The Collaboration Committee recognizes and thanks our Liaisons that work with ASPHN partners and projects throughout the year.
ASPHN Collaboration Committee

The ASPHN Collaboration Committee works to strengthen and improve ASPHN’s strategic partnerships with other organizations.

Committee Member Activities and Benefits:

GAIN experience with partnership evaluation tools and processes

PROVIDE orientation sessions and guidance to liaisons

LEARN about and utilize evidence-based tools that support partnership growth and development
ASPHN Collaboration Committee

Committee Member Activities and Benefits:

**RECRUIT** members to be ASPHN representatives to committees

**DEVELOP** policies to guide the organization’s work with our partners

**WORK** with and learn from others who are passionate about strengthening partnerships, collaborations and coalitions

**NETWORK** with a seasoned group of more than 20 Liaisons directly impacting ASPHN’s partnership collective

**ACCESS** to key messages and other tools that connect your work with the work of ASPHN
ASPHN Collaboration Committee

The 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.

Learn more about the Collaboration Committee here. (https://asphn.org/collaboration-committee/)
About the information provided in the following slides

The following slides provide:

- A list of ASPHN Partnerships and Collaborations in 2021
- Work or projects accomplished with that partner in 2021 (from the ASPHN-Liaison perspective)

OR

- General information about the partner organization as a whole

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**ASPHN 2021 PARTNERSHIPS**

**WIC Development Monitoring Project - LTSAE Learn the Signs. Act Early**
1,000 Days
Liaison: Jamie Stang

Partner Review Summary Statement

1,000 Days is the leading nonprofit organization working to ensure women and children in the U.S. and around the world have the healthiest first 1,000 days (pregnancy to age 2). Assisted with finding MCH Council members to engage with and shared information from their organization with the MCH Council.
The goal of the American Heart Association Healthy for Life Program is to inspire families to make healthy food choices as part of their everyday lives. Five Applicants were awarded ($2500 each)
On average, attendees reported an increase of their daily fruit and/or vegetable consumption by 1.62 servings, while the majority (70.1%) increased by at least 1 or more servings.
American Public Health Association
Food and Nutrition Section

Liaison: Abby Gold

Partner Review Summary Statement

Three speakers presented on their experiences as BIPOC nutrition professionals and the mentorship available to them over the years, but also as mentors themselves. About 30 people attended.
Appalachian State University
Student Webinar & Education Series

Liaisons: Margaret Barth and Takako Tagami

Partner Review Summary Statement

A webinar “ASPHN: Professional Development and Resources to Support You” was completed with support from more than 40+ ASPHN leaders & consultants.
ASNNA advocates for public health nutrition education and increased access to nutrient dense foods regarding the SNAP-eligible population. Signed-on to CSPI’s letter addressed to Congress asking Congress to support schools in the fourth COVID supplemental request. Submitted comments to the U.S. Department of Agriculture on behalf of ASPHN has proposed to make significant changes to existing school lunch rules.
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

Liaisons: Karen Probert (Executive Director), Sandy Perkins (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

AMCHP was an active (paid) partner in the CHW-CoLlIN, and State Capacity Building Program. AMCHP participates on the WIC Developmental Monitoring Advisory Group. ASPHN is an active (paid) partner in the Early Childhood feeding project, and has participated on meetings, and with document review.
National Fruit and Vegetable Consumption Coalition (NFVCC) Formerly National Fruit and Vegetable Alliance (NFVA)

Liaison: Mary Ann Ellsworth, Karen Probert (Consultant)
Samara Sterling (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

There were several accomplishments through this partnership:

• *Elevated the concept of a national fruit and vegetable under-consumption crisis*
• ASPHN assumed a leadership role in the multi-sector partnership
• ASPHN suggested new member groups to join the NFVCC
• ASPHN renewed commitment that fruit and vegetable consumption is a national public health priority
• *Initiated a process to assess what role ASPHN might assume beyond the work of the National Fruit and Vegetable Council*
International Fresh Produce Association (IFA)
Formerly United Fresh Produce Association

Liaison: Mary Ann Ellsworth

Partner Review Summary Statement

There were several accomplishments through this partnership:
• Both ASPHN and United Fresh are leaders as sectors of the NFVCC – National Fruit and Vegetable Consumption Coalition (former NFVA – National Fruit and Vegetable Coalition)
• United Fresh attended ASPHN 2021 Annual Meeting sessions
• Highlights of United Fresh Washington Conference in Sept 2021 provided to ASHPN
ASPHN Building Capacity for Future Leaders in National Public Health Workforce to Address CVD, and the Consortium of African American Public Health Programs (CAAPHP)

Liaisons: Steve Owens (Consultant), Joyce Y. Hall (Consultant), Kristen Hernandez Ortega (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

The Health Equity Internship Program placed 20 interns from CAAPHP member institutions. These interns represent the future public health workforce. Providing the interns with professional development opportunities and practical work experience, empowered them with tools to become competent public health professionals.
ASTHO Affiliate Council

Liaison: Karen Probert (Executive Director)

Partner Review Summary Statement

ASPHN learns about the operations, advocacy work, and programs/projects of sister affiliates from working with the ASTHO Affiliate Council. We build relationships so that we can collaborate on potential projects. Also, it’s a good group to go to with questions relevant to state governmental public health.
University of Tennessee Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Leadership Training Program Advisory Committee

Liaison: Karen Probert (Executive Director)

Partner Review Summary Statement

The fall 2021 Healthy Weight Colloquia was held. ASPHN advises in the development of the agenda, the graduate program curriculum, and in their marketing and promotion of their combined graduate program and internship. ASPHN marketed this training opportunity to our members. Over the years, we have developed a strong relationship with university faculty who are training public health nutrition graduate students. The university faculty market student membership in ASPHN. As relevant we can market ASPHN members by connecting expert members to their training programs.
Food Service Guidelines Collaborative, and contract work with Commonality, Inc.

Liaisons: Shana Patterson (Consultant), Karen Probert (Executive Director)

Partner Review Summary Statement

The FSGC is a multi-sectoral network of public, private and voluntary organizations dedicated to developing healthier food environments in public facilities, worksites, and other institutional settings through coordinated efforts. The FSGC supports and promotes best practices that align with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and advances a food system that conserves and renews natural resources, advances social justice and animal welfare and builds community wealth.
Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU)

Liaison: Karen Probert (Executive Director)

Partner Review Summary Statement

Accomplishment highlights:
• Assisted with the development and launch of the Clean Away COVID Campaign. PEHSU endorsed the project and Co-Branded website materials and videos.
• ASPHN provided feedback and input on the development of the PEHSU project, "CLEANING AND SAFER DISINFECTING COMIC STRIPS FOR FAMILIES."
• PEHSU provided input on the development and promotion of the "Clean Away" social media campaign.
Technical Support Improving Nutrition Environments of Early Care & Education (ECE) and Farm to Early Care and Ed – Expanded Funding Support for CDC Recipients – FIG

Liaison: Emia Oppenheim (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

Accomplishment highlights:
- Provided funding and technical assistance (TA) grant to strengthen state-level Farm to ECE initiatives; Reached 219,582 children; 1,206 ECE sites
- ASPHN, in collaboration with CDC and the National Farm to School Network (NFSN) helped 3 CDC REACH recipients implement comprehensive farm to ECE programs
Community of Practice on Childhood Obesity Prevention in ECE Settings in Rural areas

Liaison: Emia Oppenheim (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

Review of the OBESITY PREVENTION in Rural Early Care and Education Settings Compendium.

The Compendium is linked here but still has one revision forthcoming.
Partner Review Summary Statement

Reviewed and commented on policy statements and priorities. Several of the priorities have strong nutrition components. Regular quarterly meeting have resumed after suspending meetings for a year.
ASTHO Workforce Work Group

Liaisons: Karen Probert (Executive Director)  
Shana Patterson (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

This group produces public health survey data through the Directors Assessment of Workforce Needs Survey (DAWNS) and The Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PH WINS)

ASPHN's newsletter included an article to assist ASTHO in promoting the completion of the PH WINS survey. ASPHN WINS/DAWNS interaction and work was compiled to provide background and history to new partner contacts and resulted in ASPHN being added to a new workforce meeting group list.
Breastfeeding Public Health Partners (BPHP)

Liaison: Martha Hagen (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

*BPHP members participated in the NACCHO USBC Continuity of Care Constellation which was tasked with the developing a Continuity of Care blueprint and breastfeeding for communities.*
Partner Review Summary Statement

ASPHN has a cooperative agreement with the CSTLTS and we are in the fourth year of a 5-year cooperative agreement. We freely share ideas and resources. We are in constant communication and it is a priority for both of us. Outside of administrative requirements that are made exclusively by CDC, we jointly make decisions. Our cooperative agreement funds come from DNPAO, Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, Division of Defects and Developmental Disabilities, and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.
ASPHN partnered with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to develop a Public Health Nutrition Certificate of Training. From June 2017 through January 2021 there were just over 1,500 registrations for the online certificate of training and about 150 people completed all five modules of the certificate of training and passed the final exam.
Partner Review Summary Statement

Accomplishment highlights:
• Children’s Healthy Weight CoIN project - 27 infographics
• Prepared and submitted a new, proposed National Performance Measure on Food and Nutrition Security
• Children’s Healthy Weight State Capacity Building Program cooperative agreement; 3 states (ND, OR, and WI) - working to integrate nutrition into their state Title V MCH Block Grant Services program
• Several HRSA-branded products have been developed (4 informational products
Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Grantees

Liaison: Sandy Perkins (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

Accomplishment highlights:
- ASPHN members were invited to join calls with MCH Nutrition Trainees
- MCH Nutrition Trainees were included in ASPHN student engagement
- Grantees disseminate information through ASPHN and ASPHN disseminates information about grantee sponsored events
- ASPHN to participate in planning for grantee sponsored events and projects
- Grantees to participate in planning for ASPHN sponsored events and projects
National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity

Liaisons: Sara Rogers, Michelle Futrell (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

Accomplishment highlights:

• Revised 2012 Model Nutrition Standards for “Grab-and-Go” Foods and Beverages Developed model comments on the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee’s Scientific Report implementation.
• Discussed Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR) strategy, recommendations and legislative champions
• Held Virtual Hill visits and created many sign-on letters to address inclusion of nutrition programs support in the various Covid relief funding packages and the American Jobs Plan
Partner Review Summary Statement

Building Resilient Inclusive Communities (BRIC) is a funding initiative for 20 states to promote healthy living and reduce social isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic. ASPHN was the only BRIC partner designated to contribute to two major deliverables within 6 months:

- Provide guidance and technical assistance to states around the BRIC Priority Nutrition Security
- Conduct a 20+ state emergency response plan reviews and report on the 4 Priority Area findings
NACDD/CDC SPAN Ambassador Program

Liaison: Shana Patterson Holland (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

This group, comprised of representatives from ASPHN, CDC and NACDD, is starting to focus attention on mental health and support measures as a result of the pandemic. ASPHNS's major contribution to this group is our State Support Calls for public health nutrition. We invited our state-level physical activity practitioners to join in Dec of 2019. These meeting platforms provide current and future reporting on collaborative ways that states have stretched limited funding to continue state level work.
National WIC Association

Liaison: Karen Probert (Executive Director)

Partner Review Summary Statement

Recruit NWA to serve on the advisory group for two ASPHN projects:
1) Clean Away COVID (includes PEHSU partner)
2) Learn the Signs Act Early – LTSAE project also referred to as WIC Developmental Monitoring.

The managers of these two projects have regular, on-going communication with NWA staff related to the projects.
HER/NOPRENS COVID (Schools) Working Group

Liaison: Shana Patterson Holland (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

NOPREN - The Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network is a multi-disciplinary research network based out of the Prevention Research Centers Program and created by CDC-DNPAO. Collaborative events:

• ASPHN presented - USDA FNS and AMS actions in COVID. By request, presented ASPHN work of at the NOPREN Annual Meeting
National Farm to School Network

Liaison: Emia Oppenheim (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

This partnership has resulted in successful TA being provided to 17 different farm to ECE teams over the course of 3 grantee programs and 3 grant years. For more information, go to: https://www.farmtoschool.org/
National Center on Health, Behavioral Health, and Safety (NCHBHS)

Liaison: Emia Oppenheim (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

NCHBHS was awarded to Education Development Center, Inc. with Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development in early 2021. NCHBHS includes a large, experienced, advisory committee from diverse health perspectives, including ASPHN, which is the only partner in the NCHBHS advisory committee representing nutrition and physical activity. ASPHN made sure that nutrition was included in discussions regarding health and safety needs for children under 6 during and post-COVID, in head start. ASPHN encouraged the center to consider nutrition and chronic disease prevention needs for head start staff.
Liaisons: Michele Kawabe

Partner Review Summary Statement

Partnership with NSSRI is beneficial in that it allows for a channel of communication regarding NSSRI updates/activities, and these activities impact the health of the public at large. Information was disseminated between ASPHN and NSSRI.
United States Breastfeeding Committee

Liaisons: Sarah Lisson, Robin Stanton, Kelli Stader, Jana Gach, Martha Hagen (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

USBC was an ASPHN subcontractor for CDC funding for the “Building Capacity to Increase Access to Breastfeeding Support Through a Collaborative Process” project. ASPHN signed on to multiple letter requests related to USBC policy priorities and legislative opportunities.
WIC DEVELOPMENT MONITORING PROJECT – LTSAE

Liaison: Amber Brown (Consultant)

Partner Review Summary Statement

ASPHN worked with CDC’s NBDDD to complete year 3 of the WIC Developmental Monitoring Project. During this time frame ASPHN worked with CDC to create virtual options for promoting developmental monitoring in WIC. For year 4 there are a total of 21 states in the project. There are monthly online trainings, a webpage for the project that is housed under the ASPHN website, and a newsletter, which also has a link to the ASPHN website.

https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html
WHAT ARE ASPHN MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS SAYING ABOUT THEIR ROLE AS LIAISONS?

The relationship between ASPHN and the MCH Nutrition Training Grantees is a very strong, mutually beneficial partnership. It is my pleasure to work with them.

ASPHN is the only partner in the NCHBHS advisory committee representing nutrition and physical. It is great that ASPHN was invited to participate.

Being a liaison encourages the building of close working relationships with ASPHN members and the members of the linked organization to assure continuity of vision and action.

ASPHN is an amazing and impactful professional organization.

Being an ASPHN liaison has afforded me many opportunities to become more engaged in USBC as a partner organization, while helping to bridge the gap that sometimes occurs between the breastfeeding and public health nutrition fields.

As an ASPHN liaison, I enjoy connecting ASPHN to professionals and ethnic and racial minority communities that could greatly benefit from ASPHN's programs, services and training opportunities.
Interested in the Collaboration Committee, becoming a Liaison or ASPHN Partner?

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