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Southern Nevada Food Council-Update February 2017



Upcoming Webinars/Events/Activities

America Walks Webinar: Path to a Walkable Future. Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 2:00-3:00pm Eastern time. Walkable communities are the most successful when people come together to create a place where every person has safe, accessible and enjoyable active transportation. What kind of coalitions and partnerships have worked best in creating walkability? How can walking advocates work with other sectors to create vital and vibrant communities for the future. [Click here\[attendee.gotowebinar.com\]](http://attendee.gotowebinar.com) to register.

UNCE is offering the *FoodSpan* curriculum, and the next session is Saturday, **Feb. 11, 2017, 9 am to 12 noon*** **Future session dates: Feb. 25, March 4, 18 and 25.** **Where:** Cooperative Extension’s Lifelong Learning Center located at 8050 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada. Space is limited; register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/> and search for **FoodSpan**. **The Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future** developed **FoodSpan** as a natural outgrowth of the work it does to help build a healthier, more equitable and more resilient food system. *At the end of the three units (7 sessions), participants will be eligible to apply for a Food Citizen Action Project grant up to \$599.* For more information call or email Aurora Buffington at 702-257-5534 (buffingtona@unce.unr.edu).

Webinar for potential FMPP and LFPP grant applicants: the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will host a webinar to help farmers, producers groups and other potential applicants to understand program requirements on Wednesday, Feb 15, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. EST. Register at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/fmlfpp-applicant-webinar>

UNCE Teaching Kitchen classes March 7, 15 & 25 at 1pm. The UNCE will offer FREE 2-hour hands-on culinary classes for people interested in cooking for chronic kidney disease, diabetes management or heart health. Students will learn meal preparation techniques to make cooking meals at home easy and fun. Classes are taught by a Chef/Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. **Where:** Cooperative Extension’s Lifelong Learning Center located at 8050 Paradise Road. Space is limited; register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/> and search for **Teaching Kitchen***.

Save the Date: National Farmers Union Women Conference

March 4-5, 2017 // San Diego, California

The event will bring together women farmers and ranchers from across the country to network, refine their leadership and farm management skills, and learn from agricultural experts and leaders. It will feature an inspiring and diverse group of speakers to touch on the topics of leadership development, finances, generational transitions and more. For more info, visit: <https://nfu.org/education/womens-conference/>

Save the Date: National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference

March 5-7, 2017 // Washington, D.C.

Join 1,000+ anti-hunger advocates in Washington, D.C., for two days of “can’t miss” networking opportunities, content-rich sessions, interactive training, followed by a day on Capitol Hill. You’ll go home with an arsenal of best practices, innovative advocacy methods and personal connections to help you better fight hunger in your community, your state, and at the national level. [Learn more here\[antihungerpolicyconference.org\]](http://antihungerpolicyconference.org).

Save the Date: CA Farm To School and Garden Conference

March 27-29, 2017 // Modesto, Ca.

The California Farm to School and Garden Conference will be held March 27 - 29, 2017 at the Modesto Centre Plaza in Modesto, California. The conference will offer a series of workshops, panels and discussions that will be of significant educational and networking value to attendees who will represent all facets of the farm to school movement, including farmers, distributors, government representatives, procurement officers, educators, and food program administrators. For more information and registration, visit: <http://cafarmtoschoolconference.org/>

Nevada Dietetic Association Annual Conference, Celebrating a Century of Nutrition and Dietetics

March 30-April 1, 2017 // Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno, Nevada

Join the NDA with a variety of cutting-edge educational sessions focused on nutrition. [Information available here.](#)

Save the Date: Fourth Annual Green Our Planet School Garden Conference April 29th, 2017 in Las Vegas, NV.

National Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Conference

April 18-20, 2017 // Grand Hyatt Manchester, San Diego, California

The Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP) centers and day care lay the foundation for children in adults in care to learn healthy habits. Over 1,400 members of the child nutrition community attend for training, networking, and learning opportunities. For More information, visit: <http://www.cacfp.org/news-events-conferences/national-cacfp-sponsors-association-conference/>

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: March is National Nutrition Month! *Put Your Best Fork Forward* all month with the National Nutrition Month Celebration Toolkit which contains lots of great event ideas, promotional materials, key messages and more for all age groups. <http://www.eatright.org/resources/national-nutrition-month>

Research/Reports/Resources

Alliance for a Healthier Generation: Sugar-sweetened Beverage Consumption among U.S. Youth, 2011–2014

National Center for Health Statistics, January 2017: The latest data on the amount of sugar-sweetened beverages children are consuming continues to be staggering. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics, almost two-thirds of children consume at least one sugar-sweetened beverage and 30 percent consume two or more sugary drinks a day. For more information, visit:

https://www.healthiergeneration.org/news_events/2017/01/26/1704/sugar-sweetened-beverage-consumption-among-us-youth-20112014-national-center-for-health-statistics-january-2017

Farmers and Ranchers: Take the National Young Farmer Survey and let Congress know that #FarmersCount! The survey is conducted every five years by the National Young Farmers Coalition (NYFC) in order to understand and elevate the issues that matter most to young farmers and aspiring farmers. It is crucial that the survey results represent all young farmers and aspiring farmers, no matter where they live or what they grow. Survey answers are completely confidential. For more information and survey, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQ3HFR3>

SNAP-Ed Connection: Learn about the difference between a Sweet Potato and a Yam

What many call a yam is actually a sweet potato. Although they may look and taste very similar, the true yam and sweet potato are not botanically related. The African word "nyami" referring to the starchy, edible root of the *Dioscorea* genus of plants was adopted in its English form, "yam". Yams in the U.S. are actually sweet potatoes with relatively moist texture and orange flesh. To avoid confusion, the U.S. Department of Agriculture requires that the label "yam" always be accompanied by "sweet potato." [Learn more here.](#)

USDA Announces Retailer Volunteers for SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot The two-year pilot is slated to begin this summer; Nevada is not participating. "Online purchasing is a potential lifeline for SNAP participants living in urban neighborhoods and rural communities where access to healthy food choices can be limited," USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack said. "We're looking forward to being able to bring the benefits of the online market to low-income Americans participating in SNAP." For more information, visit: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/pressrelease/2017/fns-000117>

The Next Generation of Farmers Is Being Trained In New York City High Schools. Students enroll in a specialized, four-year agricultural program at John Bowne High School in Queens, New York. [Read the article](#)

SNAP-Ed Connection Special Meal Cookbooks:

- **Valentine's Day** - This heart-healthy meal is a great way to say "I love you!"
Download the Valentine's Day Cookbook in English (PDF|1.15MB) or Spanish (PDF|1.13MB)
- **Mardi Gras** - Don't let the name fool you: even though it's called "Fat Tuesday," there are plenty of healthy, nutritious choices for this day of celebration! **Download the Mardi Gras Cookbook in English (PDF|1.10MB) or Spanish (PDF|1.09MB)**

Interactive Infographics Show Progress toward Healthy People Objectives

The [Healthy People 2020 Midcourse Review\[links.govdelivery.com\]](#) helps evaluate the progress made as a Nation toward Healthy People goals and objectives.

CDC and SHAPE America have developed new resources for recess in schools. These resources will help schools develop a written recess plan and use evidence-based strategies for recess to increase students' physical activity and improve their academic achievement: 1) [Strategies for Recess in Schools\[cdc.gov\]](#); 2) [Recess Planning in Schools: A Guide to Putting Strategies for Recess into Practice\[cdc.gov\]](#), and [Recess Planning Template\[cdc.gov\]](#)

National Student Campaign Against Hunger & Homelessness Report: Hunger on Campus. In order to expand the understanding of campus food insecurity, the coordinators of this report set out to implement the broadest study on this issue to date by surveying students across a wide range of regions and school types. In doing so, the goal was to foster a more expansive understanding of campus food insecurity and its impact on students, while also bringing national attention to this critical issue. The findings available here: <https://studentsagainsthunger.org/hunger-on-campus/>

Grants/Funding/ Opportunities

Department Of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Grant Notice: Funding Opportunity Number- RFA-DP-17-002, *Closing Date: **February 21, 2017***

Funding Title: Validation of survey questions to distinguish type 1 and type 2 diabetes among adults with diabetes among adults with diabetes. For more information, visit: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=288978> Contact: Marcella Law mah7@cdc.gov

NEA Foundation: Grants to Educators

The NEA Foundation is providing mini-grants for projects and programs that can support [STEM learning](#), such as urban farming and other farm to school activities. Deadlines for applications are due **Feb. 1, June 1, and Oct. 15**, *applicants must be NEA members*. For more info, visit: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/grants-to-educators/>

USDA Announces \$252 Million Available for Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack invited potential conservation partners, including private industry, non-government organizations, Indian tribes, state and local governments, water districts, and universities to submit project applications for federal funding through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). Through this fourth RCPP Announcement for Program Funding (APF), USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will award funds to locally driven, public-private partnerships that improve the nation's water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat, and protect agricultural viability. Applicants must match or exceed the federal award with private or local funds. [Click here](#) for more information. Deadline for pre-proposal: **April 21, 2017**.

USDA Announces \$27 Million in Grants Available to Support the Local Food Sector

Applications Due by Monday, March 27, 2017. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) and Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) grants to fund innovative projects designed to strengthen market opportunities for local and regional food producers and businesses. For more information, visit: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/press-release/usda-announces-27-million-grants-available-support-local-food-sector>

Farm to School Education Coordinator

REAP Food Group is a non-profit organization in Madison WI that nourishes links between land and table to grow a healthful, just, and sustainable local food system. The Farm to School Education Coordinator will manage the Farm to School educational curriculum and programs, deliver direct education in classrooms, and provide management and training to REAP Farm to School educators. This is a full time position and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until a suitable candidate is identified. [Learn more here](#)

FoodCorps Service Member Application Open

FoodCorps is recruiting talented leaders for a year of paid public service building healthy school food environments in limited-resource communities. FoodCorps AmeriCorps members teach student hands on lessons in growing cooking and tasting healthy food; promote healthy eating options in the cafeteria; and, make schools healthier place to eat, learn and grow. The FoodCorps application is open now through **March 15th**. [Learn more here](#).

The **Nevada Department of Agriculture** has an opening in Las Vegas for an Education Programs Professional to assist and foster the growth of K-12, postsecondary, and related education programs throughout Nevada by providing technical assistance, training, and oversight. Job announcement may be viewed at: <https://nvapps.state.nv.us/NEATS/Recruiting/ViewAnnouncement.aep?recruitmentId=30559>

Legislative Updates

The 79th (2017) Session of the Nevada Legislature begins Monday, February 6th. <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/> The legislative session lasts 120 days and meets every 2 years.

Daily Schedule available on NELIS at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/79th2017>

Information on Personalized Legislative Tracking at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/79th2017/Plt>

[Bill Draft Request \(BDR\) 48-180 \(SB51\) Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources](#): Makes various changes relating to the adjudication of vested water rights and the appropriation of water.

Bill Draft Request (BDR) 58-663 slated for the 79th (February 6, 2017 session) Nevada State Legislature was proposed 8/1/2016 by **Senator Denis** Joint Requester: Senator Spearman Provides for community solar gardens.

Bill Draft Request (BDR) 722 slated for the 79th (February 6, 2017 session) Nevada State Legislature was proposed 12/10/2016 by **Assemblywoman Joiner** Revises provisions governing the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program.

Bill Draft Request (BDR) 791 slated for the 79th (February 6, 2017 session) Nevada State Legislature was proposed 12/10/2016 by **Senator Denis**, Makes various changes concerning the prevention and treatment of obesity.

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