne Haydu, Robin Stanton, Kelli Stader & Carolyn Donohoe Mather*

Below are 2019 accomplishments for the USBC and ASPHN Collaboration, Further detailed information can be found here.

- *1/31/2019: Signed on to letter request from USBC welcoming members of the new 116th Congress*
- *3/28/2019: Signed-on to the FY2020 Breastfeeding Appropriations letter from the United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC)*

** Replaced by Jana Gach*

United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC) continued

- *3/28/2019: Signed-on to the letter from the United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC) expressing support of The Fairness for Breastfeeding Mothers Act (H.R. 866/S. 528)*
- *6/3/19: the PC committee signed-on to the USBC-affiliated Paid Leave Constellation letter urging legislators to seek correction for gaps in the Military Parental Leave Program, established by the Department of Defense (DOD) in May 2018*
- *7/8/19: Signed-on to letter from the United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC) addressed to Congresswoman Carol Miller in support of the Small Airports Mothers Rooms (SAMR) Act of 2019*



United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC) continued

- *9/20/19: Did not opt-out of the United States Breastfeeding Committee's (USBC) CDC Breastfeeding Program Funding Senate Mark-Up letter to members of Congress*
- *10/11/19: Did not opt-out of the United States Breastfeeding Committee's (USBC) joint letter thanking Senator Duckworth and Senator Fischer for introducing the FAME Act.*

[CLICK HERE for a detailed report of highlights.](#)

University of Tennessee Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Leadership Training Program Advisory Committee

- Liaison: Karen Probert

Over the years, we have developed a strong relationship with university faculty who are training public health nutrition graduate students. The university faculty encourage student membership in ASPHN. As relevant we can refer ASPHN members by connecting expert members to their training programs.

American Public Health Association - Food and Nutrition Section

- Abby Gold

“I'm most excited to reinvigorate the partnership between the [Food and Nutrition section of APHA](#) and ASPHN. We have overlapping membership with similar values and professional goals. APHA is excited about the work ASPHN does with health equity and wants to promote our health equity internship program among their membership.”



American Heart Association-Healthy for Life Program

- Liaison: Shana Patterson

A new 2020 Partnership. The goal of the [American Heart Association-Healthy for Life Program](#) and its resources is to change relationships with food and nutrition by inspiring families to make healthy food choices part of their everyday lives. I am excited about working with AHA to develop some strategic partnership deliverables that could result in more supportive opportunities (implementation tools, processes, technical assistance, potential monetary provision, etc.) for our members in 20-21.



1,000 Days

- Liaison: (open position)

A new 2020 Partnership. [1,000 Days](#) is the leading nonprofit organization working to ensure women and children in the U.S. and around the world have the healthiest first 1,000 days (pregnancy to age 2). 1,000 Days has already conducted 2 webinars for ASPHN Committees and Councils!

Interested in the Collaboration Committee, becoming a Liaison or ASPHN Partners?

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