

The 11th Annual
NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference
Online at CarolinaHungerInitiative.org/Conference
“Quick-Look Agenda” — See the full agenda at CarolinaHungerInitiative.org/2022agenda
This year’s theme: “Celebrate Silver Linings”

Thursday, February 17, 2022

- 9:30am** **Opening Session**
▲ Message from **Governor Roy Cooper and First Lady of NC Kristin Cooper**
▲ **Billy Shore**, Founder and Executive Chair, Share Our Strength (No Kid Hungry campaign)
- 10:00am** **Feeding Kids OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TIME**
Summer meals, At-Risk Afterschool meals, and other programs have been more important than ever during this pandemic. Hear from state agencies and school nutrition directors about how these programs are being used to make sure kids have healthy meals.
▲ Message from **Kody Kinsley**, Secretary of the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS)
▲ **Cynthia Ervin**, Assistant Chief of Summer and Special Nutrition Programs, NC Department of Public Instruction
▲ Approaches to Equity: **Cornell P. Wright**, Executive Director of the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, NC DHHS
- 11:00am** **Feeding Kids THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**
From food banks to community centers to local and national businesses, NC is full of many different organizations leading the fight against child hunger.
▲ Approaches to Equity: **Mariah Murrell**, Vice President of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC
▲ Advocacy in NC — How to Get Involved: **NC Alliance for Health (NCAH)**
- 12:00pm** **Cooking Demonstrations and Lunch Break**
Grab your lunch and come on back to check out cooking demonstrations and recipe videos from kid chefs and our partners across the state.
- 1:00pm** **Feeding Kids’ HEARTS AND MINDS**
Hear from organizations that are working with children through gardens, kitchens, and classrooms to feed their hearts and minds in addition to their bellies.
▲ **Michael Sasscer**, Superintendent, Edenton-Chowan Public Schools, and **Michelle Newsome**, Principal, White Oak Elem., Edenton-Chowan Public Schools
▲ Approaches to Equity: **Tessa Thraves**, Farm to School Coordinator, NCSU Center for Environmental Farming Systems
- 2:00pm** **Feeding Kids THROUGH SCHOOL**
School nutrition professionals, educators, and Department of Public Instruction leaders share the “silver linings” that are keeping them going in the mission to feed kids.
▲ Messages from 2021 NC **Teacher of the Year Eugenia Floyd** and **Principal of the Year Elena Ashburn**
▲ **Lynn Harvey**, Director of School Nutrition and District Operations, NC Department of Public Instruction
▲ **Robert Taylor**, Deputy Superintendent, School & Student Advancement, NC Department of Public Instruction
▲ Message from **Catherine Truitt**, Superintendent, NC Department of Public Instruction
- 2:45pm** **Looking to the HORIZON**
▲ **Sonny Kelly**, Motivator, Storyteller, and Teacher, Fayetteville, NC