

Healthy Community Resources

■ New Grant for School Gardens

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced a new request for applications for a [People's Garden School Pilot Program](#) grant. One grantee will be selected to work with the FNS to develop community gardens at eligible high-poverty schools. FNS has put aside \$1 million for this initiative. The program will also evaluate the impact of school gardens, teach students about agriculture, diet, and nutrition, and provide fresh produce to the community. Applications are due by 5 PM EDT, November 8, 2010.

■ Safe Routes to School Legal Resources

New resources have been developed by the National Policy and Legal Analysis Network to Prevent Childhood Obesity to provide legal information on the common barriers to the Safe Routes to School program. Resources include fact sheets on liability and protecting volunteers, talking points, and more. These resources are available [here](#).

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Access Past SEMCOG University Trainings [here](#)

The Next Step: Taking the MI Good Food Charter to Policymakers
Tuesday, September 7th 12:00 – 1pm EST

Please [REGISTER](#) by Friday September 3rd, 2010
Webinar

Following up on the "Your Guide to the Michigan Good Food Charter" webinar in July, this webinar will discuss how to take the goals and agenda priorities in the [Michigan Good Food Charter](#) to candidates and policymakers. The webinar will cover what you need to know to approach both state and local level



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policymakers and where to start with different food policy issues, using specific examples from the charter.

Webinar Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions

Kathryn Colasanti, C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems at MSU

Approaching State Legislative Candidates and State Legislators

Jean Doss, J. Doss Consulting, LLC

Approaching Local Appointed and Elected Officials

Guy Williams, G.O. Williams & Associates, LLC

Q&A and Discussion

If you haven't already, Check out the Michigan Good Food Charter [here](#).

ProWalk/ProBike 2010

September 13-17, 2010

The National Center for Bicycling & Walking
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Information and Registration [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

Come and explore Detroit's Eastern Market, Dequindre Cut, and Midtown, to name just a few of the mobile workshops planned.

2010 Michigan Community and School Gardeners Networking Meeting

Saturday, November 13th in Kalamazoo Michigan

This is 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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