October 2021

**Highlights**

**Webinar: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in the Public Health Nutrition Workforce**

Join the APHA FN Section Mentoring Committee and ASPHN in this guided discussion webinar centered on this key question:

"How can we foster discussion in our professional communities that lead to greater diversity, equity and inclusion in the public health nutrition workforce?"

**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in the Public Health Nutrition Workforce**

3:00pm Wednesday, October 13 CDT

**Register now!**

Webinar attendees will also learn about internship and fellowship opportunities available through both presenting organizations that are designed to support diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.

Panelists:
- Michelle Futrell, ASPHN Consultant
- Tiffani Grant, Mississippi State Department of Health; Office of Preventive Health; Director, Bureau of Community & School Health
- Alisha Davis, Allied Health Sciences Program Director, Grand Valley State University

For more information about the health equity internship program, email internship@asphn.org.

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**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.
Updates

**Fresh Resources: Help Infants Receive the Best Nutrition**

The Healthy People 2030 now has only state two objectives for breastfeeding:

- Increase the proportion of infants who are breast fed exclusively through six months of age and
- Increase any breastfeeding at 12 months of age

Specific how-to objectives to help obtain these goals were dropped making it less clear how develop chest/breastfeeding environments.

It is now more than ever up to all of us to promote and support feeding infants human milk.

Share these fresh resources that give advocacy ideas and specific steps to create environments where feeding human milk is the easy choice.

- Support coworkers feeding their infants human milk through the [Business Case for Breastfeeding](#).
- Take action to support mothers, now working at home due to the pandemic, who are still denied time for chest/breastfeeding. [Follow the PUMP Act federal legislation](#).
- Learn from the community welcoming strategies for chest/breastfeeding in place in [Kansas](#) and [Ohio](#).

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**Apply in Minutes to Get Technical Assistance with the WIC Developmental Monitoring Project**

Apply by October 15, 2021 to receive technical assistance in implementing "Learn The Signs. Act Early." in WIC. [Access the short application now](#).

ASPHN has been awarded funding for Year 4 of the [WIC Developmental Monitoring Project (“Learn the Signs. Act Early.”)](#)(LTSAE) from CDC. With this funding, ASPHN will expand the number of state WIC programs it works with to promote developmental milestone monitoring within the WIC program.

Selected state WIC programs will:

- learn more about virtual options for promoting developmental monitoring,
- help test and provide feedback on these options,
- receive technical assistance from ASPHN and CDC about LTSAE in WIC, and
- connect with 19 other states that are doing similar work.

Contact Amber Brown at [amberbrown@asphn.org](mailto:amberbrown@asphn.org) for more information.

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**Career Development**

**ASPHN Job Board:**
**Many Positions Available**

Are you ready to take the next step in your career?
ASPHN Story Bank: Be Inspired By Members' Successes

Looking for a bright spot in your day? It is a joy to click through the ASPHN Story Bank, a collection of stories featuring ASPHN members and their work.

This showcase of successful work by public health nutritionists can inspire you to innovate and press forward in implementing best practices in your state-level programs.

Apply Now for Spring Session 2022: ASPHN Health Equity Internship Program Preceptors and Interns

The ASPHN Health Equity Internship is a 12-week paid experience developed to support diversification of the public health and health-related workforce.

Apply for Spring 2022 by October 30 for both preceptor and intern positions.

Visit our website for more information about the internship program or email questions to internship@asphn.org.

ASPHN Membership

Membership Tip: State Dues Renewal Notices Coming in Late October

Later this month, 2022 dues renewal notices will be emailed to our state Appointed Members. We appreciate our Appointees taking a few moments to review their state’s General membership and let us know about any changes that need to be made (a contact person will be listed on the invoice).

New General members can join ASPHN at dues renewal or at any time by completing a short membership application. ASPHN appreciates your membership and we’re glad you are here!

Discover More Benefits of ASPHN Membership

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