

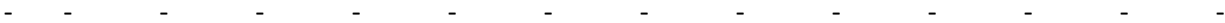
**Child & Family Food Security Coalition**  
**Thursday, March 21, 2019**  
**Meeting Notes**

*Mission: A collective voice to increase food security for families navigating poverty, focused on communities of color in Multnomah County.*

Agenda Item	Notes
<b>Welcome &amp; Intros</b>	Attendees: Fatima Jawaid (Partners for a Hunger-Free OR), Anna Garwood (Growing Gardens), Emily Wilson (Mult. Co. DCHS), Christy Sweany (IRCO), Lizzie Martinez (Partners for a Hunger-Free OR), Danielle Solomon (Portland Parks & Rec), Maureen Quinn Lores (OSU Ext. SNAP-Ed), Jamison Holtz (Portland Parks & Rec), Terralyn Wiley (Mult. Co. DCHS), Caroline Pope (211info), Tabetha Suda Opoka (Home Forward), Joanne Lyford (OSU Ext. SNAP-Ed), Ally Meyer, (OR Food Bank), Madi Taylor (Lift Urban Portland), Judy Romano (Portland Food Project), Frances Hall (Mult. Co. DCHS)
<b>Announcement</b>	The Coalition's finalized revised name, mission and guiding principles can be found on <a href="#">this new website</a> for the Coalition. We will also use it for recruitment for new members this spring and summer.
<b><a href="#">Bread for the World Racial Gap Simulation</a></b>	<p>From the Bread for the World website:</p> <p>"The simulation is an interactive tool that helps people understand the connections among racial equity, hunger, poverty and wealth. It is a good first step for people unaware of structural inequality, a support tool for those who want a deeper understanding of structural inequality, and a source of information for experts who want to know the quantifiable economic impact of each policy that has widened today's racial hunger, income, and wealth divides."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our presentation slides attached to this communication. All of the activity materials are on their website, including a comprehensive facilitator's guide.</li> </ul> <p>At our meeting participants went through the simulation in small groups, then we talked about the experience and discussed these questions.</p> <p><i>How have you seen racial wealth gap in Multnomah County related to the policies in the activity?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generational wealth to be able to own property in Portland</li> <li>• Redlining in Portland neighborhoods</li> <li>• Gentrification and neighborhood revitalization (who benefits?), as related to Land Seizures policy and the National Housing Act of 1934</li> </ul> <p><i>How will we hold this Coalition accountable for working to end the racial hunger, income and wealth gaps?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at county-wide data of communities that organizations serve; is there ample funding and resources for disproportionate impact on communities of color regarding poverty and food access programs?</li> <li>• Report organizations' equity, diversity, inclusion work at Coalition mtgs</li> </ul> <p><i>How will you hold yourself or your organization accountable to ending gaps?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People mentioned strategic planning processes that must utilize an equity lens to make decisions of where programs or resources are (for communities of color)</li> <li>• What in my position is perpetuating this gap? If white, how does my privilege show up in work and in community?</li> <li>• How do we engage school partners in this work?</li> <li>• Examine food pantry access, hours and space through an equity lens and how the environment is welcoming (or not) for communities of color.</li> </ul>

<p><b>What's happening in Salem?</b> Anti-hunger, anti-poverty legislative updates and how organizations and community members can be a part of the process</p>	<p>Fatima Jawaid from <b>Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon</b> gave us an update on their legislative priorities (as of 3/21/19):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunger Free Schools (HB 2760): Amendments currently proposed as the original version is fiscally large: expand schools that participate in CEP by having the state fill in the USDA reimbursement gap and have reimbursement threshold at 95%. Increase F/R applications to a 300% Federal Poverty Level threshold, with OHP direct certification (in '21-22).</li> <li>• Breakfast After the Bell (HB 2765): remains unchanged - mandate for Breakfast After the Bell in high poverty schools. Flexibility in model of how breakfast is served determined by school</li> <li>• Bills will be voted on in House Committee on Education on April 8</li> </ul> <p>How people can get involved with Hunger Free Schools!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join the Hunger Free Schools Coalition <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Partners can table at your <b>events</b> to raise awareness</li> <li>• Partners could assist with setting up a visit to Salem if you have 5 or more interested people</li> <li>• Contact Alison: <a href="mailto:alison@oregonhunger.org">alison@oregonhunger.org</a></li> </ul> <p>Legislative updates from <b>Oregon Food Bank</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 11<sup>th</sup> is Oregon Hunger Response Day in Salem!</li> <li>• Double Up Food Bucks had a great public hearing and the bill is on to Ways and Means Committee (budget) where it will stay until the end of session</li> <li>• Following Universal Meals bills as well, and was happy SB 608 about tenant protections passed in late February</li> </ul> <p>More Lobby Days (opportunities to talk with legislators in Salem):</p> <p><b>4/9:</b> Early Childhood Coalition Lobby Day- Children's Institute. Increase early care and education!</p> <p><b>4/11:</b> Oregon Food Bank, Oregon Hunger Response Day- food bank resources and other anti-hunger policies</p> <p><b>5/1:</b> Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) Lobby Day</p> <p><b>5/16:</b> Coalition of Communities of Color Lobby Day - follow on Facebook for more details!</p>
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Members of the Coalition have been conducting **policy education workshops** with parents and community members. Here is the list of policy areas we've sent ahead of time so the groups can hear about issues they care about.



Learn about the policies that impact you and how you can add your voice to the conversation!

A few people from the Child & Family Food Security Coalition are visiting your meeting to talk about how a bill becomes a law and issues that matter to you and your family.

Here is a list of what legislators are working on to change or to create new laws in Oregon:

## **Housing**

- Tenant protections for unfair or no cause evictions to address Oregon's affordable housing crisis
- Limit rent increases to once a year, and rent cannot be raised more than 7%
- Invest in development of safe, stable, and affordable homes for families

## **Education, Early Childhood, Paid Family Leave**

- Money to support early childhood for culturally specific communities
- Access to safe, affordable child care: more child care opportunities for working families!
- Enact a Paid Family Leave Insurance program: workers attend to their illness or family's illnesses without losing pay
- Reasonable class sizes at school
- Form an advisory committee to create a Latino Student Success Plan

## **Anti-Hunger**

- Support "Double-Up Food Bucks" for SNAP (food stamp) dollars at Farmers' Markets

### Hunger-Free Schools:

- Universal School Meals! School meals offered to all students at no charge.
- Expand options for students to have breakfast at school, especially after the morning bell

### Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC):

- Extend WIC benefits for kids who are 5+ (before they start Kindergarten)
- Extend nutrition for moms to 2 years after child is born

## **Immigrant Rights**

- Equal Access to Roads Act: allow all qualifying Oregonians to receive a driver's license regardless of citizenship status

## **Criminal Justice Reform**

- Sentencing reform for youth tried as adults: easier access to sentence reduction through programs and good behavior, and a departure from sentencing teens in adult court
- Changes to sentencing related to marijuana charges
- End suspending driver's licenses because of debt