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Farmers, Eaters, and Legislators: The State Role in Food Systems and Nutrition Policy *Resource and Publication List*

Resources

UW Population Health Institute: County Health Rankings

www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/wisconsin/2016/overview

UW-Madison's Population Health Institute (PHI) measures dozens of health factors in every county in the state, and provides roadmaps to help communities to use that data to improve health. The rankings include measures on obesity, food environment and access to healthy foods.

UW Population Health Institute: What Works for Health

www.whatworksforhealth.wisc.edu

This resource assesses and assigns an evidence rating for over 400 policies. Examples of analyzed policies include farm to school programs, and healthy food initiatives in food banks.

UW-Madison: Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (CIAS)

www.cias.wisc.edu

CIAS builds sustainable agriculture research programs that respond to farmer and citizen needs and involves multiple stakeholders in setting research agendas.

UW-Madison: healthTIDE

www.healthtide.org

Within the Obesity Prevention Initiative, healthTIDE utilizes a team-based approach to change policy, systems, and environments related to nutrition and physical activity.

UW-Madison: Food Security Project

www.foodsecurity.wisc.edu

With support from the UW-Madison Applied Population Lab and School of Human Ecology, and UW-Extension Family Living Programs, this project provides extensive local data on available food resources.

UW-Madison: Institute for Research on Poverty – Nutrition, Food Assistance, and Poverty

www.irp.wisc.edu/research/nutrition.htm

The Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) is a center for interdisciplinary research on a broad range of topics related to poverty and inequality, including nutrition and food assistance.

UW-Extension, Agricultural and Natural Resources Extension

anre.uwex.edu

ANRE programs use education and applied research to help individuals and businesses use resources in sustainable ways and maintain or enhance natural resource quality and quantity.

UW-Milwaukee: Cooperative Institute for Urban Agriculture and Nutrition

apps.uwm.edu/iuan

This cooperative of community and academic partners works to advance sustainable urban agriculture, healthy nutrition practices, and economic development through collaboration.

Wisconsin Healthy Hospitals and Clinics

<https://wicancer.org/healthyhospitals/>

A project of the Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, this initiative supports hospitals and clinics to improve food environments through policy and systems changes.

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Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection: Wisconsin Foods Program

datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/BuyLocalBuyWisconsin.aspx

This program provides support for local and regional sales of Wisconsin agricultural products.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services: WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/fmnp/index.htm

The program provides participants with checks to purchase produce at farmer's markets.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Healthy Food Environments

www.cdc.gov/obesity/strategies/healthy-food-env.html

This CDC resource provides best practices on programs such as Farm to Preschool initiatives, garden-themed nutrition kits, obesity prevention practices and healthy food retail policies.

Recent Publications

Wisconsin Medical Journal: Volume 115, Issue 5 (November 2016)

www.wisconsinmedicalsociety.org/professional/wmj/archives/volume-115-issue-5-november-2016/

The current issue of the WMJ deals entirely with obesity in Wisconsin, and includes articles on disparities in restaurant food environment, and the state's previously underreported obesity rate.

Farm to Elementary School Programming Increases Access to Fruits and Vegetables and Increases Their Consumption Among Those with Low Intake

[www.jneb.org/article/S1499-4046\(14\)00495-3/pdf](http://www.jneb.org/article/S1499-4046(14)00495-3/pdf)

Wisconsin research shows that increasing exposure to fruits and vegetables positively influences behaviors at school lunch for children grades 3-5.

School Gardens Enhance Academic Performance and Dietary Outcomes in Children

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/josh.12278/epdf>

Research on garden-based learning and its impact on academic performance.

Understanding Wisconsin Producer and Distributor Perceptions to Inform Farm to School Programs and Policies

www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/19320248.2013.840548

Obstacles, barriers, and social conditions for successful farm to school programs.

Innovation in urban agricultural practices: Responding to diverse production environments

doi.org/10.1017/S1742170513000537

Examination of how structural food system factors affect urban agriculture efforts.

Wisconsin Food Systems Council: A Working White Paper

www.couleefoodsystem.org/uploads/2/6/6/1/26616725/wi_state_food_council.pdf

A description of possible structure, functions, and role of a Wisconsin food systems council.

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[www.jneb.org/article/S1499-4046\(14\)00495-3/abstract](http://www.jneb.org/article/S1499-4046(14)00495-3/abstract)

Research on effects of various farm to school programming in Wisconsin elementary schools.