

NERAHN's Anti-Hunger Program and Policy Conference

Monday, October 27, 2008

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Hoagland-Pincus Conference Center

Shrewsbury, MA

Workshop Details

1. Plenary: Successful State Legislative and Policy Initiatives

This plenary session will discuss examples of successful and innovative state legislative and policy initiatives to reduce and end hunger.

2. Increasing Participation in Summer Food Service Programs

This workshop will present best practices and lessons learned from a four state initiative to double the number of summer food service program meals served in target communities. It will address the following components: sponsor and site recruitment, community coalition building, outreach and meal quality enhancements.

3. Farm Bill Implementation

This workshop will discuss state and local implementation opportunities for the new provisions of the Farm Bill.

4. Advocacy 101

This workshop will teach the basics of advocacy strategies.

5. Maximizing Use of Federal Child Nutrition Programs

This workshop will present methods to increase availability, participation, and effectiveness of the federal child nutrition programs, including school breakfast and school lunch, the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program. Panelists will also discuss meal quality improvement strategies.

6. Food Stamp Application and Recertification Processes

This panel will discuss approaches to expanding participation in the Food Stamp program by examining various application and recertification processes that can be implemented.

7. Hunger 101

This panel will provide information to deepen the understanding of the issue of hunger and expand knowledge of the resources that can be put to use immediately in the community to combat food insecurity.

8. Increasing Access to Healthy Meals

This panel will focus on effective methods to increase access to healthy food in programs throughout the community.

9. Child Nutrition Program Reauthorization

This panel will discuss opportunities to get involved in the Child Nutrition Program Reauthorization process, including a look at the major issues that will be at the forefront.