



Year in Review 2022





Florida Advocacy Days

Working with the Florida United Methodist Church and African Methodist Episcopal Church, 11th District, we organized year-round, statewide Florida Advocacy Days training events aimed to amplify the voices of community advocates in our state legislature.

To learn more, please visit:
www.flumc.org/floridaadvocacyday

Florida Healthy Retail (FHR)

We continued increasing access to fresh, healthy foods in Miami Gardens and surrounding communities with the City of Miami Gardens and the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) grant from the CDC. This year, as part of FHR, we expanded our mission with the Homestead Food Access Coalition and Healthy Checkout.

To learn more, please visit:
www.floridahealthyretail.org



Farm to Leon County Schools

With a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm to School grant and a plethora of amazing community partners, we received a second Farm to School grant from USDA for the Leon County Schools program at Fort Braden Elementary School in Tallahassee. By bridging the gap between local farmers and school cafeterias, we aim to tackle rising obesity rates and ensure that school meals benefit children, schools, and local farmers.

To learn more, please visit:
www.farmtolcs.org





Summer BreakSpot Expansion

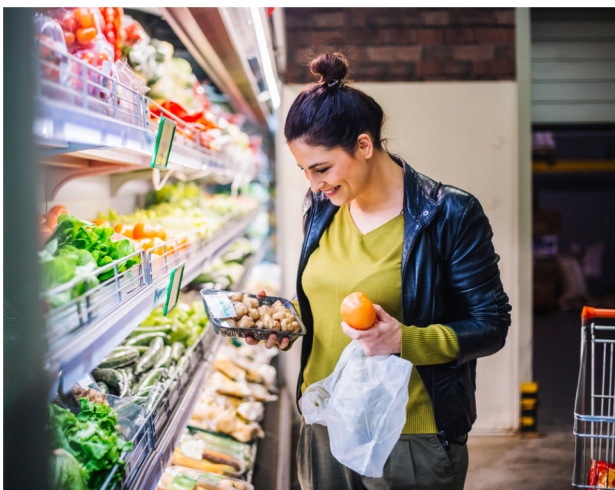
Using funding from the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), we continue to assist and provide outreach for Summer BreakSpot. This leads to children in counties across the state getting fed free, nutritious meals while school was out.

To learn more, please visit:
www.summerbreakspot.org

Finding Inspiration Together (FIT)

The Finding Inspiration Together (FIT) project aims to provide free virtual courses on nutrition, exercise, and mindful activities to kids who are out of school.

To learn more, please visit:
www.floridaimpact.org/fit



Central Florida Alliance to End Hunger

We co-lead the Central Florida Alliance to End Hunger in which several organizations in Central Florida come together monthly to discuss ways to bridge the gaps on the local level to ensure the health and wellbeing of those who are struggling with food insecurity and are in need of other resources to help them move beyond their current situation.

Community Eligibility Program (CEP)

We helped facilitate conversations around CEP. This helped two school districts with high poverty schools to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications.



Community SNAP Engagement (CSE)

With funding through a grant from the Center for Science in the Public Interest and some fantastic statewide partnerships which included Florida Policy Institute, Central Florida Alliance to End Hunger, Concerned African Women Inc., Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger, and Whole Child Leon, we led the statewide Community SNAP Engagement (CSE) project.

Homestead Food Access Coalition (HFAC)

Homestead Food Access Coalition, which is made up of local leaders in the Homestead area, met until March 2022 to share thoughts, concerns, and ideas around helping the local community have better access to affordable, nutritious food. These efforts created recommendations for City and County leadership.

To learn more, please visit:
www.floridahealthyretail.org/coalition





Madison Food Access Coalition (MFAC)

We implemented the Madison Food Access Coalition with community partners, which is made up of local leaders in the Madison County area. The group regularly meets to share thoughts, concerns, and ideas around helping the local community have better access to affordable, nutritious food.

To learn more, please visit:
www.floridahealthyretail.org/madison

Returning Citizens SNAP Bill

We collaborated with Bread for the World, Florida Policy Institute, Operation New Hope and other community partners to support a new bill for returning citizens that would allow those with drug trafficking offenses to qualify for SNAP. HB 6079/SB 762 lifts the outdated 'War on Drugs' era state ban on SNAP and TANF for people who have served their time for past drug trafficking convictions. Rep. Vance Alopious and Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez have sponsored this legislation. The move would reduce these individuals' chances of reincarceration, help ensure a smoother transition into their communities, and save millions in taxpayer dollars.



Statewide Food Recovery Project

We continue to collaborate with MEANS Database, UF/IFAS, and other community partners as a founding partner of the Statewide Food Recovery Team. Together we look for edible food in communities from schools, hospitals, restaurants, and other places that would otherwise go to waste and redistribute to feed people in need in their community.



Healthy Checkout

Healthy Checkout addresses the lack of nutritious choices in the checkout line. Research shows that in-store marketing induces impulse buys, and we think large retailers should take on the responsibility to shift that marketing to healthier choices. Healthy Checkout policies seek to improve nutritional quality in the checkout areas of large retail stores. This holds stores accountable for the health and wellbeing of customers.

Central Florida, South Florida, & North Florida Hunger Call Series

In celebration of September as "National Hunger Action Month," Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in conjunction with Florida Impact To End Hunger, partnered to co-host a Statewide Hunger Call Series. Advocates from around the region came together for the virtual event to listen, hear success stories, identify current trends and recognize those on the frontlines making a difference in our state's fight against hunger.



GEMS (Getting Empowered Matters)

GEMS is aimed at equipping youth in low-income communities with tools and resources that mitigate barriers associated with hunger, access, and opportunity. Youth learn about community asset building, advocacy, food systems, food justice, career development, nutrition, and other topics.



SNAP Messaging Campaign

In partnership with FRAC, Central Florida Alliance to End Hunger, and Urban Health Partnerships, Florida Impact is working to amplify the message of the power of SNAP and how it helps communities statewide in SNAP Feeds Our Community Campaign.

To learn more, please visit:
SNAPFeeds.US

Florida for Fresh Access

In partnership with Voices for Healthy Kids, Feeding Florida, Hebni, Florida Policy Institute, and Urban Health Partnerships, Florida Impact is working to expand the Fresh Access Bucks program through a joint campaign called "Florida for Fresh Access".



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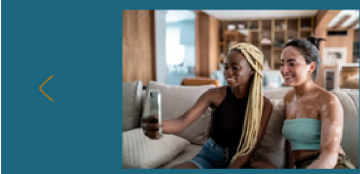
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Our voice in the media

This year our team was featured in two op-eds. Our President/CEO Kim Johnson had a guest piece in the Tallahassee Democrat calling to reinstate the expanded versions of the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit, saying "We can't turn back now. Hungry families can't wait." Our Regional Project Coordinator Asheena Moses had a guest piece in the Orlando Sentinel celebrating the success of the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health! Visit the link under each photo to the left to read the op-eds.



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CELEBRATION OF THE HANDS
MARCH 26-31, 2023

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Attn: Community Relations - Children's Week
2630 N. Monroe Street, Bldg. C, Ste. 300
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Be sure to mail artwork before:
FRIDAY MARCH 10, 2023

For More Information: info@childrensweek.org | 850-487-4300

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The multiplier effect of SNAP: Every dollar spent equals \$1.50 to \$1.80 in total economic activity.
<https://t.co/BKpCr9iNav>

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Fri Oct 20 2022

Farm to School Internship Alert! We are currently looking for two interns to help with the Farm to Fort project (<https://t.co/2QdX67X1f>) from now until end of May 2023. Interested? Visit <https://t.co/dixVTN4hU> to learn more and apply. <https://t.co/boMvFKq5>

EARLYCARE

A "Virtual Coach" for Parents and Caregivers

Delivering health and educational guidance to care for children from birth through age 6, on topics such as:

- Caring for Baby
- Language/Nutrition
- Lifestyle & Wellness
- Growth & Development

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FLORIDA IMPACT TO END HUNGER

AFTERSCHOOL MEALS

The AfterSchool Meals Program (ASMP) is a federal nutrition program that offers supplemental nutritious meals and supports served to eligible afterschool activity sites in areas where children are experiencing economic hardship. Meals can be served to children ages 18 and under who are not in school on that day. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered in Florida by the Department of Health, Bureau of Child Care Food Programs (BCCFP).

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COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a federal nutrition program for schools and school districts in high-poverty areas. CEP allows the nation's highest-poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch to all or most of its eligible students without requiring individual applications. Instead, school and district CEP are combined using a formula based on the percentage of students receiving eligible free meals based on their participation in other specific meal-related programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

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FARM TO LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Unfortunately, many children don't have access to proper food and nutrition education. Learning about food and nutrition is an important part of a child's health and well-being. The Florida Department of Agriculture (FDACS) offers a grant program to support school districts in creating and expanding farm-to-school programs. With the use of these grants, school districts can purchase fresh produce from local farmers to bring the nutrition to their schools. From making connections with local producers, to setting up school gardens, to teaching kids healthy recipes, to setting food bars and getting some nutrition learning opportunities from farm-to-school programs, our goal is to help bring healthy and nutritious food to school kids. We're looking for school districts that are interested in applying for our grant. If you're interested, please contact us at ce@floridaimpact.org or call us at 904-243-1111.

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FLORIDA HEALTHY RETAIL

In 2018, Florida Impact to End Hunger opened a new chapter in its work to fight hunger by launching a healthy corner store concept in Miami-Dade County. Healthy corner stores represent an opportunity to bring higher-quality foods to the most food-insecure communities in the state. These stores are not only accessible to their primary source of food, but they also offer a variety of fresh produce, including fruits and vegetables, and other nutritious items. These stores are also open to the public, providing a safe and healthy environment for all. By offering fresh produce and other nutritious items, these stores are helping to improve the health and well-being of the communities they serve. For more information, please contact us at ce@floridaimpact.org or call us at 904-243-1111.

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SNAP COALITION

The National Food Access Coalition (NFAC) is a coalition of food access advocates across the country. The coalition works to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable, nutritious, and safe food. The coalition is currently working on several initiatives, including:

- Advocating for the expansion of SNAP benefits to more states.
- Working to improve the quality of SNAP benefits.
- Supporting local food systems and farmers.
- Providing technical assistance to food access advocates.

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SCHOOL BREAKFAST

The National School Breakfast Program (NSBP) is a federal nutrition program that provides a nutritious breakfast to eligible children in schools. The program is currently facing challenges, including funding cuts and eligibility restrictions. Florida Impact to End Hunger is working to ensure that all children have access to a nutritious breakfast. We are currently working on several initiatives, including:

- Advocating for the expansion of the NSBP to more states.
- Working to improve the quality of the NSBP.
- Supporting local food systems and farmers.
- Providing technical assistance to school breakfast programs.

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COMMUNITY SNAP ENGAGEMENT

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federal nutrition program that provides a nutritious meal to eligible individuals and families. The program is currently facing challenges, including funding cuts and eligibility restrictions. Florida Impact to End Hunger is working to ensure that all individuals and families have access to a nutritious meal. We are currently working on several initiatives, including:

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- Providing technical assistance to SNAP programs.

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SNAP FEEDS US

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients already know the importance of the program. But how do we ensure that the public is aware of the public on the local level? For example, did you know that SNAP can sometimes save you the admission to museum?

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FINDING INSPIRATION TOGETHER (FIT)

The Finding Inspiration Together (FIT) program aims to provide free meal services to children, teens, and adults who are in need. The program is currently working on several initiatives, including:

- Advocating for the expansion of the FIT program to more states.
- Working to improve the quality of the FIT program.
- Supporting local food systems and farmers.
- Providing technical assistance to FIT programs.

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HEALTHY CHECKOUT

Mount Goodness Healthy Checkout addresses the lack of nutritious choices in the checkout line. Research shows that most marketing dollars go to the checkout line, and the large amount of marketing dollars going to the checkout line is a barrier to healthy choices. Healthy Checkout policies seek to improve nutritional quality in the checkout lines of large retailers, such as the checkout lines of grocery stores, health and wellness of consumers. It is about providing a safe and healthy environment for all. By offering fresh produce and other nutritious items, these stores are helping to improve the health and well-being of the communities they serve. For more information, please contact us at ce@floridaimpact.org or call us at 904-243-1111.

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FAMILY DINNER TABLE PROJECT

Family Dinner Table Project (FDT) is a program that provides a nutritious meal to eligible families. The program is currently working on several initiatives, including:

- Advocating for the expansion of the FDT program to more states.
- Working to improve the quality of the FDT program.
- Supporting local food systems and farmers.
- Providing technical assistance to FDT programs.

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FLORIDA FOR FRESH ACCESS

Florida's Fresh Access is a legislative initiative in partnership with Feeding Florida. The goal is to ensure that all Floridians have access to fresh, nutritious food. The program is currently working on several initiatives, including:

- Advocating for the expansion of the Fresh Access program to more states.
- Working to improve the quality of the Fresh Access program.
- Supporting local food systems and farmers.
- Providing technical assistance to Fresh Access programs.

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SUMMER BREAKFAST

There are thousands of Summer Breakfast sites around the state that provide free meals and snacks to children and teens. The program is currently working on several initiatives, including:

- Advocating for the expansion of the Summer Breakfast program to more states.
- Working to improve the quality of the Summer Breakfast program.
- Supporting local food systems and farmers.
- Providing technical assistance to Summer Breakfast programs.

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