

DuPage Food Security Council

April 23, 2018

Food Security Symposium



September 22
7:30 a.m. to noon

Location: Northwestern Medicine Central
DuPage Hospital Auditorium
25 Winfield Road, Winfield, IL

No registration fee, but
attendance is limited.

[Register by September 20](#)

FOOD SECURITY SYMPOSIUM



**Please join us to Begin a
Conversation on a Food
secure System for
DuPage County**

- Define food secure systems
- Introduce best practices
- Discuss innovative strategies that promote food security

Who Should Attend?

- Emergency food providers
- Community stakeholders and human service organizations
- Retailers and growers

Email jmacdonald@loaves-fishes.org
with any questions.



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**Building food
systems that are
accessible,
sustainable and
health promoting
across all cultures
and economic
levels**

Food Councils

- **Promote strong food systems across communities**
 - **Use a cross-sector approach**
 - **Set shared community goals around target areas**
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Food Councils

**Who
should be
involved?**

- **Public health officials**
- **Farmers and agricultural organizations**
- **Schools, colleges and universities**
- **Emergency food providers**
- **Retail organizations**
- **Other support organizations**

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Discussions



- **Accomplishments through subgroups**
 - Defining Parameters of a Good Food System
 - Coordinating with Growers
 - Nutrition Education & Community Training
- **Food Security in DuPage County**
- **Group discussions –**
 - Food Security Indicators

Polling Everywhere *Instructions*



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to connect to the poll

Defining Parameters

**Develop community indicators
(measures) that support and
assess healthy food systems**

Defining Parameters



Demographic &
Socioeconomic
Factors

- **Poverty level**
 - **Employment level**
 - **Population**
 - **Ethnicities**
 - **Cost of living index**
 - **Market basket affordability index**
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Defining Parameters



Health
Indicators

- **Children & adolescents who are obese**
- **Low income preschool obesity**
- **Adult fruit & vegetable consumption**
- **Hospitalization rate due to complications of diabetes**

Defining Parameters




- **Persons receiving SNAP**
- **WIC enrollment**
- **Emergency food resources**
- **School programs: free & reduced lunch**
- **LINK card redemption outlets**
- **Senior feeding programs**

Defining Parameters



Household
Food Insecurity
levels

- **Food insecurity rate**
 - **Child food insecurity rate**
 - **Households with no car and low access to a grocery store**
 - **Food insecure children likely ineligible for assistance**
 - **Severe housing problems**
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Defining Parameters



Food outlet
availability &
accessibility

- People with low access to a grocery store
- People 65+ with low access to a grocery store
- Low income and low access to a grocery store
- Fast food restaurant density

Defining Parameters



- **Farmer's market density**
- **Community gardens / CSA's / food coops**
- **Inventory of community agricultural land zoning**
- **Use of locally grown products in school foodservice programs**