

# Snapshot of Tompkins County, New York

January–June 2021 Progress Report

## Goals

- Identify current approaches, community assets and barriers related to increasing food security
- Embed the Childhood Nutrition Collaborative within other food systems initiatives to better inform change and influence sustainability
- Influence systems change that has the potential to increase food security for every person pre-birth to age 24



## By the Numbers

- 56 community convenings or meetings related to food systems planning and data collection
- 28 organizations engaged to promote access to foods that support healthy eating patterns

## Success Stories

1. Began a multi-pronged approach to boost access to federal nutrition programs, including developing outreach materials, creating a text message pre-screening tool, and partnering with Cornell MPH students to develop innovative strategies to overcome barriers to access
2. Aligned the Childhood Nutrition Collaborative with other food system and community well-being initiatives; this includes contributing to a baseline food system analysis, which will inform recommendations to the County Legislature in 2022, and supporting the training and strategic planning for Tompkins County Health Department's new community health worker program

**“The Challenge has empowered us to think bigger about how residents from communities most impacted by health inequities can lead our efforts and how their roles can support the community as a whole most effectively.”**

**--Tompkins County HCCC team member**