

# Rhode Island Hunger Elimination Task Force

Quarter Three Meeting • Tuesday, August 29, 2023 @ 2 - 3:30pm





**GOAL:** To reduce hunger and increase access to healthy, culturally-appropriate food for all Rhode Island residents

# Today's Agenda



- Welcome and Introductions
- Food Strategy Update & Highlights from 5-Year Retrospective Report
- Orientation to Breakout Sessions
- Breakout Sessions

2023 Q3 Hunger Elimination Task Force Meeting

# Rhode Island's 1st Statewide Food Strategy 2017



AN ACTIONABLE VISION FOR FOOD IN RHODE ISLAND

## INTEGRATED FOCUS AREAS

1. PRESERVE & GROW AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES INDUSTRIES
2. ENHANCE THE CLIMATE FOR FOOD & BEVERAGE BUSINESSES
3. SUSTAIN & CREATE MARKETS FOR RI FOOD PRODUCTS
4. ENSURE FOOD SECURITY FOR ALL
5. MINIMIZE & DIVERT WASTED FOOD



Led by the Director of Food Strategy through an inter-agency partnership



**RHODE ISLAND**  
COMMERCE



# 2030 Food Strategy

Developing a  
renewed food  
vision for Rhode  
Island



## Process, Goals & Timeline

- **Led by** → Commerce, DEM & RIDOH and 30 member Advisory Board
- **Looking Back** → 5-Year Retrospective complete September
- **Looking ahead** → 2030 focuses collective impact, racial equity, climate change
- **How to get involved?**
  - Fall 2023: Research, focus groups & listening sessions
  - Winter/Spring 2024: Strategy sessions and statewide gathering
  - Summer 2024: Plan complete, implementation begins

# IFNPAC: Inter-agency Food and Nutrition Policy Advisory Council



# 2018 HETF Recommendations to Governor Raimondo

- Economic Development
- Expanding Food Purchasing Power
- Streamlining and Maximizing Participation in Existing Programs
- Addressing transit challenges
- Grounding in data to drive decision making
- Supporting the safety net

# Key Findings of *Relish Rhody* Retrospective

(2017 - 2022)

## *Integrated focus area 4: Ensure food security for all Rhode Islanders*



**RETROSPECTIVE**   
Rhode Island State Food Strategy 5 Year Report | 2017-2022

- More participation and communications from HETF
- HETF connected pandemic relief funds to food access non profit organizations
- Increase staff capacity to liaise/coordinate across state gov and community-based orgs
- Funding secured for statewide emergency food plan
- More data now easily available
- NourishRI campaign secured state investment in NEW healthy SNAP incentive “Eat Well Be Well”
- New Healthy Eating & Active Living Strategic Plan (2023-2028)





# Key Findings from HETF Meetings (2022-2023)

## We need:

- Evaluation systems
- Strategies on reducing stigma around supplement food
- Better transportation
- More education on nutrition, gardening, and preparing food
- Community healthcare workers
- Nutritious and culturally relevant meals for older adults
- Stronger collaboration
- Better and diverse food delivery options
- Source reduction and diversion solutions for institutions

# Breakout Room Questions

- 1. What has worked well?*
- 2. How do we know it has worked well and/or is continuing to work well?*
- 3. Is this an area that you feel we need to continue to grow? Are there communities/people missing from this conversation; if so, who are they?*
- 4. What doesn't exist in the current landscape? What are the gaps?*



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# Breakout Rooms

1. Food Access & Recovery
2. Food Access, Transportation & Delivery
3. Food Access & Collaboration Across Hunger Relief Work
4. Food Access & Suitable Meals for Students and Older Adults
5. Food Access & Partnerships with Healthcare Programs
6. Food Access & Nutrition Education
7. Food Access & Supplemental Food/Nutrition Programs
8. Food Access & Evaluation of Hunger Relief Programs



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Quarter 4 Meeting  
Tues. 11/28, 2023  
@ 2 - 3:30pm

**SEE YOU NEXT TIME!**



# THANK YOU!

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