

FIGHTING

HUNGER

in Maryland Conference

Maryland Food Access and Nutrition Network

*Fighting Hunger in Maryland:
From the Ground Up*

4th Annual Conference

Presented by the Maryland Food Access and Nutrition Network

Monday, September 29th, 2014

Request for Presenters

Submissions Due: August 15th, 2014

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Dear Potential Presenter,

As the only statewide anti-hunger conference, *Fighting Hunger in Maryland: From the Ground Up* will bring together more than 200 leaders from all sectors and regions to inform, engage, and inspire action to promote equity in food access and nutrition in Maryland. The conference will be held on September 29th, 2014 at the University of Maryland Medical Center's Campus Center (621 West Lombard Street in Baltimore). We hope that you will share your expertise by submitting a workshop proposal.

Fighting Hunger in Maryland: From the Ground Up is the fourth annual conference presented by the Maryland Food Access and Nutrition Network (MFANN). MFANN is a statewide coalition of non-profit organizations and federal, state and local government agencies focused on using the federal nutrition assistance programs and other proven solutions to connect low-income Marylanders with healthy, affordable food. Chaired by Maryland Hunger Solutions, members include: AARP Maryland, Baltimore City Department of Social Services, Capital Area Food Bank, Catholic Charities/SHARE Food Network, Crossroads Community Food Network, End Hunger Calvert County, Manna Food Center, the Maryland Department of Human Resources, Maryland Food Bank, Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Moveable Feast, Refreshing Life Ministries, Seedco, the United Way of Central Maryland, USDA Food and Nutrition Services Mid-Atlantic Region, and Washington County Hunger Group.

Enclosed, you will find more information about topics that we hope to address during this year's conference. By lending your expertise as a workshop presenter, you will help MFANN inspire creative programming, community organization and mobilization, and advocacy to feed change in Maryland.

Workshop submissions are due on Friday, August 15.

By Friday, August 22nd, all applicants will be notified as to whether their presentation has been accepted.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Rachel Tucker at (410) 528-0021 x23 or rtucker@mdhungersolutions.org.

Sincerely,



Rachel Tucker
Maryland Hunger Solutions

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This year, the *Fighting Hunger in Maryland* conference is focused on the theme *From the Ground Up*.

Look through the topic areas below and see how you can lend your expertise to the conference. If you have a topic not on this list, please feel free to send in your proposal.

Growing the Grassroots

- Client engagement and advocacy
- Community coalition building, community organization, and community mobilization
- Food Policy Councils and anti-hunger initiatives
- Engaging faith-based organizations and community leaders

From Pilot to Best Practice

- Tools to inform program implementation and outcome-based evaluation
- Innovative models in food and nutrition program delivery
- Food system approaches to fighting hunger
- Best practices for engaging hard to reach populations
- Strategies for program sustainability

Policy Advocacy and Implementation

- Federal nutrition assistance program advocacy (ex. Child Nutrition Reauthorization)
- Addressing hunger through innovative state options (ex. Community Eligibility Provision)
- State legislative advocacy for non-profit and community-based groups

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Panel Proposal

- Panels will be approximately 60 minutes.
- We encourage collaboration! Consider submitting a panel proposal with fellow subject matter experts. You may be asked to combine your presentation with other submissions.
- All panels will have Powerpoint, internet, video, and audio capacities.
- All proposals must be submitted by Friday, August 22nd.

Please fill out the below information about your proposed panel presentation.

Title of Workshop:

AV Needs:

Lead Presenter Name:

Organization:

Email Address:

Address:

Telephone:

Co-Presenter Name:

Co-Presenter Title:

Organization:

Email Address:

Co-Presenter Name:

Co-Presenter Title:

Organization:

Email Address:

Panel Description: Briefly share what participants will gain from attending your panel.