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#4244 – Haliburton County Community Food Security Report Card

Organization Information

FoodNet is the networking of food programs in Haliburton County. This committee meets four times per year. Over 13 different organizations &/or food program meet to share challenges and successes. Over the years this networking has lead to the sharing of resources i.e. food, money, transportation etc. and has lead to some advocacy work with the social determinants of health. Members of food net find the networking very valuable for themselves, their agency but most importantly the people they serve. Food Net is not widely known in the community and there has been an expressed need to increase our profile.

It is important to note the FoodNet itself does not produce a program but the members deliver the program and FoodNet facilitates strength in numbers and sharing. Our goal is to achieve community food security.

Project Information

The purpose of the project would be to develop a Haliburton County Community Food Security Partnership Report Card. This report will outline the work of FoodNet and how it aligns with the strategies to develop a food secure community.

The students would be responsible for developing a survey questionnaire with the assistance of Food Net members and other community resources. Conduct the survey with all Food Net members and then develop a report. In the report it will outline the three approaches to address food security and develop a report card on the progress of Food Net and identify strengths and areas for possible future accomplishments.

Benefit to the Host Organization and Community

This project will increase the awareness of Food Net and the work of all its members. It will raise awareness about food security issues in our community and how all three how the three strategies of food security are all interrelated and often build on one another. It will identify possible gaps in our community around food security initiatives and possible future goals for Food Net. The report will be posted on the new Food Net Website – report could be unveiled with the website and in turn raise awareness to all residents, service groups & politicians about the issue of food security in our area.

What students might learn

Students would learn the strategies for effective rural food community security. Learn to develop survey questions and work with community partners. They may learn how to communicate with different organizations ie Volunteer organizations, gov't agencies, social services etc and also how to write an effective research paper. Also they may develop recommendations to improve food security in Haliburton County.

Screening or Training Requirements

Confidentially agreements when talking with the various agencies

Skills or Experience Needed

Strategic, survey experience

Resources Required for Project Provided by Host

1. **Host:** all project-related resources and costs in order for the student to complete the project (e.g. photocopying, office supplies, long distance phone calls). U-Links will cover the cost of up to four project-related trips to Haliburton.

U-Links: The cost of a rental vehicle **OR** reimbursement for fuel (student owned vehicle) to travel to and from Haliburton County for up to **four (4)** visits.

All costs for transportation beyond the four visits, including rental and fuel costs, as well as fuel costs for project related travel within the county are the responsibility of the host organization.