

# BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation

## ROADMAP TO FOOD SECURITY

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One of the major goals of the South Carolina Roadmap to Food Security Community-Based Learning Collaborative is to reduce food insecurity, including racial disparities in **food insecurity, statewide by 30% over the next five years.**

Supported by the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation, the learning collaborative aimed to engage local and statewide partners to help achieve the stated goal in ways that build upon, align, and accelerate current efforts to improve food security at three levels—individual/household, community, and statewide.

By the end of the learning collaborative, cross-sector teams worked together to:

- Improve community-level access to healthy, affordable food by advancing initiatives that strengthen food systems in municipalities
- Improve outcomes for defined food-insecure client populations in specific communities by optimizing and aligning health and social services
- Inform and improve statewide food systems by supporting policies that remove barriers surrounding racial equity as well as access to and affordability of healthy food
- Identify policy and system barriers that can inform efforts by stakeholders to improve social and structural determinants of health

## PROGRAM IMPACT

### Greenville:

- Established a Food Equity Action Board
- Received funding to hire a pediatric food navigator housed at Prisma Health
- Received funding through No Kid Hungry to provide food for backpack programs

### Kershaw:

- Launching [WherelsCareKC.com](http://WherelsCareKC.com) - Resource Inventory, making resources match the need
- Lowered the A1C levels of Hispanic patients with diabetes through the piloting of the VeggieRx program

### Charleston/Tricounty:

- Integrating SDOH screening through electronic health records into the clinical workflow – providers ask a minimum set of questions to identify patient needs
- Establishing a Foodshare Hub in Berkeley County
- Established a Food Policy Council within the city of Charleston

### Spartanburg:

- Implemented an SDOH questionnaire for Spartanburg Housing residents
- Deployed YMCA bus transportation system to increase farmer's market access and the delivery of FoodShare boxes

“When the team reached out to the YMCA, they jumped on it.” Duncan says. “The Learning Collaborative,” she says, “sped up the process.” Within a month, the YMCA was distributing fresh produce through FoodShare.

– Alissa Duncan, coalition and food system manager, PAL Spartanburg

