April 2021

Highlights

**Fresh Resource**: Find a Job, Post a Job on ASPHN.org

The ASPHN.org Job Openings page has 13 new posts since April 1. This is not only a great place to find a job, it is an excellent place to post a job and attract well-qualified applicants.

Visit ASPHN’s [Job Openings page](#) now! Send job opportunities with an online application link to Allison McGuigan at [allison@asphn.org](mailto:allison@asphn.org).

**ASPHN Professional Development: Tips & Tricks to Engage Webinar Participants**

The ASPHN Board of Directors used their Mid-year Meeting time to sharpen their online-meeting facilitation skills. Now the experience is available to you!

Get the recordings of [Tips & Tricks to Engage Webinar Participants](#). The outstanding panel of five presenters covered everything from making more personal connections, to easy polling, managing breakout rooms, to personal branding.

Association of State Public Health Nutritionists

The Association of State Public Health Nutritionists (ASPHN) is a non-profit membership organization committed to advancing health equity through public health nutrition leadership.

**Our Mission**

To strengthen nutrition policy, programs and environments for all people through development of public health nutrition leaders and collective action of members nationwide.

**Our Vision**

Healthy eating and active living for everyone.

Features

2021 ASPHN Annual Meeting: Apply to Present a Poster

Poster sessions are
innovation spaces. They create an environment of deep discussion among authors and other meeting attendees fed by individual experience, fresh findings and novel program designs.

You can play a special role in the ASPHN Annual Meeting poster session. Apply to present a poster by April 16.

Contact Cyndi Atterbury with questions at cyndi@asphn.org.

Can’t Wait for the Annual Meeting to Start?

Review, or view for the first time, all the recorded session from the 2020 ASPHN Annual Meeting, 2020 Vision & Leadership in Public Health Nutrition.

2021 ASPHN Annual Meeting
Resilience in Practice

Mark your calendar. You won’t want to missed the opportunity to make collaborative connections at the ASPHN Annual Meeting held virtually June 14-18.

Networking connections are a top priority in this meeting design, with a breakout session to swap innovative ideas and success strategies with your colleagues.

This year, the popular State Sharing session will focus on public health advances resulting from COVID-19.

Check out the draft agenda for the latest updates. The agenda follows an Eastern Time schedule of 11 - 6 PM and sessions will be recorded.

No-cost registration opens at the end of April. Contact Cyndi Atterbury with questions at cyndi@asphn.org.

How was the ASPHN Clean Away COVID Campaign developed?

Clean Away COVID was tested and piloted for nearly two months among numerous state and tribal WIC programs. Survey results indicate WIC clients and staff overwhelmingly found the information helpful and easy to understand.

Don’t wait to disseminate this information within your state. Link to the website and download the toolkit today!

For more information, Just Announced: PEHSU Endorses the ASPHN Clean Away COVID Campaign

We’re delighted to announce that the Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU) network has endorsed ASPHN’s Clean Away COVID campaign.

The PEHSU program is a leading national source of medical information and consultative advice from experts on environmental conditions, with emphasis
Find New Links in the ASPHN COVID-19 Resource Library

Visit ASPHN’s COVID-19 Resource Library today! It is comprised of categorized links to websites offering accurate and timely COVID-19 guidance.

New links are added each week. Check out the recent additions in Funding, Food Security, Health Equity, Early Care and Education and Older Adults categories.

One of the PEHSU network’s outreach and education goals is to raise awareness about environmental conditions that may harm pregnant people, children and families.

According to Vickie Leonard, RN, FNP, PhD from the Western States PEHSU, “The educational messages in Clean Away COVID empower families to protect themselves — not only from exposure to COVID-19 — but also from the harmful effects of misusing chemical disinfectants in the home. These messages can reduce unnecessary environmental risks and mitigate potential adverse health effects before they occur.”

With COVID-19 cases once again rising, please protect your community by adding ASPHN’s Clean Away COVID campaign to your COVID resource offerings. Simply use the HTML code provided on the Toolkit page to help your visitors get the most from this resource.

READ MORE

National Minority Health Month

Support Equity Through Resource Sharing at PublicHealthNutrition.org

Resource sharing transfers knowledge and reduces the cost of innovation to other states and programs seeking to make healthy living easy for everyone.

Resource sharing is at the heart of the ASPHN sister website publichealthnutrition.org. It houses hundreds of tips, training, tools and guidance to deepen your skills in the core competencies of public health nutrition, including timely topics within the Advocacy & Education category.

Developed jointly by ASPHN and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Public Health/Community Nutrition

ASPHN Policy Committee Shares Health Equity Highlights

- Two graduates from the ASPHN Health Equity Internship will be working with the PC to identify key issues from the Black Maternal Health Momnibus relevant to public health and nutrition

- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics document: Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities and Chronic Disease Issue Brief

- The Healthy Food, Active Communities Council Webinar (02/17/2021) “Understanding Health Equity: Systems
Practice Group, this website can be of tremendous value to:
- public health nutritionists who need evidence-based reference materials,
- RDNs with limited exposure to broad public health nutrition work and
- public health preceptors who need resource materials for interns in their public health nutrition practice.

Resources are organized by broad categories of practice and include nutrition, advocacy, communication, research, PSE (policies, systems and environmental change), and leadership. With updates recently completed, you can be confident that the content is current.


Learn more about the work of the ASPHN Policy Committee and find recent meeting notes on the Policy Committee webpage. Contact Michelle Futrell to join or ask questions at michelle@asphn.org.

Health Equity Internship

Register Now: ASPHN Health Equity Internship Program Minority Serving Institutions COVID-19 Symposium

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
3 PM – 6 PM EST

Register now!

Internship Highlight: Campus-Community Collaborations Working to End the COVID-19 Pandemic

April is National Minority Health Month. The theme is #VaccineReady and is a time for reflecting about how the COVID-19 Pandemic has impacted our country, especially racial and ethnic minority communities. Although these communities have experienced greater rates of COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and death, disparities exist in accessing COVID-19 vaccine to prevent and mitigate the impact of this disease and pandemic.

As one of its many responses to the pandemic, ASPHN has provide additional ASPHN Health Equity Internship Program placements that focus specifically on COVID-19 and minority populations. Twenty ASPHN interns from three minority-serving institutions (MSI) with public health programs in Florida, have assessed and implemented state, community, and campus-based strategies to address COVID-19 risk, prevention, and vaccine hesitancy in minority communities.

ASPHN will convene a MSI COVID-19 Symposium

Honoring Public Health Nutritionist During COVID-19

The Public Health Nutrition workforce has been a valuable asset in the pandemic response, making our nation #VaccineReady.

Read our statement of grateful admiration for our colleagues, then share the stories and resources on seeitsayitshareit.org.

Contact Lourdes Pogue at lourdes@asphn.org.
on April 14, 2021 at 3 pm – 6 pm ET. This Symposium will highlight results from the internship COVID-19 cohort projects and activities MSIs are implementing to reduce the impact of the pandemic in their communities and states. Registration is required to attend this Symposium.

For more information about the Health Equity Internship Program, email internship@asphn.org.

ASPHN Membership

April Fundraising Shower

Shower ASPHN with success by giving a gift to celebrate public health nutrition successes that are happening in your state!

Celebrate your promotion, a new hire in your department, the establishment of your new program, or the publication of your research!

Whether it is $100, $50, or $10, we are grateful for any level of monetary support. Your generosity will make a difference! Commemorate success in your state with a gift to ASPHN today.

To make your tax-deductible gift to ASPHN, download the ASPHN Tax-Deductible Donation Form.

ASPHN is a nonprofit organization that supports public health nutrition communication, training for future public health nutrition leaders, education resource sharing, and professional development for state public health nutritionists.

Contact the Fundraising Committee Chair, Charlene Garcia, at Charlene.Garcia@health.mo.gov.

Membership Tip: Explore the ASPHN Publication Webpage

Explore the broad range of ASPHN-designed guidance documents and tools available on the ASPHN Publications webpage today!

Convenient category headings make it easy to browse the entire collection or focus in on assessments, strategies, success stories, priority issues and policies within your interest area. Popular categories and publications include:

- ASPHN-Specific Highlight: Member Welcome Brochure
- MCH-Specific Highlight: The Intersection of Public Health, Community and Clinical Dietetics
- CDC-Specific Guidelines and Strategies for Safe Use of Salad Bars in Schools
- Crosscutting Highlight: ASPHN Collaboration Primer

Find more ways to maximize your member benefits on the ASPHN Membership webpage and contact the MC&O Committee by email to amberbrown@asphn.org.

Discover More Benefits of ASPHN Membership

Your active participation in ASPHN can keep your state on the leading edge.

Become A Member
ASPHN Advances Farm to ECE Strategies

Did you know that ASPHN supports 3 grantee programs over 13 states and 3 regions all dedicated to advancing Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE)?

ASPHN Grantee Programs
- CABBAGE
- FIG
- Mini CoIIN

Read about how relevant this work remains even during COVID-19 in *The Significance of Farm to Early Care and Education in the Context of COVID-19*. This helps public health professionals make connections among interested providers, families, communities and stakeholders.

Or view and use our webpage on the subject, *Nurture Young Children’s Health and Curiosity During COVID-19*. The webpage helps public health professionals and ECE providers demonstrate how farm to ECE can be helpful during the challenges and uncertainty of COVID-19.

Contact Emia Oppenheim at emia@asphn.org.

Fresh Resource: Farm to ECE Toolkit, Second Edition

Check out the *Growing Minds Farm to Preschool Toolkit*! The newly released second edition curriculum contains farm to preschool resources, including:
- lesson plans,
- “This Week in the Garden” activity guides,
- “Farm to School Goes Home” parent handouts,
- local food sourcing guide and tips for cooking and gardening with young children.

It also includes a resource developed by the NC Farm to Preschool Network, “Reach for the Stars with Farm to Preschool”, which aligns the Early Childhood and Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scales (revised editions) with farm to preschool activities.

Partners

**Powerful Partnerships: ASPHN Highlights Fellow Members of Breastfeeding Public Health Partners**

ASPHN networks and collaborates with other national organizations to support breastfeeding as a member of Breastfeeding Public Health Partners (BPHP). The *United States Breastfeeding Committee* (USBC) works to support lactation in a host of ways through organizational and individual members.

USBC member organizations coordinate their initiatives to take collective action on shared breastfeeding goals. Member organizations include educational, professional and governmental organizations, plus state, local and cultural breastfeeding coalitions.

Constellations (work groups) provide individuals volunteer advocacy opportunities for every interest area; working on paid leave for families, workplace support for lactating mothers, infant feeding during emergencies and more.
