

ASPHN's FARMWISE Webinar Series



January 14th Webinar

CACFP Sponsor Organizations: Farm to ECE Champions and Partners

Speakers:

Kristin Hughes, Co-Executive Director/ Director of Education and Outreach, Food Chain

Leticia Marin, Director of Nutrition Services, Neighborhood House Association

Phillip Hester, President, Program Administrator, Our Daily Bread CACFP



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Fireside Chat Webinar

Goals

Better understand CACFP Sponsor Organizations

Appreciate CACFP Sponsor Organization as partners

Ideas on how to partner with CACFP Sponsor Organization

Agenda

Welcome

CACFP Sponsor Organization Introductions

Fireside Chat Questions -

- Where did it all begin?

- Describe success?

- Big challenges?

- How does CACFP help?

- Who are your partners?

- How to connect with state agencies?

- Goals?

Q & A from Attendees

Announcements





Kristin Hughes, Food Chain Kentucky





Introduction

A little bit about FoodChain

FoodChain is a non profit located in the heart of downtown Lexington, KY. Our mission is to forge links between our community and fresh food with education and demonstration of sustainable food systems. We do this by running an innovative indoor aquaponics farm, leading food literacy education projects, working with KY farmers for direct purchasing for our food access programs, centering equity and justice in all of our language, employment practices, and programming, and ensuring that community feedback is an essential component of all growth.



We partner with our local community to empower people to love food with innovative methods of direct food access, unique and accessible food literacy programming, and a one-of-a-kind indoor aquaponic farm. This is how we model a more sustainable food system.

2011

Founding



On October 19, 2011 Becca Self founded FoodChain.

2013

Fish



On March 29, 2013 the first fish were introduced into the aquaponics farm.

2017

Kitchen



Chat'n Chow, which began in 2015, led us to open our teaching and processing kitchen in 2017!

2019

SFSP & Shrimp



FoodChain began feeding kids in the summer through the USDA Summer Food Service Program AND installed our marine shrimp system!

2020

Nourish Lexington



On April 8, 2020 FoodChain, VisitLex, Keeneland, and the Murry Foundation established Nourish Lexington.

2023

B.U.F.F.



Bluegrass Urban Farm Friends: partnership with Seedleaf to provide urban ag programming.

Future

Growth



2024 looks to be an exciting year: we will finally be launching our Neighborhood Green Grocery Capital Campaign and breaking ground on the next space!

FoodChain weaves education through all of our programs; transparency and clear communication are part of our justice based approach



Our Vision & Mission



Vision

Long term goals of impacting the food landscape in Fayette Co as a whole, but prioritizing our northside neighborhood. This growth must be: equitable, sustainable, and include internal and external voices.



Community centered growth

At FoodChain we say, “We grow at the speed of trust.” The incentive for growth is not biggering for biggering sake, but growing as the capacity of the work, staff, system, and community allow and require. Growing bigger before prioritizing reliability, consistency, and transparency can lead to models that betray the trust of the community and misuse valuable resources.



THANKS

Farm tours every Saturday @ 1pm!

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**Leticia Marin,
Neighborhood House Association
California**





NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ASSOCIATION (NHA)



One of the largest and oldest non-profits in San Diego, CA



Nearly 30 social services programs



125 operating locations



Over 850 employees



One of the largest Head Start grantee (30 Head Start sites plus over 13 delegate sites)



NHA NUTRITION SERVICES



\$4.2M Budget



11,000 sq ft
facility



Over 1.2 million
meals annually



13 delivery
vehicles



30 Full Time
Employees



NHA NUTRITION SERVICES

Fresh, made from scratch meals

Menu is ethnically diverse

Customized products to accommodate children's needs

Local produce and baked goods

90% menu acceptance



WHAT MAKES US
UNIQUE?

Our menu

Produce tasting experiences

Edible gardens at sites

Cooking classes for HS
parents

Field trips to local gardens

Phillip Hester, Our Daily Bread CACFP Tennessee and Kentucky



Our Daily Bread CACFP Sponsoring Agency

Since 1995



- Team of 28 Members
- Childcare Centers
- Day Care Homes
- At-Risk Afterschool
- Adult Day Care
- Sponsor 610 Sites – TN and KY

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Services We Provide

- Nutrition Training and Technical Assistance
- Pre-Planned Creditable Menus
- The Link Magazine
- Breakfast Bulletin
- Early Educator Podcast
- Social Media Engagement
- Educator Portal



Team of Specialist

- Field Representatives
- Enrollment Specialist
- Reimbursement Specialist
- Program Managers
- IT Department
- Executive Team



Taking Root Together

Since 2015

- Over 125 Child Care Gardens
- 6,000 Children Participating
- Garden Education
- Garden Maintenance Tools
- Follow-up Technical Assistance



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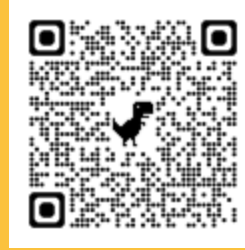
The Farm to ECE Webinars Continue



January 17, 2025

Hosted by ASPHN, NFSN and NCA

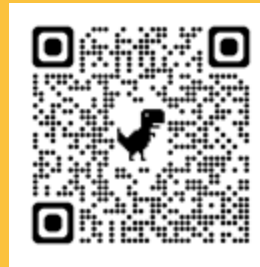
Local Food for Schools & Child Care Funding - Networking Call (Huddle Part II)



February 11, 2025

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Farm to ECE Funding: Farm to School Formula State Grants



The Farm to ECE Resources - Sign On

