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WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON HUNGER, NUTRITION AND HEALTH

Millions of Americans are afflicted with food insecurity and diet-related diseases—including heart disease, obesity, and type 2 diabetes—which are some of the leading causes of death and disability in the U.S. Hunger and diet-related diseases have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations, including older adults and persons with disabilities.

On September 28, the Biden-Harris Administration will host a White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. The Conference will bring together Americans across all sectors, public, private and nonprofit, to accelerate progress in fighting diet-related disease, reducing disparities, and galvanize our nation into action.

The Conference will promote focus actions on five pillars to end hunger and increase health eating:

1. Improve food access and affordability
2. Integrate nutrition and health
3. Empower all consumers to make and have access to healthy choices
4. Support physical activity for all
5. Enhance nutrition and food security research

The [White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health](#) will take place on **Wednesday, September 28, 2022**. Alongside in-person events, the Conference is expected to feature a robust digital experience, including livestreaming. [Register today](#) to watch the Conference in real time!

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

A bipartisan resolution to recognize Malnutrition Awareness week will be introduced in the House this week by Reps. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and John Katko (R-NY). The goal of Malnutrition Awareness Week™ (September 18-23, 2022) is to educate healthcare professionals on early detection, prevention, and treatment of malnutrition and educate consumers to discuss their nutrition status with healthcare providers. It was launched in 2012 by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN). Useful resources and webinars covering topics from community nutrition to hospital-based malnutrition can be found [here](#).

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FUNDING UPDATE

Congress has returned to work and is now less than a month away from October 1, the start of the new fiscal year. It is expected that the fiscal year will begin with Congress passing a Continuing Resolution (CR) which means federally-funded programs will remain at FY 2022 funding levels for the first part of the year—including Older Americans Act programs. There will be more details on the length of the first CR once legislation is introduced.

KATZ POLICY LECTURE

Join us for the **16th Annual Katz Policy Lecture: Diversity in Aging** on Thursday, September 29 from 1 - 3 p.m. Our keynote speaker, **Lauren Pongan**, national director for the [Diverse Elders Coalition](#), will discuss new directions in national and state policies related to older adults and their family and friend caregivers from diverse and marginalized communities. Following our keynote speaker, a reactor panel of industry experts will give their responses to the presentation and discuss their impressions of the impacts of these policies to individuals and the communities they are a part of. [Register now!](#)