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Opportunities on the Road Ahead

2021 Virginia Nutrition Security Summit

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Federal

- Summer EBT
- Permanent (monthly) Child Tax Credit
- CEP expansion and child nutrition flexibilities
- Support for SNAP incentive programs and social determinant linkages

Take Action:

<https://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/advocate/campaign-to-end-hunger>

@FRACtweets

@hunger



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State

- **Expand and sustain the Virginia Food Access Investment Fund**
- **Support child nutrition programs**
 - **Deepen food access partnerships**
 - **Maximize program access and awareness**
 - **Advance recommendations of the Task Force on Culturally Inclusive School Meals**
- **Expand the Fresh Match network**
- **Invest in healthcare partnerships and Produce Rx programs**

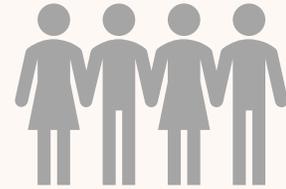
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Strengthen collaborative partnerships

Advocacy
Food sourcing
Health Equity



Align on goals and support information sharing

FeedVA.org
Hunger Action Coalitions
Commonwealth Data Trust

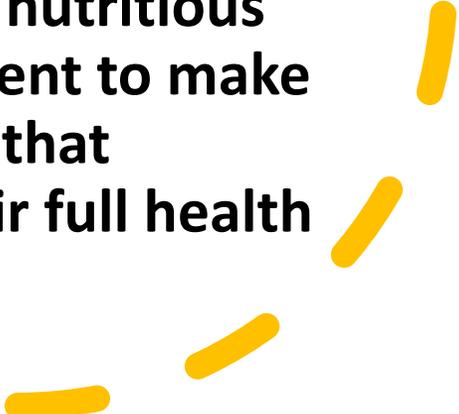


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Our vision is a
healthier, food
secure Virginia.

Our mission is to build the collective capacity of
Virginia's food banks and engage partners to end
hunger in the Commonwealth

Our vision is
*a nutrition
secure*
Virginia

- Those most likely to experience food insecurity are also those most at risk of diet-related chronic diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease. These existing health disparities are directly tied to decades of systematic inequities and structural racism.
 - Education and “behavior change” are not sufficient to reduce these health disparities and often shift the blame back to these already marginalized communities.
 - **We view nutrition security as partnering to increase access to culturally relevant, nutritious foods and altering the built environment to make the healthy choice the easy choice so that everyone has the right to achieve their full health potential.**
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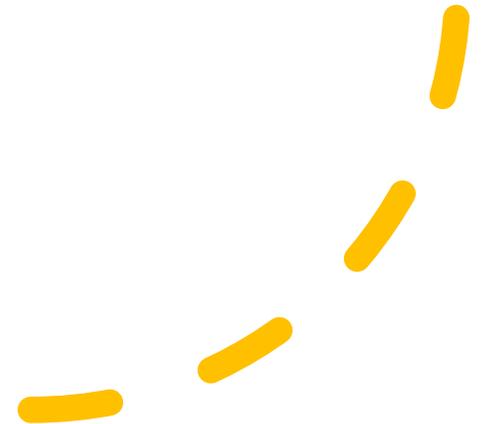
Health Equity Strategic Plan

Improving Health Equity Through
Boundless Collaboration



Operational Definition of Health Equity

- Health equity involves policies, systems, and environments that ensure opportunities for everyone to attain their highest level of health



Boundless Collaboration Objectives

- Offer innovative service delivery solutions that are scalable, sustainable, and developed in an equity framework
- Provide healthcare providers confidence and clarity that food banks and their agencies can offer the same degree of service to their communities anywhere in the Commonwealth
- Align on shared goals between the charitable food system and healthcare partners
- Evaluate hunger and health program models and identify sustainable data collection and evaluation systems for measuring impact



The Final Product

Virginia food banks working together like never before to improve the health equity of the neighbors we serve.

