

Partner Organizations

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc.
Carver Scott Educational Cooperative
Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties/Head Start
Council of Regional Public Library System Administrators
Hennepin County Community Health Dept.:

- Health Promotion
- WIC/Nutrition Program

Hunger Solutions Minnesota
Midwest Dairy Council
Minnesota Promise Fellows
Minnesota Beef Council
Minnesota Department of Agriculture:

- Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)

Minnesota Department of Education:

- Food and Nutrition Service

Minnesota Department of Health:

- Center for Health Promotion
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program/WIC

Minnesota Department of Human Services:

- Food Support Program
- Office of Economic Opportunity

Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
Minnesota FoodShare
Minnesota Head Start–State Collaboration Project
Minnesota Public Health Association
Minnesota School Nutrition Association
MN Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
Reach-UP, Inc. / Headstart, St. Cloud
Second Harvest Heartland
University of Minnesota:

- Department of Food Science and Nutrition
- Extension Service/Health & Nutrition Programs

Volunteers of America - Senior Nutrition Program

For more information and to learn how you can get involved contact:

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The Minnesota Food & Nutrition Network

The Minnesota Food and Nutrition Network is part of Food Stamp Nutrition Education and is a collaborative effort between the Minnesota Department of Human Services, University of Minnesota Extension and numerous local agencies and programs. The program is funded by a Food Stamp Grant from the USDA-FNS and is matched by in-kind contributions from the University of Minnesota and other various agencies.
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MINNESOTA FOOD AND NUTRITION NETWORK

Our Mission:

“Promote consistent, research-based nutrition messages through a coordinated network to help Minnesotans with limited resources enjoy healthful lifestyles.”

Who We Are . . .

A collaboration of more than 20 member organizations that represent state and local government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

What We Do . . .

Provide a welcoming network for nutrition-related agencies and programs to coordinate resources and emphasize community-level initiatives creating behavior changes for improved long-term nutrition outcomes.

Our Goals:

- Develop and sustain a cohesive, visible, inclusive, productive network
- Develop effective long-term nutrition education programming
- Advocate for the consumer's ability to make healthy food choices

Member Opportunities and Benefits:

- Improved access to key representatives from other nutrition education programs and agencies
- Improved access to nutrition education materials to support your program
- Improved opportunities to partner nutrition education resources and programs

MEMBER ONLY BENEFIT:

Annual grants available for agency projects and programs focused on nutrition education and interventions.

Grant applications are due annually in March.

Join us!

MFNN meets quarterly on the third Wednesday of the month.
Call 612-624-6825

Member success stories:

Minnesota Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) used their grant to implement a mentorship program called “Nutrition Buddies”. Minnesota FCCLA student members are trained on food insecurity, state and county food assistance programs, and utilization of various resources available from the USDA for teaching young children about healthy living. Mentors then locate a target population of children within their home communities who qualify for free or reduced school lunches.

During the pilot year of the “Nutrition Buddies” program, over 4,000 contacts were made by Minnesota FCCLA members with children throughout the state!

With their grant allocation, Hennepin County Health Promotion Division initiated and sustained the EatWell Program to increase fruit and vegetable consumption among older adults in Northeast Minneapolis.

During the two-year program, group nutrition education sessions were held in the community, and community access to fresh fruits and vegetables was made easier. Over 900 older adults were reached and 56,700 pounds of produce was distributed.