

***Eighth Annual MFANN
Fighting Hunger in Maryland Conference: Meals Matter***

Conference Schedule

Location: Maryland State House Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

8:30-9:00 a.m. Registration, Breakfast, and Networking

Baltimore County Meeting Room, #180

9:00-9:15 a.m. Opening Remarks

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- Michael J. Wilson, Director, Maryland Hunger Solutions
- Jim Weill, President, Food Research & Action Center

9:15-10:00 a.m. Plenary Session

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- Plenary Speaker: Pat Dombroski, USDA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator

10:15 -11:15 a.m. Workshop Sessions – Block 1

- Workshop 1— Nutrition Matters:
The Importance of Federal Nutrition Programs and Nutrition Requirements for Youth to Thrive
Prince George’s County Meeting Room, #150
 - Beth Brewster, Supervisor of Food Services, Caroline County Public Schools
 - Marla LeTourneau, Area Specialist for Anne Arundel County Public Schools
 - Dr. Keith Ayoob, Associate Clinical Professor, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
 - Facilitator — Nicete Moodie, Youth Program Specialist, American Dairy Association North East
- Workshop 2 — SNAP Matters:
Connecting and Serving Vulnerable Populations with SNAP: Seniors, Formerly Incarcerated Individuals, and Immigrants
Baltimore City Meeting Room, #145
 - Carlos Bolanos, Program Coordinator, Seedco
 - Nikki Thompson, Senior Policy Advocate, Job Opportunities Task Force
 - JD Robinson, SNAP Outreach Coordinator, Maryland Hunger Solutions
 - Facilitator — David Clements, Executive Director and Founder, Advocates for Fathers, Inc.

11:25 a.m.-12:25 p.m. Workshop Sessions – Block 2

- **Workshop 1 — Farmers Matter:**
Food Security and Farming in Maryland: Opportunities for Advocacy
Prince George’s County Meeting Room, #150
 - Margaret Morgan-Hubbard, Founder and CEO, ECO City Farms
 - Adwoa Muhammad, Farmer, ECO City Farms
 - Alicia LaPorte, Campaign Manager, Fair Farms Maryland
 - Facilitator —Lorig Charkoudian, Executive Director, Community Mediation, MD

- **Workshop 2 — Collaboration Matters:**
Best Practice Model: Montgomery County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services Team —
Meals Matter in MoCo! (Talk Show Format)
Anne Arundel Meeting Room, #142
 - Susan McCarron, Director, Division of Food and Nutrition Services
 - Jeanie Dawson, Director, Leadership and Management Development
 - Barbara Harral, Assistant Director, Food and Nutrition Services
 - Erin Kvach, Food Services Supervisor, Special Programs Supervisor and Trainer/Summer Programs
 - Bob Waldecker, Operations Supervisor, Food Services Warehouse
 - Terry Tenly, Logistics Specialist, Food Services, Warehouse
 - Jeff Davidson, Supervisor of IT Systems
 - Vanessa Anderson, IT Systems Technician
 - Kathy Kim, Fiscal Specialist
 - Dennis Hackett, School Based Supervisor
 - Mary Kirkland, School-Based Supervisor
 - Laura Hayslett, Administrative Secretary
 - Susan Ault and Loretta Taylor, Central Production Facility
 - Tammy Kirby-Loukota, Cafeteria Manager
 - Shanta Nanan, Cafeteria Manager

- **Workshop 3 — Advocacy Matters:**
Federal, State, and Local Advocacy Opportunities and Strategies
Baltimore City Meeting Room, #145
 - Ellen Teller, Legislative Director, FRAC
 - Matt Quinlan, Public Policy Manager, Family League of Baltimore
 - Hon. Maryland State Senator Richard Madaleno (invited)
 - Facilitator — Chloe Marshall, Maryland Advocacy & Outreach Coordinator, Capital Area Food Bank

12:35-1:45 p.m. Annual Awards Lunch

Baltimore County Meeting Room, #180

2018 Awardees

- Hon. Maryland State Delegate Eric Luedtke
- Samantha Zwerling, Former Chief of Staff, Office of Maryland State Senator Richard Madaleno
- Laurie Taylor Mitchell, Local School and Community Activist, Baltimore County
- Brian Ralph, Food and Nutrition Services Director, Howard County Public Schools

2:00-3:00 p.m. Workshop Sessions – Block 3

- Workshop 1 — Budgets Matter:
Understanding the Maryland State Budget and How to Advocate for Change
Prince George's County Meeting Room, #150
 - Ben Orr, Executive Director, Maryland Center on Economic Policy
 - Regan Vaughan, Director of Advocacy, Catholic Charities
 - Hon. State Delegate Mary Washington
 - Facilitator — Eric Bryant, Esquire, Rifkin Weiner Livingston LLC
- Workshop 2 — Government Matters:
Representatives from federal and state agencies share program information and tips on how to engage as partners and advocates
Baltimore City Meeting Room, #145
 - Eric Ratchford, SNAP Director, USDA Mid-Atlantic Region
 - Netsanet Kibret, Executive Director, Family Investment Administration, Maryland State Department of Human Services
 - Sarah Booker, Child Care Nutrition Education Specialist, Maryland State Department of Education
 - Jennifer Wilson, Maryland State WIC Director
 - Facilitator — Michael J. Wilson, Director, Maryland Hunger Solutions

3:10-4:30 p.m. Roundtable Discussions (Select 2)

- Table 1 – Engaging Older Youth in the Child Nutrition Programs
Anne Arundel Meeting Room, #142
 - Kristen Sudzina, Assistant Supervisor of Food and Nutrition, Harford County Public Schools
 - Danielle Arcadia Gibb, Senior Program Specialist – Community Nutrition Programs, USDA
- Table 2 – How Community Health Workers Address Food Insecurity: A Best Practice Model
Western Maryland Meeting Room, #406
 - Lucia Zegarra, Director of Community Health Programs, Community Health and Empowerment through Education and Research (CHEER)
- Table 3 – The Federal Nutrition Programs and Disaster & Community Preparedness
Judiciary Committee Meeting Room, #100
 - Holly Freishtat, Food Policy Director, City of Baltimore

- Eric Ratchford, SNAP Director, USDA Mid-Atlantic Region
- Table 4 – Reducing Barriers to Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs
Southern Maryland Meeting Room, #318
 - Melissa Moore, Program Director of Food Access, Family League of Baltimore
 - Zanika Ghee, Director of Youth Programs, Maryland Food Bank
- Table 5 – Raising Awareness Of Food Insecurity with Policymakers through the Media
Howard County Meeting Room, #218
 - Emily Pickren, Senior Communications Manager, FRAC
 - Kali Schumitz, Director of Communications and Partner Engagement, Maryland Center on Economic Policy
- Table 6 – Understanding Food Access for Low-Income Marylanders with Disabilities
Harford County Meeting Room, #302
 - Dr. Abby Wilkerson, George Washington University
- Table 7 – Using Mapping Tools and Resources to Combat Food Insecurity
Baltimore City Meeting Room, #145
 - Erica Russell, Senior Manager–Community Impact, United Way of the National Capital Area
- Table 8 – Understanding the Proposed Public Charge Rule
Prince George’s County Meeting Room, #150
 - Alex Ashbrook, Director of Special Projects and Initiatives, FRAC
- Table 9 – Innovation in Retail – Nonprofit Salvation Army Grocery Store
Eastern Shore Meeting Room, #431
 - Major Gene Hogg, Commander, The Salvation Army

4:30-5:15 p.m. Closing Wine & Jazz Reception

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