



Emerson National Hunger Fellowship

The Policy Placement

What do Hunger Fellows work on during the Policy Site Placement?

Hunger Fellows...

- Conduct research on best practices and state options related to federal nutrition programs, including the Food Stamp Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), the Summer Food Service Program, and others.
- Provide training on anti-hunger policy issues.
- Coordinate efforts to link root-cause policy issues such as housing, health care, racial justice, asset building, income, work supports, homelessness, etc. with anti-hunger policy initiatives.
- Bring specific communities to the anti-hunger table (e.g., civil rights advocates, communities of faith, racial minority groups).
- Conduct research to support the community food security movement and the inclusion of the voice of small farmers in anti-hunger policy discussions.

Policy Highlights & Accomplishments

Hunger Fellows...

- Drafted and disseminated a nationwide survey of state policy choices on the federal nutrition programs, and analyzed food stamp program caseloads nationwide.
- Co-authored *Increasing Access to Work-Support Benefits*.
- Drafted a strategic communications initiative regarding child obesity as a public health issue.
- Researched food stamp program implementation issues related to the homeless population.
- Designed and launched an online survey for Individual Development Accounts nationwide.
- Coordinated a Congressional roundtable discussion on Hunger in Latino Communities.
- Published articles on school mobility and the intersections of race, poverty, and hunger.
- Researched and wrote issue briefs on premiums in the Child Health Insurance Program.
- Designed and implemented the Food Stamp Outreach website of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service, and staffed the national Food Stamp Outreach Coalition.

Sample of Past Policy Site Host Organizations

America's Second Harvest	National Conference of State Legislature
Bread for the World	National Council of La Raza
Call to Renewal	National Head Start Association
Catholic Charities USA	National Immigration Law Center
Center for Community Change	National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities	NETWORK
Center for Enterprise Development	New America Foundation
Coalition on Human Needs	Poverty and Race Research Action Council
Community Food Security Coalition	RESULTS, Inc.
Families USA	Rural Coalition
Food Research and Action Center	School Nutrition Association
Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs	Share Our Strength
Migrant Legal Action Program	U.S. Department of Agriculture
National Coalition for the Homeless	U.S. Department of Justice

For a full list of organizations and other information, please visit: www.hungercenter.org/national

"This fellowship showed me how arduous, difficult, and incremental, but ultimately worthwhile, the policy making process can be."

- Bi Vuong, 10th Class Fellow