

Program Examples of How NACDD is Aligning with the White House Hunger, Nutrition, and Health Strategy Pillars



Pillar 1. Improve Food Access and Affordability

- Fourteen healthcare organizations began incorporating a social determinants of health screening to improve outreach and enrollment in SNAP, WIC, and school meals (New Hampshire)
- The Hawaii Department of Health has worked to improve nutrition security statewide by initiating a collaborative process to draft culturally appropriate, equitable nutrition standards for the state's food banks and expanding SNAP/WIC acceptance at farmer's markets.
- BRIC Missouri is retrofitting two Metro buses to be used as a Metro Market, a mobile fruit and vegetable market that serves the area of North St. Louis.
- Assist employers participating in the Work@Health training in implementing evidence-based interventions based on results from the CDC Worksite Health ScoreCard and other assessments. Evidence-based interventions include policies, and practices to improve access to healthy food choices in the workplace.
- Assist employers participating in the Work@Health training in implementing policies, practices, and procedures to support maternal health and lactation support.

Pillar 2—Integrate Nutrition and Health

- Partnered with two food banks (Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma) and three federally qualified health centers (FQHC) (Shortgrass Community Health Center, Kiamichi Family Medical Center, and Health & Wellness Center) to build on-site clinic food pantries that connect food insecure patients to food and other SDoH resources (Oklahoma)
- NACDD's Healthy Military Communities Program is working with three states (HI, VA, TN) to increase SHD awareness for how they can support the DoD-related activities in the plan (e.g., screening all active-duty military for food insecurity and conduct referrals as needed, enhancing nutrition and physical activity standards in all DoD child development programs.)
- Assist employers participating in the Work@Health training in implementing health benefits that support prevention and management of diabetes including covering the National DPP Lifestyle Change Program as a covered benefit.



Pillar 3—Empower All Consumers to Have Access to Healthy Choices

- West Virginia, the McDowell County Commission on Aging in partnership with WVU Extension Service, established an intergenerational mentoring program between seniors and local youth programs with a focus on community gardening. Local produce from the gardens is being

harvested by both seniors and college students, largely to support senior center congregate meals.

- Missouri BRIC Team assures that all program solutions and interventions are community-driven, placing a high value on food sovereignty, dignity, and food justice. The approach is to support the communities experiencing health inequities by providing accurate information as well as funding in the form of mini grants.
- BRIC Washington State is working with King County to develop food service guidelines that are trauma informed.
- Assist employers participating in the Work@Health training in implementing health benefits that support prevention and management of diabetes including covering the National DPP Lifestyle Change Program as a covered benefit.

Pillar 4—Support Physical Activity for All

- NACDD's Center for Public Health Policy collaborates with organizations to advance the federal funding allocation to expand HHS CDC's State Physical Activity and Nutrition Programs (SPAN) to all states and territories to implement successful state and community-level policies and activities for physical activity.
- Walkability Action Institute
- Promotes active transportation (walking, moving, biking, taking public transit) and land use policies to support PA and supports improvements to the built environment system should also connect to the food system, especially in areas that are underserved and experience food and nutrition insecurity.
- BRIC States and Communities invested in park and trail enhancements and promotion through things like wayfinding signage, for example. (Philadelphia, PA; Raleigh County, WV)
- South Carolina and Louisiana are engaging their state and communities in the Walkability Action Institute as part of their safe physical activity access strategy.
- Arthritis program provided funding to the WA Arthritis Program to implement a ParksRX project where healthcare providers counseled and referred patients with arthritis to arthritis-appropriate evidence-based interventions (AAEBIs) through a prescription referral and highlighted the work.



Pillar 5—Enhance Nutrition and Food Security Research

- Center for Advancing Healthy Communities focus health equity and social justice as a lens for all work across program areas including nutrition and physical activity. Two thought leader roundtables were convened in 2022. One that focused on the racial wealth gap and the other that focused on obesity prevention and family health weight strategies.
- Hawaii BRIC team initiated a community-engaged process, collaborating with an organization that works with low-income communities, as well as Pacific Islanders, Filipinos, and Native Hawaiians, to draft culturally appropriate, equitable nutrition standards for five food banks across the state.
- Center for Advancing Healthy Communities has a strategic communications plan to provide training and professional development to advance nutrition science specifically in the workforce including peer to peer learning, webinars, website references, and other training methods.
- NACDD created a new Center for Justice in Public Health. This Center provides support across the association to integrate policies and interventions that support the cultural needs of populations.