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Funding Opportunity: Farm to ECE Implementation Grant

Expanding state farm to early care and education programs as an effective way to teach healthy habits at a young age, support local economies, and address equity is the aim of ASPHN's Farm to ECE Implementation Grant (FIG) supported by CDC.



Consider applying for [the new ASPHN initiative, 2020-21 ASPHN Farm to ECE Implementation Grant](#).

This funding and technical assistance opportunity will support nutrition professionals at the state level. Preference is given to those at state health departments, but other related state agencies may be allowable leads.

The 10-12 states selected to participate in this project will receive \$75,000 to \$100,000 beginning in late 2020.

State teams will include key early childhood and food systems partners to implement and advance comprehensive farm to ECE programs statewide. Participating states will be required to build a diverse state farm to ECE coalition, hold monthly coalition meetings, have team leads participate in ASPHN leadership trainings, meet monthly with program managers, join regular webinars or meetings related to farm to ECE, and submit required reports.

States interested in learning more and potentially applying should contact email Emia Oppenheim, PhD, RD, LD at emia@asphn.org by August 25th, 2020.

Step Forward in Leadership: Apply to the 2021 Class of Growing ASPHN Leaders

Step forward in your personal and professional leadership through the Growing ASPHN Leaders program.

[Apply by Friday, October 9th. Download the application here.](#)



The 6-month Growing ASPHN Leaders program uses select books and monthly discussion groups to challenge participants in key skills, such as self-reflection, vulnerability, ethical decision-making, equitable practices, and mentoring. Practicum projects also give class members opportunity to apply what they learn to current work environments.

Find out more by following these links:

[Program Description](#)

[ASPHN Leadership Page](#)

Contact Shana Patterson Holland with questions at shana@asphn.org.

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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,
- Re-opening Guidelines,
- State-Specific General Information,
- Federal Public Health Funders,
- Food Security,
- Pregnancy, Breastfeeding & Infant Nutrition,
- K-12 & ECEs,
- Older Adults,
- 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 communities that have been made vulnerable receive vital nutritional assistance. We hope you will bookmark this page and use it often during the coming months.

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Check It Out: ASPHN Member Directory

Be sure to check out the [ASPHN Member Directory](#)! You are invited to send us updates to your listing and add or update your photo. Click on the categories to view membership groups or to find ASPHN colleagues in your state.



Please contact Allison McGuigan at allison@asphn.org with any updates or questions.

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August is National Breastfeeding Month!

Many Voices United is the theme for National Breastfeeding Month in August. To celebrate, the United States Breastfeeding Committee is offering free webinars with continuing education credits every. [Learn more about the sessions offered here.](#)



Follow these breastfeeding celebrations on Facebook:

[Native Breastfeeding Week, August 9-15](#)

[Black Breastfeeding Week, August 25-31](#)

Follow these links for more information :

[ASPHN MCH Nutrition Council resource list](#);

[Surgeon General's Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding](#) and the [Fact Sheet](#);

[United States Breastfeeding Committee](#);

[National Association of County City Health Officials](#);

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#); and

[1000 Days](#).

Thank you for supporting the best food for babies - breastmilk!

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Powerful Partnerships: ASPHN Highlights United Fresh Produce Association

United Fresh Produce Association (United Fresh) and ASPHN have a long history of working together. With the goal to increase produce consumption, United Fresh unites the fresh produce industry across the supply chain, influences government policy, and provides training & development.

ASPHN and United Fresh Produce Association Partnership Accomplishments:

- The ASPHN National Fruit and Vegetable Council members supported United Fresh to collect evidence of need and desire for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.
- United Fresh provided leadership and sponsorship of the ASPHN Salad Bars 2 Schools Initiative, and partnered with the ASPHN National Fruit and Vegetable Council to create related training materials for schools.
- ASPHN and United Fresh are both members of National Fruit and Vegetable Alliance.
- United Fresh also partners with ASPHN through the ASPHN Collaboration Committee.

Learn More

View recordings from the United Fresh LIVE! Info. virtual conference through September 1, 2020. unitedfreshlive.org

Read about the United Fresh Start Foundation policy priorities that aim to increase children's access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

unitedfresh.org/nutrition-policy/

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Support Next-Generation Public Health Leaders: Become an ASPHN Health Equity Internship Preceptor

Become a preceptor! The ASPHN Health Equity Internship Program is grateful to have collaborative relationships with preceptors and placement sites that host interns and support the diversification of the public health field.

Preceptors are key to the success of the ASPHN Health Equity Internship Program. They possess knowledge, skills and expertise that contribute to the professional development of the interns through mentoring and project supervision. These preceptors are employed by state and local health departments, academic institutions, plus national and community-based organizations.

Because ASPHN established a very rigorous and competitive application process and up to 100 students apply for one session, ASPHN is able to select only the top students for a total of 15 slots per session. Therefore preceptors can be guaranteed that their student will be highly motivated, eager to learn, and hard-working.

[To learn more about becoming a preceptor, visit the ASPHN Health Equity Internship webpage.](#)

ASPHN Welcomes New Members!

ASPHN gained 43 new members in July. 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 create products, services and advocacy plans that make healthy living the easy choice for all people. Thank you for joining us!



Expanded Members:

Olutomisin Akanbi, MS, RD in the NY State Dept of Health

Kathy Baker, RD in the CO Dept of Public Health & Environment

Alexandra Bauman, RD, LDN in the IA Dept on Aging

Denise Chapel, MPH, MS, RD, FAND in the CA Dept of Public Health

Lisa Debits, RD in the CO Dept of Public Health & Environment

Carmalita Green, RDN, LD in the AL Dept of Public Health

Laurel Huffman, MPH, CPH, RDN, LDN in the MD Dept of Health

Peggy Leung-Strle, MS, RD, LDN, CLC in the NY State Dept of Health

Jessica McDowell in the SC Dept of Health

Lisabeth Melnik, MPH, RDN, CLC in the NY State Dept of Health

Cindy Olivina, MS, RDN, CDN, CDCES in the NY State Dept of Health

Laura Osborne, RDN, IBCLC in the CA Dept of Public Health

Julie Reeder, PhD, MPH, MS in the OR Health Authority

Kelli Resseguie, RD, LDN in the MD Dept of Health

Melissa Sharp, MS, RD in the NY State Dept of Health

Meg Stone, MS, RDN in the AL Dept of Public Health

Emily Woody, MPH, RDN, IBCLC in the DC Dept of Health

Parvaneh Yavari, PhD, RDN, LD in the FL Dept of Health

Associate Members:

Liz Adams, PhD, RD with OR Health & Science University

Victoria Ayala, student, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

Amy Blom, student, CO State University

Jacqueline Cory in Vermont WIC

Leslie Cunningham-Sabo, PhD, RDN with CO State University

Christine Dolan, RDN in Garfield County (CO) Public Health

Paola Gonzalez, MPH in Pima County (AZ) Cooperative Extension

Cristen Harris, PhD, RDN, CSSD, CD, CEP, FAND with University of WA

Dena Herman, PhD, MPH, RD with UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

Lauren Johnson, student, OR Health & Science University

Kelsey Kinderknecht, student, University of WA

Christie Kirchoff, student, FL International University

Tracy Little, MPH, CHES in NJ WIC

Phoebe Luc, student, OR Health & Science University

Anne Lund, MPH, RDN, FAND with University of WA

Eva Mancheno, MS with The Community Food Bank of NJ

Keelia O'Malley, PhD, MPH with Tulane University

Allison Schnitzer, RD, LD with Southern NV Health District

Elaine Sim, student, OR Health & Science University

Janell Smith, PhD, RD, Consultant (FL)

Alyssa Thomas, MPH with CO State University

Sandra Van Calcar, PhD, RD with OR Health & Science University

Miranda Westfall, PhD (c), MPH, RD, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

Emma Whigham, student, OR Health & Science University

Clarissa Wong, student, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

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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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