



NATIONAL
COMMUNITY
OF PRACTICE

HUNGER

Vital SignTM

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.

Goals and purpose

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?

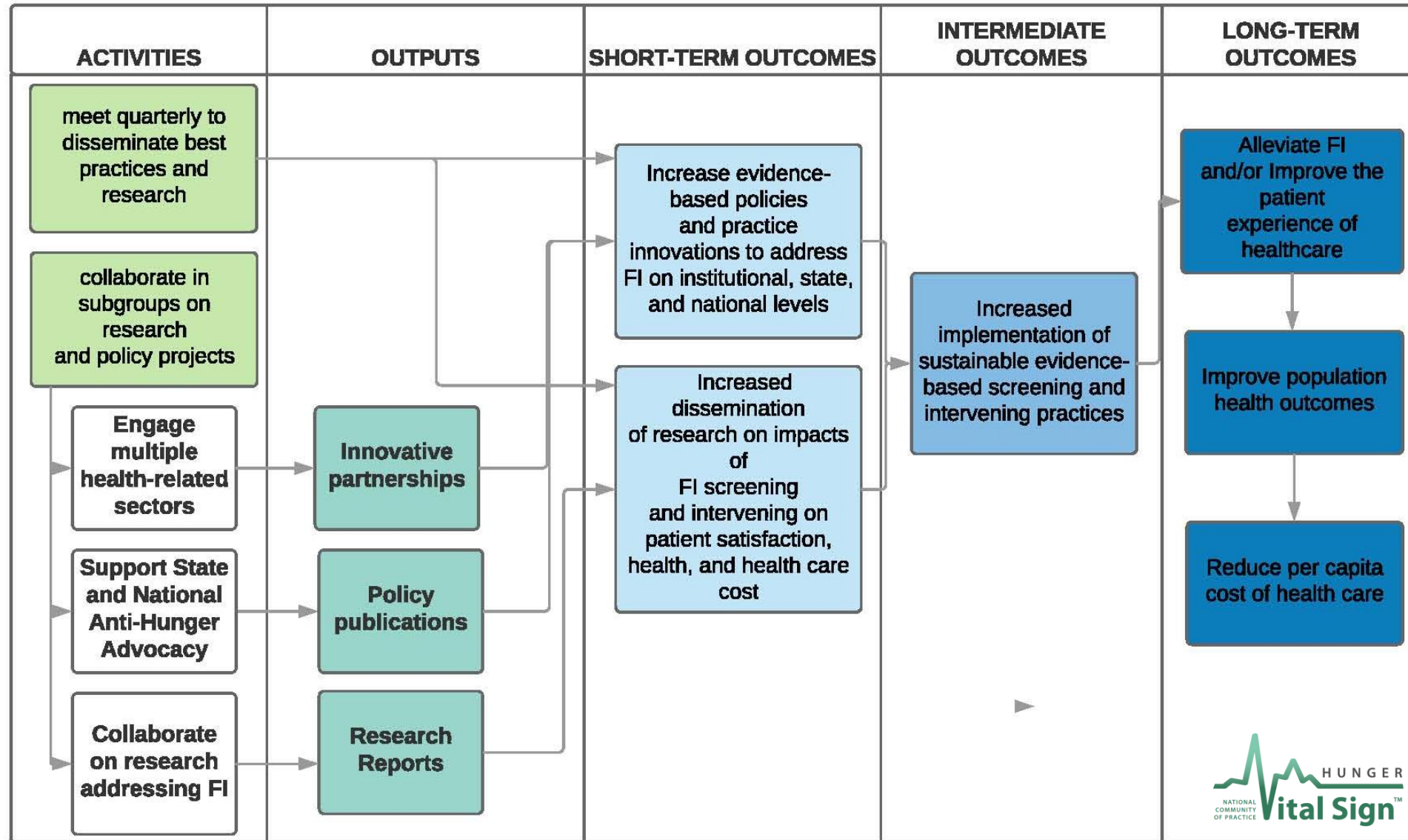
We regularly...

- 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



View the detailed 2018 Logic Model: <http://bit.ly/HVS-NCoP-logic-model>

HVS NCoP Subgroups

Policy

This subgroup focuses on projects that advance the policy landscape surrounding food insecurity screening and intervening

Example projects:

- **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

This subgroup focuses on projects that improve the compatibility of electronic medical records and coding language for food insecurity screening and intervening

Example projects:

- **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

This subgroup focuses on research projects and partnerships to enhance the evidence-base for food insecurity screening and interventions

Example projects:

- **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

This subgroup focuses on engaging providers to increase implementation of food insecurity screening and intervening practices

Example projects:

- **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**





WE WANT YOU!

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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