

# The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference

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Wednesday, February 17 — Thursday, February 18, 2021 • “PIVOT to the Future”

## Wednesday, February 17

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- 10:00am – 10:45am** **Opening Session: Successes from Pivoting in a Crisis**  
*Remarks from **Governor Roy Cooper** and **First Lady of NC Kristin Cooper**; Secretary **Mandy Cohen**, NC Department of Health and Human Services; Chairman **Eric Davis**, NC State Board of Education; and others to kick off the 10<sup>th</sup> annual NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference.*
- 11:00am – 11:45am** **“Telling the Story” — Perspectives on Supporting and Feeding Kids During a Pandemic**  
*NC’s 2020 Teacher and Principal of the Year join school nutrition professionals for a discussion on making sure students are supported in era of social distancing and remote learning.*
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm** **Cooking Demonstrations and Lunch Break**
- 1:00pm – 1:45pm** **Meals on the Move 1: “It Takes A Village” — Best Practices for Communities Working Together**  
*Community organizations, restaurants, volunteers, and many others have stepped up to make sure kids have the food they need during the pandemic. A deep dive into the most innovative work being done to work together as a community to feed children.*
- 2:00pm – 2:45pm** **“The Big Picture” — How Hunger, Equity, and Health Are Interrelated**  
*A close look at hunger through the lenses of food insecurity, food equity, and public health.*

## Thursday, February 18

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- 10:00am – 10:45am** **Meals on the Move 2: “The Last Mile” — Best Practices for Getting Meals to Children**  
*Spread-out rural communities, remote learning, and other challenges can make it difficult to cover “the last mile” of food service and get meals into the hands of children. A deep dive into the most innovative work being done to use buses, direct shipping, volunteer fleets, and other methods to feed children.*
- 11:00am – 11:45am** **“The New Normal” — What’s on the Horizon**  
*NC Department of Public Instruction leaders look ahead to what meal service will be like in Summer 2021 and how school districts and community organizations can form stronger partnerships for the benefit of all children and continue to grow beyond COVID-19.*
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm** **Cooking Demonstrations and Lunch Break**
- 1:00pm – 1:45pm** **The Future of School Nutrition Policy**  
*After remarks from **U.S. Congresswoman Alma Adams**, join us for a panel discussion with NC’s new **State Superintendent Catherine Truitt** and members of her leadership team.*
- 2:00pm – 2:45pm** **Closing Session: Lessons Learned for Pivoting to the Future**  
*Let’s end the conference with the most important lessons we can use to continue to be best prepared for supporting children in any situation the future has in store for us!*

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**Online** *In-between sessions, this year’s conference will include “Pivot Talk” stories from across the state, musical performances, cooking demonstrations, and more! Be sure to return to [CarolinaHungerInitiative.org](https://CarolinaHungerInitiative.org) after the conference to find links to any extra content you might have missed.*

See the agenda with full speaker details at [CarolinaHungerInitiative.org/2021agenda](https://CarolinaHungerInitiative.org/2021agenda)