

Getting to the **Root** of Hunger, Together.

At its root, hunger is a result of many systems and policies that perpetuate poverty. Food security in Vermont is possible and we all have something to contribute. Join us to share inspiration and actionable learnings to address hunger today, and to continue building shared vision and understanding to end hunger for good. The Foodbank's annual Hunger Action Conference is designed to bring together community partners, local non-profits, state representatives, and other advocates to creatively address the issues of hunger in our state.

Registration Fees:

- Exhibitors - \$90 to reserve table and first person's registration
- General Attendee - \$85 for each registrant
- Network Partner - \$55 for first person, \$25 for each additional person from your agency
- State/Federal Government - \$55 for each registrant
- Other Nonprofits \$55 for each registrant
- Student - \$35 for each registrant

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Breakout Session One

Vermont Food Security: Roadmap to 2035

Speaker: Becca Warren, *Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund*

Together we will explore the Roadmap and the path to food security in Vermont.

Improving Inventory Management and Procurement Practices

Speaker: Alyssa Levy, *Bethel Area Food Shelf*

This session will present examples of systems developed by Bethel Area Food Shelf volunteers to track inventory, ensure fully stocked shelves, reduce costs, and streamline shopping. System templates will be shared for use by network partners.

Transportation, Food Access and Demonstrated Ways to Address Community Hunger

Speaker: Debra Sachs, *Net Zero Vermont*

Panelists representing food security and public transportation programming will provide examples of ways to improve efficiency and transportation/food access.

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Break Out Session One (cont.)

Be Bold, Fail Intelligently: Creating New Local Food Access Programs

Speaker: Johanna Doren, *NOFA-VT*

The opportunity to learn from what doesn't go perfectly is one of the greatest tools of success and innovation. Using Amy Edmonson's principles of "intelligent failure," we can set ourselves up to make strides towards alleviating the root causes of hunger and poverty, and achieving the goals set out in the Vermont Food Security Roadmap. The session will use the NOFA-VT Crop Cash Program and Crop Cash Plus Pilot as a case study, with an overview of the successes and how we can learn from the challenges, before moving into breakout groups.

Pivoting and Adapting to Growing Food Shelf Needs

Speaker: Grant John Gorton, *Sheldon Methodist Church Food Shelf*

The Sheldon Methodist Church Food Shelf started out 30 years ago as an "emergency food shelf" serving 8-10 families per month. Today we are a "grocery store" providing 20,000 to 25,000 lbs of food each month to 350-400 families. This workshop/presentation will describe how we pivoted and adapted to this level of demand.

Breakout Session Two

Vermont Food Security: Roadmap to 2035

Speaker: Becka Warren, *Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund*

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Please Note: This is a repeat session, NOT a part two.

The Right to Food Model: An Empowering & Resilient Community-Based Food System

Speakers: Sara Whitehair, *Waterbury Common Market*; Jeffrey Jackson, *Slate Valley Cares*

This workshop will highlight the changes that we have made at our respective places to create systems of equality, dignity, and empowerment. We'll talk about basic structures and systems that we have applied, and how these simple changes can help your food shelf.

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Breakout Session Two (cont.)

Leveraging Access to 3SquaresVT through Referral Partnerships

Speaker: Jamie Lombardo, *Vermont Foodbank*

3SquaresVT (SNAP) is a program that gives people money to buy the foods they know and love at grocery stores and farmers markets. Navigating the complexities of 3SquaresVT (SNAP) can be a barrier in access for both service providers and applicants. Outreach and partnerships play a critical role in reducing these barriers. Join teammates of the Vermont Foodbank, WIC, Community College of Vermont (CCV) and Foodworks to hear some of the creative and collaborative ways we have partnered to help more people gain access through referrals. This session will include a program overview, insights on lessons learned and best practices for referrals through a knowledge swap and Q&A with panelists.

Transforming Food Security Work to Address Root Causes

Speaker: Tatiana Abatemarco, *Vermont Foodbank*

What needs to change to create food security in Vermont? Join the Vermont Foodbank's Innovation Lab for a discussion of our work to explore root causes of food insecurity and transformational solutions here in Vermont. We will share some of our research findings and engage the audience in a discussion of what root causes are and how they point to new ways of doing food security work.

Realities of a Decade of Food as Medicine in the State of Vermont: Challenges and Possible Solutions

Speaker: Lilah Krugman, *ACORN*

For almost a decade, Farmacy: Food is Medicine programs have been operating in the state of Vermont. Three distinct barriers—funding, transportation, and seasonality—remain pertinent to our work and require collaborative and transformative solutions that will allow our model of preventative community health to thrive and grow for another decade in the state. Join Emma Hileman of the Rutland County Farmacy Program, Lilah Krugman of the Addison County Farmacy Program, and Miranda Henry of Northern Tier Center for Health to learn more about our unique Food as Medicine programs and the challenges we are working together to address.

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