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Grantee Announcements

- **BHC Grant Meeting **RESCHEDULED** to Thursday, October 28th at 1:30 p.m.**

This meeting has been moved back one week. Please mark your calendars and you will receive an agenda before the 28th.

- **The Big Help Grant Program**

The purpose of the Nickelodeon Big Help awards is to award grants to schools and community organizations that support projects that inspire kids to take care of the environment, lead active and healthy lives, engage in community service, or improve their educational experience.

Eligible schools and community-based organizations can apply for either a \$2,500 grant or a \$5,000 matching grant. To request \$5,000, an applicant must provide a dollar-to-dollar match (\$10,000+ total project budget). Elementary and middle schools grades K-9, and after-school community-based organizations with 501(c)(3) status serving kids ages 5-15 are eligible to apply.

Deadline: December 31, 2010 - [The Big Help Grant Program](#)

- **General Mills Champions for Healthy Kids**

General Mills Champions for Healthy Kids Sponsorships for 2011 are now available. Each year since the inception of the Champions for Healthy Kids program, the General Mills Foundation has awarded 50 grants of \$10,000 each to community-based groups that develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle.

For more information on how your school can apply for this sponsorship, please download the application form.

[Applications for 2011 Champions for Healthy Kids grants are available here.](#)

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BHC in the News

■ **Success Stories from Ottawa County**

Check out [this article](#) covering Walk to School day in Jenison.

Resources

■ **The November issue of [Preventing Chronic Disease \(PCD\)](#) is now available!**

Check out the Healthy Communities articles like: [Multisectoral Lessons from Healthy Communities](#)

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Safe Routes to School Coaching Action Network Webinar Series
Personal Security and Safe Routes to School

Thursday, October 26th 1pm

[Register Here](#)

Concerns about children's personal security can sometimes serve as a roadblock to developing a Safe Routes to School Program. What are the personal security issues that children may face when walking to school? Which issues are real problems and which ones are perceptions? How can parents and school communities address these concerns? This webinar will present an overview of personal security issues and statistics as well as strategies to address these issues. The webinar will also provide information on anti-bullying programs and share one school's first-hand experience in tackling bullying issues.

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2010 World Town Planning Day Online Conference focuses on Integrating Food Systems into the Planning Process

Monday, November 8th and

Tuesday, November 9th

This conference brings together leading practitioners and experts on the topic "Healthy People, Healthy Places, Healthy Planet: Integrating Food Systems into the Planning Process."

Learn more about the program/speakers and register at the conference website, <http://www.planningtheworld.net/>. Registration closes on Thursday, November 5th at midnight ET. Registration is available for the entire conference, by the day or by session.

Presentations will focus on answering the question, How should planners consider the food system to create healthy people, places and restore our planet? Sessions will provide examples of best practices from around the globe in order to promote discussion on the importance of integrating food systems into planning. What lessons can we learn from these experiences -- and from participants' own experiences?

Conference Topics

- Food Production – what, how, and at what cost to our environment? How to make and keep the food system sustainable?
- Connecting Food to Place – the relationship between food and our built environment
- Distribution of Food – globally, locally
- Healthy Consumption – how can planning influence the health of our communities?
- Planning Approaches To Food Production And Allocation

Questions? Email the Planning Committee at PlanningTheWorld@gmail.com.

2010 Michigan Community and School Gardeners Networking Meeting

Saturday, November 13th in Kalamazoo, Michigan

[Register here](#)

This annual event is an excellent opportunity to discuss the innovative community and school gardening work currently taking place around Michigan

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and Northern Ohio and facilitate the development of communication. See event flyer [here](#).

Access Past SEMCOG University Trainings [here](#)

Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC) Trainings

Trainings Listed [Here](#)

Webinars Listed [Here](#)

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