Future of Food

Addressing Food and Nutrition Security Issues through Nutritious Solutions
The Future of Food is an education, communications, and research initiative addressing domestic and global food and nutrition security, and consumers’ interest in a safe and healthy food supply. This initiative engages agriculture, nutrition, health and hunger relief professionals in a dynamic collaboration to increase awareness on these topics, promote access to healthy food to those experiencing food insecurity, and provide quality educational opportunities for Academy members.

Future of Food Webinar Series
A series of twelve Future of Food CPEU webinars featuring experts in food insecurity, agriculture, and healthy food systems are being offered by the Academy Foundation. The webinars are designed to increase Academy members’ knowledge, awareness, and confidence in taking action in their own communities. Webinars that have already aired are available to view under ‘webinars’ at www.eatright.org/foundation/kidseatright.

Food Insecurity and Hunger Actions and Resources
Six suggested actions and many resources to get involved in raising awareness of food insecurity and getting involved your community are available at: www.kidseatright.org/volunteer.

Nourish to Flourish Infographic
An infographic explaining how kids can be both food insecure and overweight, causes, effects, and solutions, is available at: http://www.eatright.org/Public/content.aspx?id=6442478348.
Toolkit:

Hunger in Our Community. What We Can Do.
Smart Choices. For a Healthy Planet

A Hunger toolkit developed in collaboration with the Hunger and Environmental Nutrition (HEN) Dietetic Practice Group and Feeding America is available for Academy members. The Hunger in Our Community toolkit includes two presentations—one for parents, and one for teens. Each presentation is 20 minutes in length and is complete with PowerPoint slides, notes pages, optional activities, and a handout. The toolkit can be downloaded at www.kidseatright.org/volunteer. To support the use of the toolkit, $26,000 has been awarded to Academy members agreeing to lead presentations in their community.

A new toolkit, Smart Choices. For a Healthy Planet. is in development and available to Academy members in early 2015.

Healthy Food Bank Hub
As part of the Future of Food Collaboration, the Healthy Food Bank Hub was launched. The Hub contains helpful tools and resources for hunger relief professionals, including budget-friendly recipes and handouts. www.healthyfoodbankhub.org.

Food Insecurity/Food Banking Dietetic Internship Concentration
A new dietetic internship concentration has been developed and is currently being pilot tested that will provide interns with experiences in food banks to enhance their knowledge and skills working with food banks and with food insecure populations.

“Changing the Way We Look at Agriculture” presentations at Affiliate Meetings
The Academy Foundation is sponsoring presentations titled “Changing the Way We Look at Agriculture” at 32 affiliate annual meetings in the spring of 2015. Presentations will be led by an RDN farmer.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Health Research Fellow
In August 2014, the Academy Foundation awarded a one year, full time Agriculture, Nutrition, and Health Research Fellowship to Mr. Chris Vogliano, MS, RDN.

Join Kids Eat Right
All Academy members are encouraged to join Kids Eat Right and access food insecurity actions and valuable resources to help address the hunger issue in your community and advocate for access to healthy foods for children and families experiencing food insecurity. Join today at www.kidseatright.org/volunteer.