Florida Advocacy Days

Working with the Florida United Methodist Church and African Methodist Episcopal Church, 11th District, we organized year-round, statewide Florida Advocacy Days training events aimed to amplify the voices of community advocates in our state legislature.

To learn more, please visit:
www.flumc.org/floridaadvocacyday

Florida Healthy Retail (FHR)

We continued increasing access to fresh, healthy foods in Miami Gardens and surrounding communities with the City of Miami Gardens and the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) grant from the CDC. This year, as part of FHR, we expanded our mission with the Homestead Food Access Coalition and Healthy Checkout.

To learn more, please visit:
www.floridahealthyretail.org

Farm to Leon County Schools

With a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm to School grant and a plethora of amazing community partners, we received a second Farm to School grant from USDA for the Leon County Schools program at Fort Braden Elementary School in Tallahassee. By bridging the gap between local farmers and school cafeterias, we aim to tackle rising obesity rates and ensure that school meals benefit children, schools, and local farmers.

To learn more, please visit:
www.farmtolcs.org
Summer BreakSpot Expansion

Using funding from the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), we continue to assist and provide outreach for Summer BreakSpot. This leads to children in counties across the state getting fed free, nutritious meals while school was out.

To learn more, please visit: www.summerbreakspot.org

Finding Inspiration Together (FIT)

The Finding Inspiration Together (FIT) project aims to provide free virtual courses on nutrition, exercise, and mindful activities to kids who are out of school.

To learn more, please visit: www.floridaimpact.org/fit

Central Florida Alliance to End Hunger

We co-lead the Central Florida Alliance to End Hunger in which several organizations in Central Florida come together monthly to discuss ways to bridge the gaps on the local level to ensure the health and wellbeing of those who are struggling with food insecurity and are in need of other resources to help them move beyond their current situation.
Community Eligibility Program (CEP)

We helped facilitate conversations around CEP. This helped two school districts with high poverty schools to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications.

Community SNAP Engagement (CSE)

With funding through a grant from the Center for Science in the Public Interest and some fantastic statewide partnerships which included Florida Policy Institute, Central Florida Alliance to End Hunger, Concerned African Women Inc., Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger, and Whole Child Leon, we led the statewide Community SNAP Engagement (CSE) project.

Homestead Food Access Coalition (HFAC)

Homestead Food Access Coalition, which is made up of local leaders in the Homestead area, met until March 2022 to share thoughts, concerns, and ideas around helping the local community have better access to affordable, nutritious food. These efforts created recommendations for City and County leadership.

To learn more, please visit: www.floridahealthyretail.org/coalition
Madison Food Access Coalition (MFAC)

We implemented the Madison Food Access Coalition with community partners, which is made up of local leaders in the Madison County area. The group regularly meets to share thoughts, concerns, and ideas around helping the local community have better access to affordable, nutritious food.

To learn more, please visit: www.floridahealthyretail.org/madison

Returning Citizens SNAP Bill

We collaborated with Bread for the World, Florida Policy Institute, Operation New Hope and other community partners to support a new bill for returning citizens that would allow those with drug trafficking offenses to qualify for SNAP. HB 6079/SB 762 lifts the outdated ‘War on Drugs’ era state ban on SNAP and TANF for people who have served their time for past drug trafficking convictions. Rep. Vance Alopious and Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez have sponsored this legislation. The move would reduce these individuals’ chances of reincarceration, help ensure a smoother transition into their communities, and save millions in taxpayer dollars.

Statewide Food Recovery Project

We continue to collaborate with MEANS Database, UF/IFAS, and other community partners as a founding partner of the Statewide Food Recovery Team. Together we look for edible food in communities from schools, hospitals, restaurants, and other places that would otherwise go to waste and redistribute to feed people in need in their community.
Healthy Checkout

Healthy Checkout addresses the lack of nutritious choices in the checkout line. Research shows that in-store marketing induces impulse buys, and we think large retailers should take on the responsibility to shift that marketing to healthier choices. Healthy Checkout policies seek to improve nutritional quality in the checkout areas of large retail stores. This holds stores accountable for the health and wellbeing of customers.

Central Florida, South Florida, & North Florida Hunger Call Series

In celebration of September as "National Hunger Action Month," Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in conjunction with Florida Impact To End Hunger, partnered to co-host a Statewide Hunger Call Series. Advocates from around the region came together for the virtual event to listen, hear success stories, identify current trends and recognize those on the frontlines making a difference in our state's fight against hunger.

GEMS (Getting Empowered Matters)

GEMS is aimed at equipping youth in low-income communities with tools and resources that mitigate barriers associated with hunger, access, and opportunity. Youth learn about community asset building, advocacy, food systems, food justice, career development, nutrition, and other topics.
SNAP Messaging Campaign

In partnership with FRAC, Central Florida Alliance to End Hunger, and Urban Health Partnerships, Florida Impact is working to amplify the message of the power of SNAP and how it helps communities statewide in SNAP Feeds Our Community Campaign.

To learn more, please visit: SNAPFeeds.US

Florida for Fresh Access

In partnership with Voices for Healthy Kids, Feeding Florida, Hební, Florida Policy Institute, and Urban Health Partnerships, Florida Impact is working to expand the Fresh Access Bucks program through a joint campaign called “Florida for Fresh Access”.

Our voice in the media

This year our team was featured in two op-eds. Our President/CEO Kim Johnson had a guest piece in the Tallahassee Democrat calling to reinstate the expanded versions of the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit, saying "We can’t turn back now. Hungry families can’t wait." Our Regional Project Coordinator Asheena Moses had a guest piece in the Orlando Sentinel celebrating the success of the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health! Visit the link under each photo to the left to read the op-eds.
Please visit www.floridaimpact.org to learn more about our organization, and click on the "Our Focus" tab to see the details of our latest projects.