



*Fighting Hunger in
Maryland:*
Food For Thought

7th Annual Conference
Presented by the Maryland Food Access and Nutrition
Network

Tuesday, October 24th, 2017

Request for Presenters

Submissions Due: September 11, 2017

Dear Potential Presenter,

As the only statewide anti-hunger conference, *Fighting Hunger in Maryland: Food for Thought* 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 October 24, 2017 at the Lowe House Office Building in Annapolis, Maryland (6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401). We hope that you will share your expertise by submitting a workshop proposal.

Fighting Hunger in Maryland: Food For Thought is the seventh annual conference presented by the Maryland Food Access and Nutrition Network (MFANN). MFANN is a statewide coalition of nonprofit 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
- Maryland Department of Human Resources
- Maryland Food Bank
- Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland
- Moveable Feast
- Refreshing Life Ministries
- Seedco
- United Way of Central Maryland
- USDA Food and Nutrition Services Mid-Atlantic Region
- The 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 by Monday, September 11.**

All applicants will be notified as to whether their presentation has been accepted **by Monday, September 18.**

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Michael J. Wilson at (410) 528-0021 x. 6027 or mjwilson@mdhungersolutions.org.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Wilson
Maryland Hunger Solutions

This year, the *Fighting Hunger in Maryland* conference is focused on the theme “Food For Thought.” Our goal is to inspire a broad and thoughtful discussion of the root causes of hunger; examine the structural barriers that entrench communities in cyclical poverty; and improve federal, state, and local policies to move individuals out of poverty; and increase food security for all Marylanders.

Look through the topic areas below and see how you can lend your expertise to the conference. If you would like to discuss a topic that is 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
- Organizational success in addressing local issues using innovation

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 and replication

Policy Advocacy and Implementation

- Federal and state legislative advocacy for nutrition assistance programs
- Best practices for effective advocacy: strategies to strengthen your message and influence
- Innovative programming and policy success stories

A Structural Analysis of Poverty and Hunger

- Examining the root causes of hunger
- The human right to food
- Promoting racial equity and social justice in the food system

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 capacity.
- All proposals must be submitted by **Monday, September 11** to Michael J. Wilson at mjwilson@mdhungersolutions.org

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

Title of Workshop:

AV Needs:

Lead Presenter Name:

Presenter Bio (2-3 sentences maximum):

Organization:

Email Address:

Address:

Telephone:

Co-Presenter Name:

Co-Presenter Bio (2-3 sentences maximum)

Co-Presenter Title:

Organization:

Email Address:

Co-Presenter Name:

Co-Presenter Bio (2-3 sentences maximum):

Co-Presenter Title:

Organization:

Email Address:

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