



## AGENDA

### COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS + FARM TO SCHOOL & EARLY CARE CONFERENCE | JUNE 15-17, 2023

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9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS

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#### FARM TOURS, SITE VISITS + LOCAL FOODS RECEPTION

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# THURSDAY | JUNE 15

## COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS

7:00 AM **YOGA IN CENTENNIAL PARK [↗](#) (OPTIONAL)**

8:00 AM **REGISTRATION + BREAKFAST**

9:30 AM **WELCOME + MORNING PLENARY**

### **PANEL ON FOOD SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT ACROSS IOWA**

**Aubrey Alvarez**, Director, Eat Greater Des Moines

**Giselle Bruskewitz**, Program Director, Iowa Valley RC&D

**Jan Libbey**, Coordinator, Iowa Food Systems Coalition

10:45 AM **MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### **INCREASING ACCESS TO LAND AND NUTRIENT-DENSE FOOD IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Kit Kirby, Program Director, Feed Iowa First

### **AN INTRODUCTION TO MARKETMAKER**

Jo Pisel, MarketMaker

### **IMPERFECTO Y EFECTIVO: MULTILINGUAL SOLUTIONS IN COORDINATING CROSS-CULTURAL GARDEN ACTIVITIES**

Lindsey Mabe, 8th & College Connections

11:45 AM **LUNCH + EXHIBITORS**

1:00 PM **AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS A**

### **NOURISHING OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS**

Laura Kloewer; Jamie Werges; and Katie Sapp, Montgomery County Memorial Hospital

### **UNLEASHING THE POWER OF DATA: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING AND UTILIZING DATA IN COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS**

Rakesh Shah, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

### **READY, SET, GROW: EXPLORING THE IOWA FOOD SYSTEM PLAN | PART 1**

Jan Libbey, Iowa Food System Coalition; Jodie Huegerich, University of Northern Iowa

2:00 PM **AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS B**

### **READY, SET, GROW: EXPLORING THE IOWA FOOD SYSTEM PLAN | PART 2**

Jan Libbey, Iowa Food Systems Coalition

Shaffer Ridgeway, Southern Goods LLC

Jodie Huegerich, University of Northern Iowa

Becca Huber, Northeast Iowa Food Bank

### **USING VOLUNTEERS TO GROW PRODUCE TO DONATE**

Tracy Blackmer, Gardening for Good

### **USING DATA AND STORIES FOR SYSTEMS-LEVEL ADVOCACY**

Luke Elzinga & Tara Kramer, Des Moines Area Religious Council

### **FARM TO SCHOOL AND EARLY CARE PROGRAM**

Chelsea Krist & Krista Smith, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

3:00 PM **AFTERNOON PLENARY + CLOSING REMARKS**

### **USDA INVESTMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN LOCAL AND REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEMS**

**Lacy Stephens**, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

4:00 PM **ADJOURN + NETWORKING AT GASTRO GRUB & PUB [↗](#)**

# FRIDAY | JUNE 16

## FARM TOURS, FIELD TRIPS & LOCAL FOODS RECEPTION

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7:30 AM - 8:00 PM

**FRIDAY, FULL-DAY**

SITE VISITS + LOCAL FOODS RECEPTION

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**LOCAL FOODS RECEPTION ONLY**

DINNER + NETWORKING

GOLDEN ROOT AWARD

IOWA FOOD SYSTEM PLAN PRESENTATION

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7:00 AM **BREAKFAST ON OWN**

7:30 AM **REGISTRATION**

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10:00 AM **BUSES DEPART**

10:30 AM  **HILLIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL [↗](#)**

12:30 PM **LUNCH**

2:00 PM  **DOGPATCH URBAN GARDENS [↗](#)**

4:00 PM  **GRADE A GARDENS [↗](#)**

FARM TOUR  
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

5:00 PM **LOCAL FOODS RECEPTION**

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5:30 PM **DINNER + NETWORKING**

6:00 PM **GOLDEN ROOT AWARD**

6:30 PM **IOWA FOOD SYSTEM PLAN PRESENTATION**

JAN LIBBEY, IOWA FOOD SYSTEM COALITION

7:00 PM **NETWORKING**

7:30 PM **BUSES DEPART**

8:00 PM **DROP OFF**

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9:00 AM

**WELCOME + MORNING PLENARY**

**OELWEIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Barb Fogarty, Family and Student Services Director, Oelwein Community Schools

10:15 AM

**MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS A**

**BRINGING THE GROWERS OF FOOD TO GROWING STUDENTS**

Michelle Kenyon, Field to Family; Scott Koepke, Garden Bridge Outreach

**GROWING DEEP ROOTS FOR A FLOURISHING FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Kaitlyn Scheuermann and Ali Locker, Waukee Community School District

**AQUAPONICS S.T.E.A.M.**

Robin Smith, FoodCorps; Tammy Ryan, Waterloo Community Schools

**FARM TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE IN SOUTHWEST IOWA**

Jan Libbey, Iowa Food Systems Coalition

Cait Caughey, Center for Rural Affairs

Jodie Huegerich, University of Northern Iowa

11:30 AM

**MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS B**

**TAKING LITERACY OUTSIDE**

Veronica Armstrong, Loving Arms Kids Care

**SUPPORTING LEADERSHIP AND SUSTAINABILITY: THE IOWA FARM TO EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION LEARNING COLLABORATIVE**

Krista Smith, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

**HANDS-ON GARDENING CURRICULUM ACTIVITY**

Cait Caughey, Center for Rural Affairs

**COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS PROGRAM**

Courtney Long, Kaley Hohenshell, Bre Miller & Megan Kemp; Iowa State University Extension

**THE PENNSYLVANIA FARM TO SCHOOL INSTITUTE**

Samantha Hughes, The Food Trust

12:30 PM

**LUNCH + EXHIBITORS**

1:30 PM

**AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**EGGSPLORATION: A STUDY APPROACH TO CULINARY EXPERIENCES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

Elizabeth Miner, Little Tigers Clubhouse Gilbert

**COMMUNITY MEMBER INVOLVEMENT AS A MODE TO SCHOOL GARDEN MANAGEMENT**

Clara Wolcott, Eva Gemrich, Jorge Gutierrez; FoodCorps

**DIRT MADE MY LUNCH**

Anita Schuckert & Gladys Movall, Little Steps and Beyond Daycare

**HEALTH AND PHYSICAL LITERACY WITH FARM TO SCHOOL & EARLY CARE**

Lyn Jenkins, Iowa Department of Education

2:30 PM

**BITE-SIZED + CLOSING SESSION**

4:00 PM

**ADJOURN**