



## Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows

# Suggestions for Developing Project Work Plans

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## What do Emerson Hunger Fellows do in their Field Site Placement organizations?

Hunger Fellows...

- Design, develop, evaluate, and enhance local anti-hunger, health, poverty and food access programs and initiatives.
- Design outreach and enrollment strategies for federal programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Summer Food Service Program, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program.
- Conduct research on the utilization and impact of federal, state and local programs and other anti-hunger and anti-poverty initiatives.
- Conduct and promote anti-hunger & anti-poverty advocacy and education on a local and statewide level.

## How do sites develop successful projects?

- Identify your organizational and community needs. What are the projects or programs you have wanted to get started but have not been able to kick-off due to staff limitations? Our goal in partnering with field sites is to allow Fellows to help build the capacity of field sites and enhance or initiate new programs or projects. Please don't limit yourself to the projects/programs highlighted below.
- Develop realistic project goals that can be achieved in a five-month period by the Fellow. Also, remember that the Fellows are ambitious, bright, and motivated individuals who want to work. The Fellows would be exceptionally motivated, full-time staff members, so be sure to develop work plans accordingly.
- Determine the financial resources you have available to initiate the proposed project(s).
- Consider the sustainability of the projects you propose for the Hunger Fellows. Be sure to let us know how you foresee the projects continuing after the Fellows leave.
- Try to build opportunities into your work plan(s) for the Fellows seek out the perspectives and learn from the experiences of community members most impacted by your programs and initiatives.

## Field Highlights & Accomplishments

Hunger Fellows...

- Developed a best practices guide for dismantling racism within food security organizations.
- Created a *Guide for Grocers* on how to become an authorized food stamp retailer.
- Linked anti-hunger and anti-poverty programs to free tax preparation services and the EITC by incorporating public benefits screening at tax sites and creating a training curriculum for volunteers that run this new network of complementary services.
- Conducted community outreach, led meetings of community leaders, and helped initiate new summer food programs in counties not previously providing adequate Summer Food Service Programs.
- Established numerous youth development programs, community gardens, community kitchens, food bank advisory committees and outreach programs.
- Assessed the county-wide utilization of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), including surveying all county family home daycare providers and group childcare, interviewing government and community stakeholders, and designing a mapping project depicting gaps in CACFP participation.
- Compiled research on the benefits, challenges, and potential of urban agriculture in one northeastern city, and provided a detailed report and specific recommendations for implementation to city officials.
- Evaluated nutrition services for diabetic clients living with HIV/AIDS.
- Organized the first conference addressing hunger on Native American Reservations.
- Developed *Community Food Security 101: What's the Food System Got to do with It?*, an interactive educational tool to introduce people to the concepts of community food security.
- Created *Advocacy Retooled*, an anti-hunger and poverty advocacy toolkit for community leaders that communicates the importance of advocacy work in eradicating hunger and poverty, and presents a hands-on, engaging approach to advocacy.