



# News from the Association of State Public Health Nutritionists

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## Facebook has the Buzz on the 2020 Annual Meeting!

Registration for the ASPHN 2020 Annual Meeting closed on May 22 with over 530 registrants!



Watch the [ASPHN Facebook page](#) June 15-18 for daily Annual Meeting highlights. Get the scoop on Annual Award winners and listen in on *the buzz* about our great sessions!

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An interactive, fun, and educational virtual experience is in the works! [See the full agenda on the Annual Meeting webpage.](#)

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## One-Stop: ASPHN's Library of Reliable COVID-19 Information

Make just one stop for reliable COVID-19 guidance in public health nutrition. Go to [ASPHN's COVID-19 Library of Reliable Information.](#)



ASPHN continues to add information to this landing page with categorized links to help you quickly find relevant resources to support your initiatives during crisis. Categories include:

- Funding Opportunities,
- General Information (CDC),
- Health Equity (coming soon),
- Re-opening Guidelines (new),
- State-Specific General Information,
- Federal Public Health Funders,
- Food Security,
- Pregnancy, Breastfeeding & Infant Nutrition,
- K-12 & ECEs,
- Food Safety,
- Food Systems, and
- Vendor & Food Service.

As the COVID-19 crisis continues to unfold, it is the nation's public health nutritionists who are on the front lines of this public health emergency, ensuring that our most vulnerable receive vital nutritional assistance. We hope you will bookmark this page and use it often during the coming months.

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## Creative Collaborations: ASPHN Liaisons Share Impacts and Exciting Possibilities

Learn about the impact and possibilities made by ASPHN strategic collaborations directly from our liaisons!



[Get the ASPHN Collaborations Summary Slides here.](#)

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## ASPHN Observes Great Outdoors Month

June is National Great Outdoors Month! Watch [ASPHN's Facebook page](#) this all month long for ideas, inspiration, training and tools from our partners in support of healthy and well-being through activities outside.



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## Powerful Partnerships: ASPHN Highlights AAP, Fellow Member of Breastfeeding Public Health Partners

Along with ASPHN, the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) (AAP) networks and collaborates with other national organizations to support breastfeeding as a member of Breastfeeding Public Health Partners (BPHP).

Read more about the AAP's active section on breastfeeding here. Parents can find information developed specifically for them at [HealthyChildren.org](#).

One of AAP's current projects, funded by CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity, focuses on physician education about breastfeeding for people in medical school and those needing continuing education.

Also, the AAP is working with the [United States Breastfeeding Committee](#) on plans to change the culture of breastfeeding support for physicians in training. By supporting pediatricians to be successful in their own breastfeeding goals, they can then better support their breastfeeding patients.

Watch for more resources from BPHP members in upcoming ASPHN newsletters.

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## Congratulations ASPHN Internship Class of 2020, Overcoming COVID-19 Challenges

ASPHN celebrates the accomplishments of the resilient 2020 class of ASPHN Healthy Equity Internship students, our future public health leaders.

The 2020 class includes:

- 15 Fall and 11 Spring interns from 21 primarily Minority-Serving Institutions in the South.
- Mostly ethnic and racial minorities, African American, Asian Americans and Hispanics, and 85% females.

During the 12-week internship placements, field experience is supplemented with weekly engagement webinars on health equity and public health topics. Although the Fall internship progressed as planned, the COVID-19 pandemic caused disruption of the Spring session shortly after the midpoint. By the end of March, all the interns' colleges and universities suspended classes and most of the intern

placement sites closed. ASPHN staff and preceptors worked strategically to ensure all interns were able to complete their placement experience and assignments remotely, while meeting their academic institutions' requirements for graduation.

Economic challenges during COVID-19, including decade-high unemployment rates and social distancing guidelines, will impact 2020 graduates' ability to embark on careers within the public health workforce. ASPHN and its internship alumni network offer support for these recent graduates as they seek work opportunities under these difficult circumstances.

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## ASPHN Welcomes New Members!

ASPHN gained 10 new members in May. Each member, from student to seasoned professional, contributes to the depth and breadth of experience that ASPHN can draw from. It is our collective experience that allows us to make products, services and advocacy plans that make healthy living the easy choice for all people. Thank you for joining us!



Expanded Members:

Kimberly Callow, RDN, IBCLC in the AZ Dept of Health

Mikayla Gallo, MPH in the GA Division of Family and Child Services

Jean Gerber, RD, LD in the MO Dept of Health

Heather Holland, RDN in the MI Dept of Health

Emily McFarland in the MO Department of Health

Lauren Sciacca in the MO Department of Health

Christa Valentine, MS, RDN, CSN in the NY State Dept of Health

Alyssa Ward, RDN, IBCLC in the AZ Dept of Health

Jen Woodard, MS, RDN in the VT Dept of Health

Vermont WIC, including...

Madeline Buckley, Kaitlyn Carreau, Tricia Cassi, Jenna Cloutier, Renee Collingwood, Tabbi Daly, Jessie Davis, Lori Dotolo, Amanda Gates, Anna Ghelli, Ashley Godzik, Jill Hamilton, Ashley Haskell, Mallory James, Heidi Kalb, Bonny Lee, Lorri LePage, Stephanie MacCrea, Gillian MacKinnon, Amy Malinowski, Marlee Malone, Wendy Murphy, Marisa Parent, Serena Parnau, Courtney Pletzer, Justin Pomykala, Samantha Riley, Alissa Robertson, Brooke Robinson, Lisa Rufo, and Wanda Swett.

Associate Member:

Gabrielle Brewer, student, Grand Valley State University

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## About ASPHN



**ASPHN**  
Advancing Health Through Leadership

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.  
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