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The Swetland Scoop

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News & Announcements

We are looking to expand our team of passionate, community researchers! We are currently [hiring](#) for four full-time positions:

- Research Associate: Qualitative Research Core (Center-wide engagement)
- Research Assistant (3/4) – [Modeling the Future of Food in Your Neighborhood Study: foodNEST 2.0](#)
- Research Assistant 4 – [Building Capacity for Obesity Prevention \(BCOP\) Study](#)
- [FFAR/foodNEST 2.0](#) Program Manager

At the Swetland Center, our work would not be possible without strong support from key partners. For the last nine months, our forms of

engagement with collaborators shifted due to COVID-19 requiring creative methods to promote connection. The pandemic also spurred the development of new partners. Through these changing and mostly virtual times, we built up existing and grew new relationships with individuals and organizations that are crucial to furthering research, training, and community engagement to advance environmental health equity. Below we highlight two of our many phenomenal project partners.

Three Community Nutrition Policy, Systems, and Environmental Specialists from The Ohio State University Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education (SNAP–Ed) have been actively collaborating with the [Building Capacity for Obesity Prevention \(BCOP\)](#) study. These SNAP–Ed Specialists have been updating resources and recommendations for the study’s online tool to help SNAP–Ed and public health practitioners assess community readiness and capacity to implement community nutrition strategies in rural and urban counties throughout Ohio. The SNAP–Ed Specialists will be collaborating with the Swetland team to support data collection related to BCOP’s new areas of focus on policy, system, and environmental change for healthy eating in K–12 schools and in food pantries.

The [Ohio COVID–19 Child Care Study](#) resulted in new collaborations with the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services as well as with administrators, staff, and families from more than 70 child care programs in 10 counties in Ohio. This partnership seeks to better



understand how to lower the spread and lessen the impact of COVID–19 among families and staff affiliated with child care programs in the state. You can [sign up here](#) to receive a report with the study findings.

Swetland Seminar: Creating a Menu of Actions for Community Driven Food Systems Change

November 17th, 2020 | 9 – 10 AM

Gain insight from the Modeling the Future of Food in Your Neighborhood Study (foodNEST 2.0) team about the food system as it is and the food system we hope for. This webinar is an opportunity to learn about a framework that has been created for communities to build solidarity around collective actions needed to achieve hopes for their food future. Register [here!](#)



Ohio Food Policy Network Summit

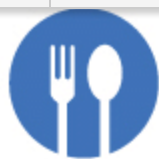
November 16th, 2020 | 1–4 pm



[Register](#) for the 10th Annual Ohio Food Policy Summit. This event will be held virtually and is open to anyone who wants to see a strong regional food system in Ohio. Additionally OFPN will be hosting the Ohio Local Food Council Workshop on November 17th, from 4 – 6 p.m.

Helpful Resources

National Partnership to Increase Food Security for Senior Residents In Cleveland



Greater Cleveland
Food Bank

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank, in partnership with the National Council on Aging (NCOA), has joined a nationwide effort to fight senior hunger by dramatically increasing participation by eligible seniors in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Read more about the partnership and efforts to reduce senior hunger [here](#).

Have an opportunity you'd like us to feature in our next newsletter?

We are accepting content submissions! You can find the submission form [here](#).

Swetland Spotlight

**Highlighting October Swetland Seminar
Presenter, Andrew F. Beck, MD, MPH**

On October 27th, Andrew F. Beck, MD, MPH of the Cincinnati Children's & University of Cincinnati, Department of Pediatrics shared his lived experience and research with the Swetland Seminar attendees. His presentation, 'Moving Upstream to Identify and Act on Environmental Drivers of Inequities in Child Asthma and Overall Child Health' discussed the known and persistent equity gaps in child health outcomes, and how children's hospitals (in partnership with patients, families, and communities) can help to narrow those gaps by improving outcomes in equitable ways. He shared powerful first hand experiences and shared Cincinnati Children's asthma improvement efforts and ways in which these efforts have extended to other conditions, including COVID-19, via the hospital's Community Health Initiative. If you missed this webinar, you are able to



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