

### **About the Strategic Research Collaborative**

The Strategic Research Collaborative strives to bridge the gap between research, policy, and practice with a focus on policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) strategies that have strong potential to promote diet quality and health among U.S. children and their families.

The collaborative is supported by Healthy Eating Research. Membership is open to those with an interest in federal nutrition programs and policies at the federal, state, and local levels, public health emergencies, food and nutrition, and public policy.

### **Collaborative Goals**

The primary goal of the collaborative is to rapidly respond to evolving federal, state, and local policy and programs, with the goal of using evidence to protect the health and nutrition of children and their families.

Activities of the collaborative will focus on:

- Strengthening the evidence base on PSE strategies with potential to promote health and nutrition among children and their families, especially as related to federal nutrition programs and policies at the federal, state, and local levels.
  - Identify opportunities to evaluate time-sensitive program and policy changes.
  - Identify existing efforts to archive scientific products and public data to ensure continued access. If there are gaps, discuss how to address them.
  - Identify funding opportunities (and/or potential funders) for this kind of research.
- Building Networks
  - Build research capacity among HER researchers and partners
  - Identify opportunities to collaborate with other professional networks or organizations (e.g., APHA, NANA, Save our Services campaign)
  - Track ongoing time-sensitive research projects and identify additional opportunities to collaborate among researchers.
- Research Dissemination & Communication
  - Develop shared messaging and talking points that are evidence-based
  - Develop fact sheets, issue briefs, or other research products to assist with the translation of academic research for other non-academic audiences
  - Compile lists of scientists willing to be interviewed and reporters covering relevant topics
- Resource Development
  - Organize trusted resources that gather data and stories of the impacts of federal nutrition policies and programs
  - Provide tools for engaging community partners
  - Educate members on how to determine what the external communications policy is at your university and how to navigate it
  - Track actions and lessons learned.

### **Meeting Frequency and Format**

Full collaborative meetings will be held monthly and consist of member introductions; group logistic updates (i.e., listserv, resource sharing); policy, advocacy, and field updates; and subcommittee overviews and updates. The collaborative leadership will identify trusted partners to provide regular updates to the collaborative.

Subgroups will be formed based on time-sensitive research needs and interest of collaborative participants. Subgroups will meet at the discretion of the subgroup leaders. Subgroups may select projects or products to pursue, including papers for publication, issue briefs or fact sheets to be developed, grants to write, and/or research to conduct.

Collaborative members utilize a shared drive for timely resources, publications, and contact list. **To be added to the listserv, email Mayra Crespo-Bellido ([mayra.crespobellido@gmail.com](mailto:mayra.crespobellido@gmail.com)).**

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