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# ***What's the Solution to Hunger?*** ***Conference Schedule***

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# Conference Schedule

- 8:30 – 9:00**      **Registration, Breakfast, and Networking**
- 9:00 – 9:15**      **Opening Remarks**  
Michael J. Wilson, Director, Maryland Hunger Solutions
- 9:15 – 9:30**      **Food Insecurity Among Adolescents in Baltimore City**  
Joni Holifield, Founder, HeartSmiles  
Ty Waples, Baltimore City Adolescent
- 9:30 – 10:00**    **Keynote Speaker**  
Deborah Weinstein, Executive Director, Coalition on Human Needs
- 10:10 – 11:10**    **Workshop Session - Block 1**
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- 11:20 – 12:20**    **Workshop Session - Block 2**
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- 12:30 – 1:45**      **Lunch and Awards**
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  - Hunger Partner Award- Dr. Susan Gross
  - Public Servant Award - Labelle Hillgrove
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- 3:15 – 4:30**      **Closing Remarks and Door Prizes**  
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# Session Descriptions and Speakers

## 9:00 – 9:15 Opening Remarks

*Baltimore County Meeting Room, #180*



- **Michael J. Wilson, Director, Maryland Hunger Solutions**

Michael is the director of Maryland Hunger Solutions, where he works to end hunger and improve the nutrition, health, economic security, and well-being of low-income families in Maryland. Michael chairs the Maryland Food Access and Nutrition Network (MFANN), and previously served on the Board of the Food Research and Action Center, and Director of the Legislative and Political Department of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW).

## 9:15 – 9:30

### Food Insecurity Among Adolescents in Baltimore City

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- **Joni Holifield, Founder, HeartSmiles**

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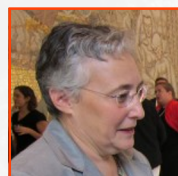


- **Ty Waples, Baltimore City Adolescent**

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## 9:30 – 10:00 Keynote Speaker

*Baltimore County Meeting Room, #180*



- **Deborah Weinstein, Executive Director, Coalition on Human Needs**

Deborah Weinstein is executive director at the Coalition on Human Needs. She has a Master of Social Work degree from San Diego State University. In her four decades of advocacy experience, she has worked on a wide range of issues at both the state and federal level including policy strategies to lift children and their families out of poverty, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), child support, jobs and wages, housing, nutrition, unemployment insurance, and equitable tax policy.

## 10:10 – 11:10 Workshop Session - Block 1

- **Option A – Market Solutions: How Can Farmers Markets Address Food Insecurity?**

*Prince George's County Meeting Room, #150*

Participants will gain an understanding of the ongoing work to address hunger with farmers markets as catalysts — leading to broader, more holistic coalitions that work not only to provide food access, but tackle other barriers as well, such as economic opportunities and equity.



- **Eric Ratchford, SNAP Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture Mid-Atlantic Region**

Eric Ratchford is the Regional SNAP Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For more than a dozen years he has served in numerous capacities at USDA, and now oversees the SNAP program in Maryland, Virginia, D.C., West Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Puerto Rico.



- **Amy Crone, Founder & Executive Director, Maryland Farmers Market Association**

Amy Crone is the Founder & Executive Director of the nonprofit Maryland Farmers Market Association ("MDFMA"). MDFMA implements a statewide farmers market matching program, Maryland Market Money, which since 2013 has provided more than \$700,000 in funding to increase food access and farmer sales. Amy also managed MarketLink, a nationwide initiative through the National Association of Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (NAFMNP) to provide equipment and support to farmers and markets in order to increase the acceptance of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).



- **Christine Balch, Executive Director, Crossroads Community Network**

Christie Balch is the Executive Director of the Crossroads Community Food Network, which seeks to improve access to fresh, local, healthy food through innovative programs and models mutually supportive of those who grow our food and those who eat it. Crossroads is nationally known as the first farmers market in the country to double the value of federal nutrition benefits spent at market. Before joining Crossroads in 2013, Christie worked as a Program Coordinator for the University of Maryland Extension, developing new community food projects in Maryland and Afghanistan.

• **Option B – School Solutions: How Well do you Know School Meals?**

*Anne Arundel County Meeting Room, #142*

This panel will lead a dynamic discussion about the nutritional value of school meals, with a presentation from the renowned Dayle Hayes, MS, RD and local school nutrition staff from around Maryland. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of the nutritional requirements of school meals, the health value, and the link between school breakfast and academic success. The presenters also will share some of their marketing strategies that have helped to increase school meals participation.



• **Nicete Moodie, Youth Programs Specialist, American Dairy Association Northeast**  
Nicete Moodie has over seven years of experience working on food access and federal nutrition programs for the state of Maryland. In her current role as Youth Program Specialist for American Dairy Association North East, Ms. Moodie works to connect more students to school meals and ultimately improve students' academic performance by focusing on the learning connection between physical activity and nutrition.



• **Dayle Hayes, MS, RD, President, Nutrition for the Future, Inc.**

Dayle Hayes is an award-winning author and educator. As a parent and member of the School Nutrition Association (SNA), Dayle has dedicated decades to making school environments healthy for students and staff. She collected success stories for Making It Happen; co-authored the 2014 Position of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: Nutrition Guidance for Healthy Children Ages 2 to 11 Years; and was lead author for the 2018 Joint Position and Practice Papers: Comprehensive Nutrition Programs and Services in Schools.



• **Eric T. Goslee, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Wicomico County Public Schools**

Eric Goslee has been the Director of Food and Nutrition Services at Wicomico County Public Schools for the past nine years. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Before working in his current position, Eric managed food service operations for various private, health care and university dining service companies.



• **Michelle Kim, Food & Nutrition Services Supervisor, Montgomery County Public Schools**

Michelle Kim is a Food & Nutrition Services Supervisor at Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) where she supervises 29 K-12 cafeterias. She began her career at MCPS five years ago and enjoys developing exciting new recipes for students and staff.



• **Kevin Carifil, Food & Nutrition Services Supervisor, Montgomery County Public Schools**

Kevin Carifi is a Food & Nutrition Services Supervisor at Montgomery County Public Schools (MSPS) and oversees 27 cafeteria operations. He began working for the county in 2018 and is currently a committee member for Menu Council, New Product Concepts, and Recruitment of Substitute Cafeteria Workers.

• **Option C – Healthcare Solutions: SNAP, Health, and Food as Medicine**

*Baltimore City Meeting Room, #145*

Federal nutrition programs, like SNAP and WIC, exist to help individuals meet their basic needs, which in turn improves health outcomes, but these programs are seriously underused. This session will explore how federal nutrition programs address the social determinants of health; provide best practices for increasing awareness, and ways to reduce barriers to enrollment in public benefits programs. Policy solutions to increase SNAP's impact on the social determinants of health also will be shared.



• **David Clements, Executive Director and Founder, House of David**

David Clements is an Assistant Professor at the Community College of Baltimore County, where he delivers instruction in various business courses and leads the Male Student Success Initiative. He is currently a doctoral candidate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology and sits on the advisory committee of Maryland Hunger Solutions.



• **Maisha Davis, Director, Social Work and Outreach, Chase Brexton**

For more than twenty years, Maisha Davis has shared key social work abilities with families, youth, communities, human services professionals, and organizations that serve vulnerable populations. In her most recent role as a social work administrator, Ms. Davis focuses on developing professionals and programs, arming both with critical tools needed to instill hope and promote healing, in an environment that upholds responsible and accountable stewardship.



• **Benjamin Fulgencio-Turner, Director, Coverage & Connections Primary Care Coalition**

Ben Fulgencio-Turner is the Director of Coverage & Connections at the Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County (PCC). He develops and coordinates partnerships between health care providers, local government, and community organizations, aiming to address non-clinical determinants of health. Ben is a member of the Montgomery County Food Council and works with partners across sectors to address food insecurity and improve health outcomes.



• **Bridget Gibbons, Engagement Manager, Benefits Data Trust**

Bridget Gibbons has spent her career advocating for better access to social services, including affordable housing and public benefits. For nearly four years at Benefits Data Trust (BDT), Bridget has developed partnerships and helped implement outreach projects to help tens of thousands of families across the country enroll in critical public benefits, which have been proven to improve health outcomes and economic security. Bridget holds a BA in Political Science and an MPA with a focus in Urban and Social Policy.

## • Option D – Adolescent Solutions: Addressing Food Insecurity for Older Youth

### *Ways and Means Meeting Room, #130*

Food insecurity is a common experience of young people in undeserved communities in Maryland. According to a recent qualitative study among young people ages 14–19 years old, current food assistance programs are not meeting these young people's needs, and as a consequence, adolescents from low-income households are engaging in high-risk behaviors to get money for food. In an effort to address this issue, this panel will share a blueprint to bring about a shared vision and an actionable roadmap for ending hunger and food insecurity among this vulnerable age group.



- **Kristin Mmari, DrPH, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Population, Family, and Reproductive Health**

Dr. Kristin Mmari is an Associate Professor in the Department of Population, Family, and Reproductive Health and co-Chair of the Risks to Adolescent Health focal area of the Bloomberg American Health Initiative. She specializes in conducting mixed methods and evaluation research among vulnerable adolescents in urban areas, both domestically and internationally.



- **Susan M. Gross, PhD, MPH, RD, LDN, Assistant Scientist, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health**

Dr. Gross is a specialist in maternal and child nutrition. She received her Master's in Public Health from San Diego State University and her Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Maternal and Child Health from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and Hygiene. She completed an NIH Post-doctoral fellowship in disability research at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. She has been a registered dietitian since 1987 and has been licensed in Maryland since June 2008.



- **Kaitlyn Harper, M.A. M.Sc., Doctoral Student, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of International Health**

Kaitlyn Harper is a second-year doctoral student in the Department of International Health. Her research focuses on improving food access through changes to the urban food environment, she is particularly interested in improving food security for young people in Baltimore City.



- **Joni Holifield, Founder, HeartSmiles**

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## 11:20 – 12:20 Workshop Session - Block 2

### • Option E: Immigration Solutions: Challenges and Responses in Policy and Food Insecurity

#### *Baltimore City Meeting Room, #145*

Low-income Immigrant families are facing increased challenges in participating in federal nutrition programs to meet their needs for health and well-being, even if they are eligible. This panel will discuss the public charge ruling, the chilling effect it has had on the immigrant community, and how to fight back.



- **Amanda Neshor, Food Security Programs Manager, Montgomery County Food Council**

Amanda manages and coordinates the implementation of the Food Council's Food Security Plan initiatives, which aim to build a Montgomery County in which all people have access to safe, sufficient, and nutritious food, with dignity. Prior to this position, she worked as the Legislative Associate for anti-hunger nonprofit MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, where she advocated to protect and strengthen the federal nutrition safety net, with particular emphasis on the food security needs for veterans and military families.



- **Alex Ashbrook, Director of Special Projects and Initiative, Food Research & Action Center**

Alex Ashbrook is the Director of Special Projects and Initiatives at the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), where she works to implement cross-program projects and drive new nutrition and anti-hunger strategic initiatives. Alex received her J.D. and LL.M. from the Georgetown University Law Center and her B.A. from Haverford College.



- **Carlos Bolanos, Program Coordinator, Seedco**

Carlos Bolanos is a Program Coordinator for the EarnBenefits program in Baltimore, MD. Carlos has served Hispanic communities in East Baltimore for the past five years where he has helped connect families to essential benefits.



- **Tiffany Nelms, Executive Director, Asylee Women Enterprise**

Tiffany Nelms is the Executive Director of Asylee Women Enterprise, also known as AWE. AWE provides holistic services to asylum seekers and other forced migrants.

- **Option F: Mobile Solutions: Food Access and the Future of Delivery Methods**

*Anne Arundel Meeting Room, #142*

The food delivery landscape is changing with the rise of delivery services for meals and produce. This panel will focus on how these methods can be used to address food insecurity and improve nutrition, and provide community connections.



- **Nye'sha Patrick, Chief of Staff, Office of Del. Lesley Lopez**

Nye'sha Patrick is a 27 years old young professional and aspiring lawyer. She is currently attending the University of Baltimore for a degree in Government & Public policy and serves as Chief of Staff to Delegate Leslie Lopez of Montgomery County.



- **Nick Kirley, MBA, PMP, Deputy Executive Director of Operations, Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc.**

Nick Kirley, MBA, PMP, is an operations executive with 22 years of experience managing business units and companies in the retail, foodservice, transportation, and nonprofit sectors. He maximizes service delivery and impact through systems, data-driven solutions, and continuous process improvement.



- **James Zoller, Program Manager, Roving Radish**

James Zoller is the Agricultural Coordinator for Howard County, working out of the Office of Community Sustainability. He works on both agricultural and food projects for the county and has been running Howard County's successful Roving Radish program since its start in 2013.



- **Evan Lutz, CEO and Founder, Hungry Harvest**

Evan Lutz is a 26 -year-old social entrepreneur from Baltimore, Maryland who is passionate about food justice, entrepreneurship, and the Baltimore Ravens. He's a frequent guest on NPR, the Washington Post, and Baltimore News stations. He's been recognized in Forbes 30 under 30 in the social entrepreneurship category, Baltimore's 40 under 40, and Montgomery County Emerging Business of the Year Award.

- **Option G: Advocacy Solutions: Speaking Truth to Power and Informing the Process**

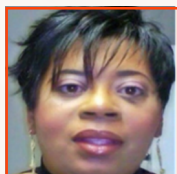
*Ways and Means Meeting Room, #130*

Citizen advocates will share their experiences and motivations to inform and encourage participants to maximize engagement in the various forms of advocacy. They will share their experiences as advocates and activists.



- **Alice Huang, Food Access Planner, Baltimore City Department of Planning, Baltimore Food Policy Initiative**

Alice Huang is a Food Access Planner with the Baltimore City Department of Planning, Baltimore Food Policy Initiative (BFP1), focusing on improving food access in Baltimore's Healthy Food Priority Areas. Alice helped develop the Resident Food Equity Advisors to drive more equitable food policy outcomes for the City and lends her skills to convene the Food Policy Action Coalition, a space for organizations and community members working on food across Baltimore, focused on information sharing and collaboration within the food system.



- **Michelle Rogers, Advocate and Board Member, Montgomery County Food Council and Manna Food Center**

Michelle Rogers is an advocate food security with a passion for assisting others that are in need through community action. She currently serves on the Board for Montgomery County Food Council and Manna Food Center and is a recent graduate from Community Advocacy Institute (CAI).



- **Shaneka Jackson, Baltimore County Resident and Advocate**

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- **Toni Simmons, Co-Founder, Baltimore Furniture Bank**

Toni Simmons is a Baltimorean who takes pride in being a former Marine Corps member and longtime advocate for people experiencing homelessness. When he isn't fighting in court to prevent evictions, you can find him busy working with grassroots organizations—including Ours, Our Neighbors, Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau, and B'More Housing for All—or guest lecturing at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland. He is also a co-founder of the Baltimore Furniture Bank, which serves individuals and families who have recently suffered a major life changing experience that caused loss of damage to their furniture and household goods.

- **Option H: Education Solutions: Universities as an Incubator to Combat Hunger and Food Access**  
*Prince George's County Meeting Room, #150*

Food insecurity, food access issues, and inequality need to be identified at regional and local levels to devise effective solutions through relevant research and community work. This session will identify food access vulnerabilities in different populations in Maryland, from school-aged children to university students. Data from school and university settings will support strategies regarding food waste reduction, recovery approaches and present future strategies for student populations and older adults.



- **Dr. Shirley Micallef, Associate Professor, University of Maryland- Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture**

Dr. Shirley Micallef, Associate Professor in the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture, in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland. Dr. Micallef also has a joint appointment with the Centre for Food Safety and Security Systems (CFS3). Her teaching programs target the microbial ecology of agricultural systems. Her research investigates human pathogen plant interactions, the effect of cropping systems and environmental factors on plant microbiomes, and foodborne pathogens.



- **Dr. Hee-Jung Song, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, University of Maryland- Department of Nutrition and Food Science**

Dr. Hee-Jung Song, an Associate Professor and Extension Specialist at the University of Maryland Department of Nutrition and Food Science, focuses her research on diet-related chronic disease prevention and management, childhood obesity, food waste and health disparity. Her work includes 1) translating evidence-based research into community-based programs, 2) developing, implementing, and evaluating health interventions targeting underserved populations, and 3) examining the effects of social, behavioral, and environmental determinants on individual health status.



- **Dr. Nadine R. Sahyoun, Professor of Nutritional Epidemiology, University of Maryland, College Park- Department of Nutrition and Food Science**

Nadine Sahyoun is Professor of Nutritional Epidemiology at the Department of Nutrition and Food Science, University of Maryland, College Park. Her area of work focuses on the relationship between diet, lifestyle factors, nutritional status and health outcomes, especially in older adults. Her work includes the study of determinants and impact of household food and nutrition security on populations in the US, Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa. Dr. Sahyoun received her Ph.D. in Nutrition from the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, at Tufts University.



- **Allison Tjaden, Assistant Director for New Initiatives, University of Maryland- Department of Dining Services**

Allison Tjaden is the Assistant Director for New Initiatives for the University of Maryland's Department of Dining Services. She spearheads projects that help connect Terps with their food such as the Terp Farm, Farmers Market at Maryland, and UMD Campus Pantry. Allison received her Master of Public Health degree from the University of Maryland School of Public Health, with a focus on environmental health, and her BA from the University of Virginia.

12:30 – 1:45

## **Annual Anti-Hunger Maryland Awards Lunch**

*Baltimore County Meeting Room, #180*



- **Hunger Leaders Award: Pam and Bill Christoffel, Washington County Hunger Group**

Pam and Bill Christoffel are longtime leaders of the Washington County Hunger Group, working with food pantries, schools, meals on wheels, prison gardens and advocacy.



- **Grassroots Advocate Award: Nicole Hanson, Executive Director, Out for Justice**

After applying for jobs and never hearing back, she knew that she would have to work to create opportunities for herself and the women that she met in jail. As Executive Director of Out For Justice, she is making a difference, helping formerly incarcerated community members lead productive lives.



- **Hunger Partner Award: Susan M. Gross, PhD, MPH, RD, LDN, Assistant Scientist, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health**

Dr. Gross is a specialist in maternal and child nutrition. She received her Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Maternal and Child Health from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and Hygiene and completed an NIH Post-doctoral fellowship in disability research at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, Maryland.



- **Public Servant Award: Labelle Hillgrove, Ombudsman, Family Investment Administration**

Labelle Hillgrove has worked at the Family Investment Administration since 2012 in numerous roles. As Ombudsman, she works to resolve challenging cases from constituents, CBO's, state agencies and elected officials.

2:00 – 2:30

## Round table Discussions - Block 1

- **Option A: Putting Faith into Action**

*Anne Arundel Meeting Room, #142*

Participants will gain knowledge on how to build partnerships to provide families with resources to feed their families. The session will showcase successful projects such as Annual Resource Day, monthly food collections, summer feeding programs, weekly family food bags, and school pantries, as well as lessons learned from starting Faith in Action.



- **Brenda Schwaab, Co-founder, Faith into Action**

Brenda Schwaab has extensive experience working with Child Nutrition Programs, especially the School Breakfast and the Summer Feeding Programs. She is an experienced trained community organizer having worked with local, state and national hunger organizations. She is a lifelong volunteer working with schools and children's programs.



- **Sandy Hartzell, Co-founder, Faith into Action**

Sandy Hartzell is the co-founder of Faith into Action, a community activist, and board member of 2 local charities helping to feed and support the homeless to get them back on their feet. She is a passionate organizer and relationship creator, helping to make this world a better place; one relationship at a time.

- **Option B: Using Data to Track and Measure Program Health Outcomes**

*Baltimore City Meeting Room, #145*

This hands-on discussion will give participants the opportunity to engage with sample program data, and discuss the data they've seen in their own organizations or in organizations that they partner with. Participants will learn to evaluate whether their data is comprehensively measuring their inputs and outputs.



- **Tara McEnerney, Program Director, Brighter Bites**

Tara McEnerney is the program director for Brighter Bites in Washington, D.C. Brighter Bites is a nonprofit dedicated to building communities of health through fresh food. Tara oversees all operations needed to deliver the habit-changing Brighter Bites programs to elementary schools in food insecure communities in Prince George's County.

- **Option C: Eliminating Shame: Best Practices for Creating Policies to Address School Meal Debt**

*Harford County Meeting Room, #302*

Participants will get a sneak preview of Maryland Hunger Solutions' new report, which looks at school meal charge policies throughout Maryland, and hear from a Baltimore County mother and advocate whose child experienced the devastating effects of school meal shaming firsthand. This discussion will revolve around best practices that school districts can implement in order to reduce the accumulation of school meal debt and ensure that students are treated with dignity and compassion in the cafeteria.



- **Julia Gross, Anti-Hunger Program Associate, Maryland Hunger Solutions**

Julia Gross joined Maryland Hunger Solutions in October 2018 where she works to expand access to federal child nutrition programs for low-income children in Maryland. Before joining MDHS, she served as a Health Education Specialist in Peace Corps Albania.



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- **Option D: SNAP Attacks: Analysis and Responses to Policy Changes**

*Southern Maryland Meeting Room, #318*

SNAP has been under fire from the Trump administration. In this roundtable, we will discuss the final public charge rule, proposed changes to SNAP eligibility for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents, and the proposed Cat EI rule, and provide strategies for how advocates can effectively respond to these threats.



- **JD Robinson, SNAP Outreach Coordinator, Maryland Hunger Solutions**

JD Robinson is the Anti-Hunger Program Assistant at Maryland Hunger Solutions. JD received his B.A. from McDaniel College, and was first introduced to sustainable food systems when working at the Baltimore restaurant Parts and Labor. JD leads SNAP outreach for Maryland Hunger Solutions, coordinating SNAP training, outreach events, and data analysis to increase SNAP participation to address food insecurity throughout the state.



- **Option E: Census 2020: A Complete Count**

*Prince George's County Meeting Room, #150*

With a complete count at the center of the upcoming 2020 Census, this roundtable will discuss the importance of getting every Maryland resident counted, the connection to important domestic programs, and encouraging full participation by anti-hunger activists and SNAP participants.



- **Austin C. Davis, Census 2020 Project Manager, City of Baltimore, Department of Planning**  
Austin C. Davis is the Census 2020 Project Manager for the City of Baltimore, working in the Department of Planning. Austin was previously a CitiStat Performance Management Analyst with the Mayor's Office, and a 2016 graduate of Towson University, studying Bassoon Performance and Geography & Environmental Planning.

- **Option F: Understanding WIC: Benefits and Barriers to Participation**

*Eastern Shore Meeting Room, #431*

As national participation declines, Maryland WIC has fought to remain ahead of the curve in terms of innovative strategies to retain and increase participation. This session will look at trends in WIC data to highlight where the program is succeeding, and what areas present opportunities for growth.



- **Ernest Lee, Program Specialist, Maryland WIC**  
Ernest Le is a program specialist with the Maryland WIC Program. Mr. Le has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Swarthmore College and a Master's in Public Policy from Johns Hopkins University. Before joining the WIC team, he worked for the Medicaid Program Office of Health Services, working closely with the Department on Aging in the administration of Maryland Access Point.

**2:35– 3:05**

### **Round table Discussions - Block 2**

*Round table options from Block 1 repeat*

**3:15 – 4:30**

### **Closing Remarks and Door Prizes**

*Baltimore County Meeting Room #180*



- **Qadry Ismail, Super Bowl Champion and former Baltimore Ravens wide receiver**  
Qadry Ismail was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings in 1993, and throughout his career he went on to play with the Green Bay Packers, Miami Dolphins, New Orleans Saints, Baltimore Ravens, and Indianapolis Colts. Ismail was the #1 wide receiver on the 2000 Baltimore Ravens Super Bowl Championship team. His many career achievements include: 5-time bowl game winner, All-American kick returner, Japan Bowl All-Star Game MVP, All-Big East 1st team wide receiver, and a NCAA All-American in Track. Ismail currently coaches the Patterson Mill High School track and field team.

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