About the Hunger Vital Sign™ National Community of Practice (NCoP)

Co-convened by Children’s HealthWatch and Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), the NCoP works to facilitate conversations and collective action among a wide-range of stakeholders interested in addressing food insecurity through a health care lens.
The overarching goal and purpose of the NCoP is to rapidly share leading best practices and data on food insecurity screening/intervention activities and strategies to scale what works.

- Quarterly virtual meetings facilitate a collaborative forum and a venue where multiple stakeholders gather to disseminate research and best practices, incubate innovative ideas, and most importantly, collaborate in sub-groups to inform and influence large-scale policy and practice change resulting in evidence-based innovations to alleviate food insecurity and improve population health outcomes.
What makes us unique?

• We are first and foremost a policy change group.
• We are driven to shape policy at the practice, local, state and federal level.
• Our efforts are mainly focused on the intersection of health care and social policy (e.g., state-level Medicaid redesign, medical informatics/coding policies) and to a lesser extent on federal legislative policy (strengthening federal nutrition programs).
How do we get things done?

We regularly...
- Quarterly virtual meetings
- Collaborative sub-groups
- Annual in-person meeting

We annually...
- NCoP member survey
- Participatory strategic development and logic model creation
Hunger Vital Sign™ NCoP Simplified Logic Model

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<td>- meet quarterly to disseminate best practices and research</td>
<td>- innovative partnerships</td>
<td>- Increase evidence-based policies and practice innovations to address FI on institutional, state, and national levels</td>
<td>- Increased implementation of sustainable evidence-based screening and intervening practices</td>
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<td>- collaborate in subgroups on research and policy projects</td>
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<td>- Engage multiple health-related sectors</td>
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## HVS NCoP Subgroups

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### Example projects:

**Policy**
- Create templates for statewide advocacy to increase Medicaid reimbursement of food insecurity screening.
- Survey professional organizations/associations about existing policies about social determinants of health and food insecurity.

**Coding**
- Advocate for more appropriate ICD10 and CPT codes for food insecurity.
- Engage health IT companies to increase the number of electronic medical records with embedded HVS.

**Research**
- Create standard set of outcome metrics to increase alignment of food insecurity research.
- Collaborate on return on investment research surrounding food insecurity screening and intervening.

**Clinical Implementation**
- Partner with VA hospitals or school-based clinics to increase screening in high-risk populations.
- Publish intervention toolkit to increase provider awareness of effective food insecurity interventions.
Moving forward

• Participate in virtual meetings
• Present your work via virtual meetings
• Co-chair or join a sub group
• Connect with other members

To join, please complete the member profile survey

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