



Get the Most Out of eXtension Healthy Food Choices in Schools Resources

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Welcome, thank you for joining!

Please type any questions you have using the Q&A feature and Katie will address them at the end.

If you are interested in joining the Healthy Food Choices in Schools Community of Practice or have any questions, please contact us at: healthy_food_choices_in_schools@cornell.edu



▶ Overview of eXtension Healthy Food Choices in Schools

- Brief history
- Mission & Vision

▶ Accessing Free Online Resources

- Articles
- Webinars
- Educational Videos
- Professional Development Courses

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Brief History

- ▶ Founded in 2012 as result of an AFRI grant awarded to a Cornell University research team studying Smarter Lunchrooms interventions
- ▶ “Community of Practice (CoP)”: members who contribute content (articles, webinars, videos, courses) to the eXtension Healthy Food Choices in Schools Resource Area.
- ▶ Currently 77 active CoP members from across the country with backgrounds including: Extension, state agencies, food service, dietetics, research, teaching, non-profit programming etc.
- ▶ All content is research or experience-based and is free and available to the public



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MISSION

To provide educational/informational tools and resources that empower school food service directors and staff, school administrators, teachers, health professionals, and wellness committees to make changes that encourage children to make healthier food selections in school food environments, without undermining revenue. Given the role parents and the children themselves have in the food choices they make, we will also develop and make available tools and resources that they can use to improve nutrition at school and at home.



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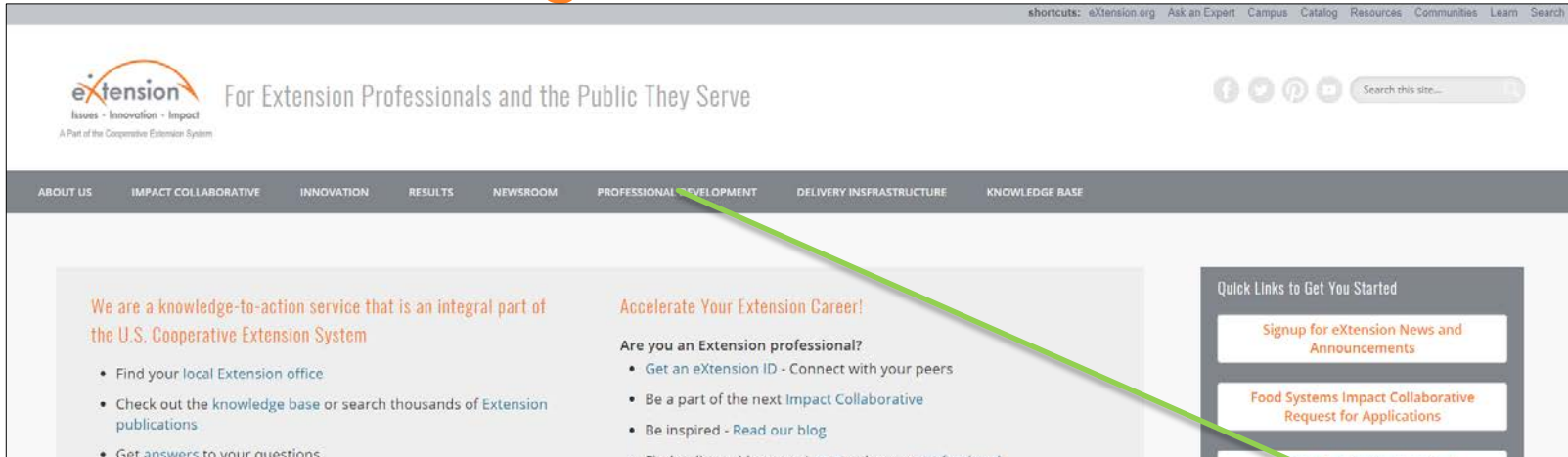
To create a one-stop source for eating behavior insights, interventions and practical steps for food service providers, policy makers, health professionals and parents to promote healthy food choices in school food environments.



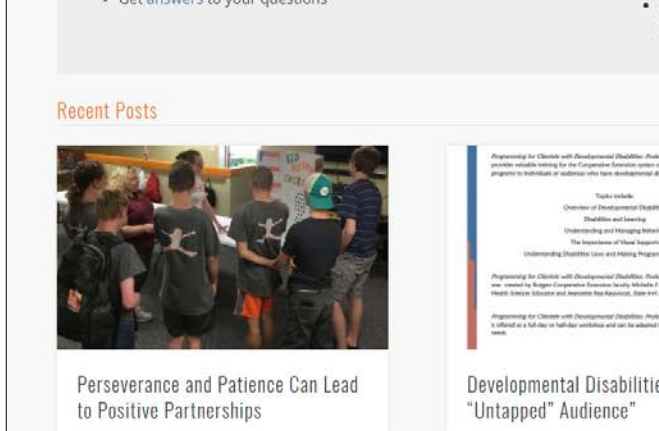


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Creative Ways to Advertise & Generate Interest in Your School's...
Jul 31, 2014 ... Create a "Who's Who..." directory for your Wellness Committee & Include your LWP goals & objectives – Thanks to the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 you have a group of dedicated teachers, parents, students and staff on your LWP committee and you've established your goals! Now you need to ...
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The Blue Zones® Project: Bringing Positive Change to School...
Feb 19, 2016 ... The Wellness Committee hosts a Family Health Night for OES families to attend and learn about various health initiatives, sponsored by community organizations. They are also responsible for making nutrition education a reality. OES students receive 20 hours of nutrition education per school year.
articles.extension.org/.../the-blue-zones-project-bringing-positive-change-to-school-wellness

Local Wellness Policies: Start Your School Health Makeover Today...
Dec 23, 2016 ... LWPs are the perfect vehicle for school wellness advocates to create environments where students can practice healthy behaviors. Follow these four steps to start your school's makeover. Get the facts. Find out what needs to be included in LWPs. Find out if a LWP committee is operating and ask to ...
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4 Content Groups:

- Encourage Kids to Eat Healthy Food
- The Business of School Food
- Develop Healthy Eating Dialogues
- Additional School Food Initiatives

Each content area represents a subgroup of CoP members who work together to create content. Click on each topic area heading to navigate to a description of the area and a table of contents.

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Resources

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The Business of School Food: Content Group Profile

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The content of this resource area is devoted to helping food service professionals and school administrators to create and sustain healthy and profitable school meal programs by offering success stories and research based methods for bettering the school food environment. This area also seeks to increase understanding of how school food service operates among stakeholders who can support and enhance the efforts of school meal programs, such as parents, teachers, and community members.

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- [Implement Low-Cost or No-Cost Solutions](#)
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Development of this content area is led by:

[Adam Brumberg](#), Cornell University and [Annette Marchbanks](#), Liverpool Central School District



Webinars



Webinars

- ▶ There are 40+ recorded webinars to date
- ▶ At least one new webinar is hosted per month
- ▶ Webinars typically are 20 minutes of presentation followed by 10 minute Q&A but times can vary from month to month
- ▶ All webinars are recorded
- ▶ Guest presenters are welcome! (contact healthy_food_choices_in_schools@cornell.edu to get started)
- ▶ By joining live today you'll be added to the mailing list to receive notifications about upcoming webinars (if watching the recording, sign up here)



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Professional Development Courses



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- ▶ 7 free courses are currently offered
- ▶ Each course consists of 3 videos and 3 comprehension questions.
- ▶ A Certificate of Completion will be issued automatically upon satisfactory completion
- ▶ School Nutrition Association members are also eligible for 1 SNA CEU per course, to be emailed upon satisfactory completion
- ▶ These courses can also be counted towards the USDA School Meal Professional Standards

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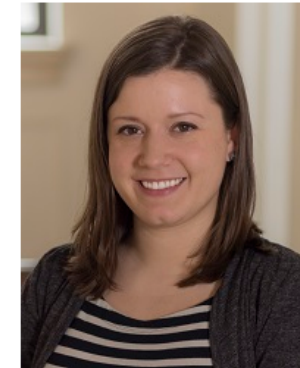
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Educational Videos



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- ▶ Grow This, Eat That! Youth Learning Healthy Living through Gardening and Culinary Programs
- ▶ Tapping into Taste: Using Sampling to Turn Students into Ambassadors for Your Cafeteria
- ▶ Get to Know Your Salad Bar!
- ▶ *Coming Soon!* Completing a Smarter Lunchrooms Scorecard Walkthrough

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Membership Opportunities

Members share **your expertise** with a national audience of food service directors and staff, program leaders, teachers, parents and students.

Membership also provides an avenue for **professional networking** with individuals across the county who are working to promote healthy food choices in schools. Your participation and contributions to the CoP are tracked and can be used in outreach reporting and resume-building.



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Membership Opportunities Continued

- ▶ **Meeting Attendance**- Group meetings are held remotely for 30 minutes at the same time each month. Members are expected to attend these meetings regularly. The purpose of these meetings is to keep communication within the group flowing and to brainstorm new content ideas
- ▶ **Content Development** - Content development consists of developing and peer reviewing content, presenting webinars, and/or developing educational videos. Members are expected to regularly participate in one or more of these activities.
- ▶ **Promotion and Recruitment** - All members are expected to help get the word out about the tools and resources developed by the CoP. You can do this by sharing provided promotional materials at conferences and events, and by sharing CoP written content, webinars and videos on social media.

Membership: Getting Started



1. Sign up with eXtension.org by going to: <https://people.extension.org/signup>
2. Go to <https://people.extension.org/communities/1608> and click "join"
3. You will be contacted by the CoP admin team who will answer any questions that you have and get you started!

4 Key Focus Areas

Encouraging Kids to Eat Healthy Food Content Group

Leader: Joi Vogin, University of Maryland Extension

Co-Leader: Open position

The Business of School Food Content Group

Leader: Adam Brumberg, Cornell University

Co-Leader: Annette Marchbanks, Liverpool Central School District

Develop Healthy Eating Dialogues

Leader: Alisha Gaines, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University

Co-Leader: Amanda Root, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Jefferson County

Additional School Food Initiatives

Leader: Mary Ann McFarland, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University Southwest District Extension Office

Co-Leader: Shauna Henley, University of Maryland Extension



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