# Welcome

* Food Summit
  + June 12th, 2024 at The Armory of Russell Sage College
  + For All Who Submitted Proposals: We’re working on finalizing the speakers list – more on this soon!

# Food as a Right Community of Practice

The National Right to Food Community Practice is launching a new membership structure. Membership is open to both individuals and organizations on a sliding scale. Membership dues are renewable annually, and non-tiered. Our primary goal is to build a vibrant and dedicated learning community, while building our collective capacity to advance and resource a national movement for the Human Right to Food. [Please join us!](https://forms.gle/FHQtMjkew8dt5Lxm6)

And, finally, registration is open for the 2nd annual National Right to Food Summit, June 4-5, 2024 in Syracuse, NY. Space is limited so register early. We also have some scholarship funding available for grassroots leaders who would like to participate in the summit. [Register here](https://www.righttofoodus.org/2024summitregistration). We look forward to seeing you in Syracuse in June!

# NYS Budget Pushes

* Conversations around the One-House Budgets:
  + HPNAP and NNY:
    - Senate: $65M for HPNAP & NNY together, for a total of $150 million between the two programs. The Additional funding is not broken down by the program. Senate language would require DOH and AGM to submit an allocation plan for HPNAP & NNY for Senate approval prior to allocating those funds. - Unclear of where that will take us
    - Assembly:
  + NOEP- Fully restored in both
  + Healthy School Meals – Included in both
  + Senate One-House: Includes SNAP (Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program) at a $50 minimum
  + Feeding NYS Petition: <https://p2a.co/MWXYZH1>
  + Feeding NYS Table:

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|  | **HPNAP/NNY** | **NOEP** | **HSMFA** | **SNAP minimum** |
| **Executive** | HPNAP: $34.5M  NNY: $50M | $3.5M | No | No |
| **Assembly** | HPNAP: $56.5M  NNY: $75M | $5.5M | Yes | No |
| **Senate** | HPNAP: $34.5M  NNY: $50M  Additional: $65.5M**\*** | $5.5M | Yes | $50/mo |
| **FNYS** | HPNAP: $64.5M  NNY: $75M | $5.5M | Yes | $100/mo |

* + - ***\*****Additional $65.5M in funding not broken down by program. Senate language requires DOH and AGM to submit an allocation plan to the Senate chamber for approval.*
    - There are 18 days left till the State budget is due to be approved.
* Oral Health Workforce Project Join Here: <https://scaany.org/oral-health/oral-health-workforce/>
* Plant-Based School Meals Sign-On Letter
  + [Fact Sheet](https://pcrm.widen.net/s/rwtn62mqrb/ny-plant-based-meals-bill-fact-sheet)
  + If you’re interested in signing on to the sign-on letter email Megan Amos from [Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine](https://www.pcrm.org/) at [mamos@pcrm.org](mailto:mamos@pcrm.org)
* An example of local advocacy to influence statewide policy: Schenectady County Food Policy Councils pushing for city/county resolutions

# Attendees:

Ora Kemp, Senior Policy Advisor with the NYC Mayor's Office of Food Policy

Stacy Dedring - Dutchess Outreach - Director of Operations

Cooper Rohan (he/him), Field & Fork Network

Dan Egan, Feeding NYS

Gregory May - Island Harvest Food Bank

Alison Cohen, National Right to Food Community of Practice

Les Aylesworth - CHOW, Broome County Council of Churches

Rev. Dustin Longmire (he/ they), Messiah Lutheran Church and the Rotterdam Community Center

Kristi Milligan, Schenectady County Food Council \* The Schenectady Foundation

Greg Silverman, West Side Campaign Against Hunger, Roundtable NYC

Dorella Walters, God's Love We Deliver

Linda Knipper, Schenectady County Food Council and Street Soldiers Schenectady

Bridget Walsh, Schuyler Center in Albany

Susan Zimet, NYS Food and Anti- Hunger Policy Coordinator

Megan Amos, with the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine

Josh Stephani, Comfort Food of Washington County + Adirondack Food System Network

Heidi Siegfried, Alliance Board Member, New York Association on Independent Living

Antonisha Owens, Syracuse Urban Food Forest Project, Black Farmers United-NY, Nourish Syracuse, Owner of AficaPure beauty products and Afica Farm Fabulous

Peyton Yourch, The Alliance for a Hunger Free New York

Angie Pender-Fox, The Food Pantries of the Capital District