

# Snapshot of Orange County, New York

July–December 2021 Progress Report



## Goals

- Increase number of health care systems implementing procedures for food insecurity identification and referrals
- Increase number of food insecurity screenings and referrals made by hospitals and health centers
- Increase number of food pantry lists made available to hospitals
- Increase number of Prescription for Produce programs established and redemption of coupons to local farmers markets



## By the Numbers

- 5 mini food pantries established at three health center sites and a hospital, reaching 295 patients experiencing food insecurity with take-home food packages
- 1,713 “Rx for Produce” vouchers issued to residents at risk for food insecurity at five health care sites and four farmers markets

## Success Story

A “Prescription for Produce” farmers market voucher program has been developed to link patients from health centers and hospitals to local farmers markets throughout the County. This program enables patients experiencing food insecurity to purchase healthy fruits and vegetables from local farmers. Community members have participated in food insecurity surveys to provide insight into food insecurity and surrounding issues in Orange County, and how partners may better improve referrals to food assistance programs.

“Surveys completed by community members on food insecurity have helped to raise our awareness of some of the issues surrounding food insecurity and the need for sensitivity in discussions...We have a better understanding of the issues community members face from their perspective.”

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