Background

The South Carolina Partnership, which refers to Growing Local SC, Healthy Palmetto, the South Carolina Food Policy Council, and local food policy councils funded through SNAP-Ed, embarked on an analysis of the network of organizations and individuals dedicated to improving food insecurity in South Carolina. This analysis will help you visualize your local food policy council network relationships, provide insights about the ways we work together, and identify opportunities for continued network development.

Network Map

The West Columbia/Cayce Food Policy Coalition subnetwork is composed of 20 organizations/individuals, 15 of which responded to the survey with a 75% response rate. The subnetwork reported having 58 relationships.
**Q1: What is the primary field that your organization works directly in?**

n = 15 respondents reported for this question

- Community Economic Development: 26%
- Food Security/Hunger: 13%
- Food Distribution: 13%
- Advocacy: 7%
- Public Health: 7%
- Other: 27%

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**Q6: Leveraging resources is a key function of a network. Please indicate what your organization contributes, or can potentially contribute, to the South Carolina Partnership*. (Select all that apply)**

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n = 13 respondents reported for this question

- In-Kind Resources: 62%
- Advocacy: 62%
- Volunteers and Volunteer staff: 38%
- Data Resources including data sets, collection and analysis: 38%
- Info/ Feedback: 38%
- Grant Writing: 31%
- Facilitation/Leadership: 23%
- Fiscal Management: 15%
- Funding: 8%
- Paid Staff: 8%
- Specific Health Expertise: 8%
- Expertise Other Than in Health: 8%
- IT/web resources: 8%
SNAP-Ed Perceptions

- Nearly half of respondents reported that SNAP-Ed has had **A Great Deal** of influence in the South Carolina Partnership (42%).
- Majority of respondents find the South Carolina Food Policy Council **Helpful** (50%) or **Very Helpful** (17%) in helping their organization achieve its mission.
- A little over half of respondents find the South Carolina Food Policy Council **Helpful** in addressing food insecurity (58%).
- About half of respondents reported that in the formation and maintenance of relationships SNAP-Ed has been important **A great deal** (49%).

**Q13: How helpful has the South Carolina Food Policy council been in helping your organization achieve your mission?**

- Not helpful: 0%
- Somewhat helpful: 33%
- Helpful: 50%
- Very helpful: 17%

**Q14: How helpful has the South Carolina Food Policy council been in addressing food insecurity?**

- Not helpful: 0%
- Somewhat helpful: 0%
- Helpful: 58%
- Very helpful: 42%

**Q21: How important has SNAP-Ed been in the formation and maintenance of this relationship?**

- Not at all: 8%
- A small amount: 15%
- A fair amount: 9%
- A great deal: 49%
- Unsure: 19%
Intensity of Relationships

Q18: Using the below definitions, identify your organization’s method of interacting with this organization. (Select only one per organization)

n = 73 relationships reported for this question

- **Awareness**: We’re aware of what this organization does (mission, services offered, target population, etc.)
  - 11%

- **Cooperation**: We informally exchange information or attend meetings together
  - 30%

- **Coordination**: We synchronize activities for mutual benefit (e.g., we share data, plan events together)
  - 27%

- **Integration**: We have a mutual, binding relationship that supports work in related content areas (e.g., contracts, grants, MOUs)
  - 32%

Q19: What is the nature of your relationship with each organization listed? (Select all that apply)

n = 72 relationships reported for this question

- **58%** Work on advocacy or policy efforts together
- **65%** Exchange general information/resources
- **32%** Receive data from them
- **28%** Provide data to them

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