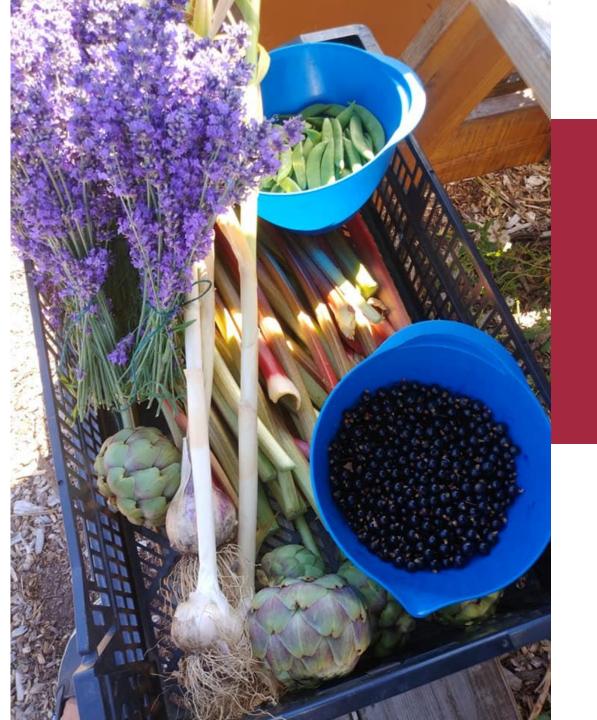


Local Food: SNAP-Ed and MG Partners

Building Community Connection Together

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Panel discussion

Lessons Learned
Share Ideas, Methods,
Resources





What we will discuss

- Partnerships between SNAP-Ed and MG programs.
- Impacts these partnerships have on the communities served.
- How to build a durable partnership to improve the health and well-being of residents.
- Bringing food gardening skills together with cooking fresh produce











Downtown urban location

Foodbank, Rotary Club, Schools, City Parks, Day Camps, Boys & Girls Clubs, Foodbanks, Snap Ed

> Cook what you grow. Keep it simple





Leverage Skills, Funding, In kind Donations, Partnerships, Strengths & Challenges.







2021 Family Porch Garden Project Community partners included:

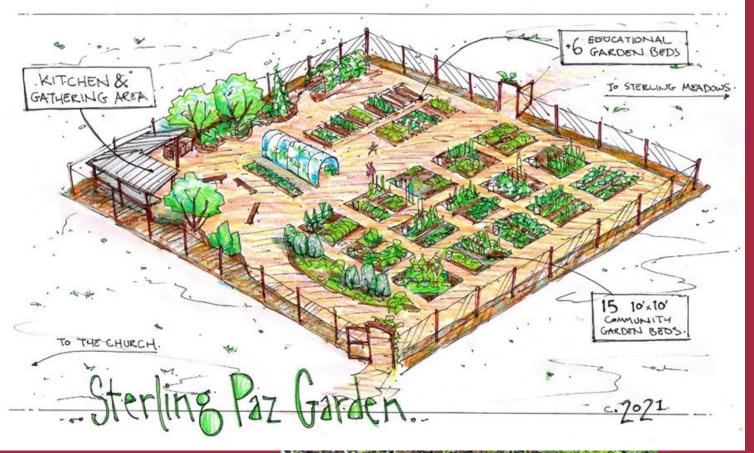
- Lummi COMMOD Squad
- Lummi Tribal Health Center
- WSU Whatcom Master Gardeners
- ❖ WSU Whatcom SNAP-Ed





250 Participating families received:

- Home container garden, delivered and set-up with soil
- Variety of vegetable plant starts
- Gardening supply kit with growing resources
- Garden support throughout the growing season







2021 Community Housing Garden Project

Community partners included:

- Sterling Meadows Housing
- Common Threads Farm
- ❖ WSU Whatcom SNAP-Ed
- WSU Whatcom Master Gardeners



2021 Food Bank Community Garden Project

Community partners included:

- Foothills Food Bank
- Flynn Farms
- ❖ WSU Whatcom SNAP-Ed
- WSU Whatcom Master Gardeners









Crescent Harbor Elementary School





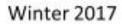
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Olympic View Elementary

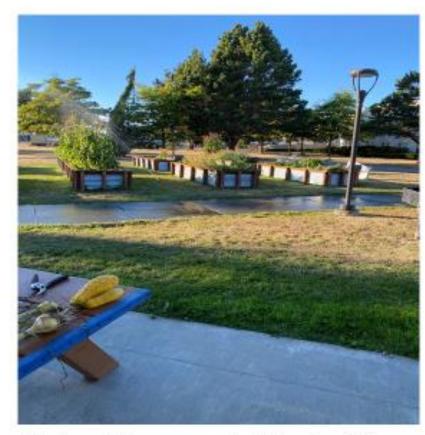








Naval Air Station Whidbey Island



Garden at Unaccompanied Housing Fall 2022







Questions?

- How is your MG program partnering with SNAP ED or other organizations?
 - What Potential Partnerships do you envision and why?
 - Assessing community needs and priorities?
- How might using local funding provide flexibility in program outreach?

Resources





https://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/growing-groceries/

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/events/2021/food-insecurity-neighborhood-food-environment-and-nutrition-health-disparities



https://wasnap-ed.org/live-well/





Thank you!



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