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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





WEGROW
FOOD.YOUTH.COMMUNITY.

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.



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2021 Family Porch Garden Project

Community partners included:

- ❖ Lummi COMMODO 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



Fall 2016



Fall 2022

Olympic View Elementary



Winter 2017



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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