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BHC Grantee Announcements

- **MDCH/MNN Local Advisory Final Reports are Due October 4, 2010 to Christina Harvey.** Please see in separate attachment or at www.michigan.gov/healthycommunities.
- **Your datum are due.**

If you haven't already, please send your SOPARC, Trail/Park Surveys, Community Garden and Farmers Market data to Julian Reed, julian.reed@furman.edu

This datum should be turned in monthly.

Healthy Community Resources

- **FoodCorps- focus on obesity prevention through school gardening and farm to school programs.**

FoodCorps is a national AmeriCorps program that focuses on school food systems in high obesity, limited access rural and urban communities around the country. Service members will build and tend school gardens, conduct nutrition education, and facilitate Farm to School programming that brings local food into schools. The program will at once serve vulnerable children, improving access to healthy, affordable school meals, while also serving its service members by training a cadre of leaders for careers in food and agriculture.

They are currently accepting applications (**due September 17th**) to become **a host site for a FoodCorps member**. You and/or your partners may be interested, as public agencies qualify as acceptable host sites.

For more information [go here](#) or email Cecily Upton, cecily@food-corps.org

- **Safe Routes Coaching Action Network Webinar**
Tuesday September 28th, 1pm

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Looking Both Ways: Helping Parents and Educators Support Safe Walking and Bicycling

[Register Here](#)

Inspiring and empowering parents of would-be walkers can be a challenge. Join us for a webinar to learn how parents and educators can help support safe walking and bicycling. In this webinar, you'll find out what researchers learned from focus groups with parents of tweens and how it might be applied in your community. In addition to an overview of this study, the speakers will discuss new resources for marketing and how parents can assess and build their child's pedestrian safety skills. The webinar will also include a discussion of the new NHTSA Child Pedestrian Safety Curriculum which will be released soon.

This webinar is part of the Safe Routes to School Coaching Action Network Webinar Series, developed by America Walks and the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Access Past SEMCOG University Trainings [here](#)

Policy Approaches to Healthy Corner Stores Webinar

Tuesday, September 14, 2010, from 3:30-5:00pm EST

Planning for Healthy Places and the Healthy Corner Stores Network
Webinar: Register [Here](#)

Corner store advocates around the country are exploring how policy approaches could incentivize and sustain healthy changes in small stores. The authority of local governments to regulate land use and economic development and levy taxes lends itself to a number of promising policy interventions. Healthy corner store advocates across the country are currently developing a number of promising policy approaches. In some communities, new policies are being developed; in others, existing resources are being redirected to support healthy corner store work.

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First, we will provide a basic overview of how land use and economic development tools could be leveraged to require or incentivize healthy food offerings. Then advocates and planners from Seattle, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Minneapolis, and Philadelphia will share their innovative policy approaches to healthy corner stores work.

Competency & Capacity Building Virtual Summit: Evidence-based Practices and Strategies for Working with Vulnerable Populations

September 14, 15 & 16, 2010 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. EDT each day

Join us in a Virtual Summit to build our capacity to work with vulnerable populations in today's world. We will come together as experts and colleagues to learn more about key issues and research impacting our work, discuss effective practices and models, and identify ways to collaborate and continue the effort to advance our field and practice.

The Summit focus areas are:

- Growing Up Poor - Implications & Outcomes
- Economic Stress for Youth and Families
- Inclusive Programming – Reaching Out to the Whole Community
- Evidence-Based Strategies and Practices for Working With Vulnerable Populations

Registration is now open at:

<http://www.cyfernet.org/vs2010/registration/>

For more information, visit our website:

<http://www.cyfernet.org/vs2010/>

Sugar Sweetened Beverage Taxes and Fees: Webinar

Tuesday, September 21, 2010, 1:00pm EST

The National Policy and Legal Analysis Network to Prevent Childhood Obesity
More information is available [here](#)

A free webinar on the opportunity of using taxes or fees on sugar sweetened beverages (SSB) to generate revenue for obesity prevention and speakers will discuss the evidence supporting SSB regulation, the various tax/fee options, and prior efforts in this area.

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"Hide and Seek: Where is Your School and How Do You Get There?"

Thursday, September 23, 2010, 2:00pm EST

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center to Prevent Childhood Obesity:
Keeping Kids Moving: How Equitable Transportation Policy Can Reverse
Childhood Obesity Webinar Series

Register [Here](#)

Safe routes to school and school siting guidelines within the framework of broader sustainable community development will be discussed during this webinar. Experts will also offer effective tactics for community leaders, schools, and parents to help more children safely walk and bicycle to school.

"On the Go: Complete Streets and Public Transportation"

Thursday, October 7, 2010, 2:00pm EST

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center to Prevent Childhood Obesity:
Keeping Kids Moving: How Equitable Transportation Policy Can Reverse
Childhood Obesity Webinar Series

Register [Here](#)

This session will highlight strategies for effective advocacy and implementation of complete streets policies and offer advice for ensuring that access to public transportation and active living opportunities are equitably provided to all communities.

Planning Michigan 2010

October 20-23, 2010

Michigan Association of Planning's Annual Conference
Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center

Register [Here](#)

Featured speakers:

Kurt Metzger, director, Data Driven Detroit

Steve Tobocman, managing partner, New Solutions Group, LLC, and former state representative

Toni Griffin, Urban Planning and Design for the American City

John Austin, Brookings Institution, Co-Director, Great Lakes Economic Initiative

Phillip Cooley, Slows Bar B Q & O'Connor Development

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Mitchell Silver, AICP, PP, APA President-Elect, planning director, City of Raleigh

John Talmage, president, Social Compact

2010 Michigan Community and School Gardeners Networking Meeting

Saturday, November 13th in Kalamazoo Michigan

This annual event is an excellent opportunity to discuss the innovative community and school gardening work currently taking place around Michigan and Northern Ohio and facilitate the development of communication and resource networks between groups.

More information to come. Check for updates at www.miyouthandfood.msu.edu under the calendar and events tab!

Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC) Trainings

Trainings Listed [Here](#)

Webinars Listed [Here](#)

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