



# News from the Association of State Public Health Nutritionists



## April 2022

### Highlights

#### Submit Your Team's Work to the Public Health Nutrition Hall of Fame

ASPHN has created the Public Health Nutrition Hall of Fame to salute our members' efforts and help others learn about the value of public health nutrition.

[Browse our Hall of Fame](#) to see how our members are inspiring change! Then [apply](#) to share your story.

#### Get CPEUs from ASPHN Trainings

Attend educational webinars or training offered by ASPHN that qualify for continuing education through the Commission of Dietetic Registration and you will receive an emailed certificate shortly afterward.

ASPHN is excited to provide you with certificates to help reach your required continuing education hours. Even if you are not an RDN, keep your certificate and check with your certification organization to see if it qualifies for credits.

Find upcoming trainings on the [ASPHN Events page](#).



## 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.

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ASPHN Members Save on





## Celebrating 70 years of Excellence in Leadership at the 2022 ASPHN Annual Meeting

Registration opened March 15 for the 2022 [ASPHN Annual Meeting](#).

### 2022 ASPHN Annual Meeting Bridging the Gaps

Monday through Wednesday  
June 13 - 15, 10am-5pm EST

In celebration of our 70th anniversary, the meeting will open with Dr. Lisa Jahn from USDA to walk us through the history of dietary guidance.

Valuable federal update sessions anchor the leading-edge agenda including updates from [MCHB](#), [CDC-DNPAO](#) and [USDA-FNS](#).

The committee has planned sessions to look at the gaps and opportunities in our public health nutrition world. We will engage and dialogue around these important questions:

- What is happening in other state agencies?
- How can mapping advise our work?
- How can we use the past to imagine the future of public health nutrition?

This virtual event is designed with your wellbeing in mind and includes an easy-to-navigate online platform, physical activity breaks and personal connections through breakout sessions and the virtual networking lounge.

Stir up your excitement by watching [recorded sessions from last year!](#)

Contact Cyndi Atterbury with questions at [cyndi@asphn.org](mailto:cyndi@asphn.org).

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## Call for Posters: All New Format and Options at the ASPHN Annual Meeting

The poster session experience will be all new for the 2022 ASPHN Annual Meeting. [Read more and submit your poster here.](#)

## US Breastfeeding Committee Conference Registration

June offers opportunities to learn through the ASPHN and USBC conferences – plan to attend both!

### [The United States Breastfeeding Committee \(USBC\) National Conference and Convening](#)

Attend virtually June 7-9, 12-5 EST

As a member of ASPHN you can attend at the discounted rate \$200 if you register by April 30 and afterwards \$250. Here's how!

Make a USBC member profile, navigate to the registration page, choose the Member category and use this code – **6uybe7fh**. Any trouble? Email [membership@usbreastfeeding.org](mailto:membership@usbreastfeeding.org).

Plenary presentations, breakout group panels, posters, plus opportunities for peer sharing, connections and networking will be key features of the agenda.

Objectives for the conference include:

- honoring lactation wisdom,
- nurturing innovation,
- championing policy changes to reach those who have been historically marginalized, and
- advancing lactation equity.



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## Get Involved: Dive in to Leadership Opportunities at ASPHN

Now is a great time to dive into a leadership role at ASPHN.

First-time and returning ASPHN volunteers are welcome. This is your opportunity to expand your leadership skills, your national network and more!

### Committees

#### [Membership Communication and Outreach Committee \(MC&O\)](#)

promotes membership opportunities and provides guidance to ASPHN

## New Presentation Format

Three live panel discussions will replace the individual live Q&A sessions. Plus, they will be integrated into each day of the main sessions, 10-11 AM poster sessions and 11-5 PM ET main sessions.

Selected groups of 2-3 presenters will give an overview of their presentation and participate in a live panel discussion about their topic area. Indicate on the submission form if you are interested in having your presentation considered to be a part of a panel discussion.

## New Presentation Track Options

To maximize our learning from the recorded poster presentations we will have two tracks: the traditional Research track, and a new Programs, Policies, and Practice track.

**Research Track** - This track is for members and students who are conducting research projects or robust program evaluations. This should include a research question/aims, methods, results, and discussion. Students who are doing thesis or dissertation projects are welcome to submit here.

**Programs, Policies and Practice Track** - This track focuses on things that are currently happening in the field. It can include promising programs that are being implemented, policy briefs, or best practices that are worth sharing.

These submissions may not have all of the components of a research project (aims, methods, results, discussion) but should provide an adequate rationale for why the program/policy is important, what the policy/program is/does and evaluation information or next steps.

members and its partners regarding communication initiatives. Contact Amber Brown at [amberbrown@asphn.org](mailto:amberbrown@asphn.org).

**Policy Committee** monitors key national issues that align with the strategic goals of ASPHN. The Committee works with ASPHN members and partner organizations to improve our communication and elevate the visibility of public health nutrition issues. If you'd like to help out with the Policy Committee's efforts, contact Michelle Futrell at [michelle@asphn.org](mailto:michelle@asphn.org).

**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. Contact Shana Patterson at [shana@asphn.org](mailto:shana@asphn.org).

## Council Leadership Teams

**National Fruit & Vegetable Nutrition Council** serves as an organized voice of state public health nutrition leaders in public health planning that affect fruit and vegetable consumption. Contact Amber Brown at [amber@asphn.org](mailto:amber@asphn.org).

**Healthy Food Active Communities Council** strengthens policy, environmental change, programs and services to decrease obesity across the nation. Contact Amber Brown at [amberbrown@asphn.org](mailto:amberbrown@asphn.org).

**MCH Nutrition Council** provides national leadership for efforts to achieve optimal well-being through healthy eating and active living among the maternal and child health population, including those served by Title V/MCH Block Grants. Contact Sandy Perkins at [sandy@asphn.org](mailto:sandy@asphn.org).

Committee and council volunteers generally prepare for and attend one meeting per month plus review materials to give guidance on special projects. That is a small amount of time considering the great impact these teams make on the health of our nation.





### **Membership Tip: ASPHN Celebrates Retired Members**

ASPHN wants to recognize our retired members for their contributions to our field. If you are a retired member or retiring soon please let us know by email to [janelle@asphn.org](mailto:janelle@asphn.org).

Then be on the lookout for an emailed questionnaire so we can learn from your experience. We will also ask how we can showcase you, such as through ASPHN's social media and email publications.

You deserve to be celebrated and your reflections will help us build on your legacy. We are lucky to have you as a member of our organization and field!

### **Discover More Benefits of ASPHN Membership**

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

**Become A  
Member**

Want to deepen your understanding of how ASPHN supports members and works toward innovation in our field?

Attend any ASPHN board meeting on the second Friday of each month from 11:30-1:00pm ET. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13. Contact Karen Probert at [karen@asphn.org](mailto:karen@asphn.org) to get connected.



### **ASPHN Welcomes New Members in March**

Each new member adds vision, heart and voice that swells the surge of ASPHN collective action, advancing equity in healthy living nation-wide.

Thank you for joining us!

#### **1 New General Member:**

Erin Raczynski, MPH, RD in the AZ Dept of Health

#### **2 New Associate Members:**

Michelle Draxten, MPH, RDN, LD, CLC with Fargo Cass Public Health (ND)

Brandi Stein, RDN, LDN, student at Tulane University (LA)

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