

# National Webinar

## **Building Trust and Fostering Sustainable Collaboration Across Higher Education Institutions: Examples from Michigan and Texas**

July 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 5:00 pm EDT

Sponsored by:

MSU Center for Regional Food Systems

Racial Equity in the Food System Workgroup

## Who We Are

- Created in 2012
- 13 food system specialists
- Outreach to community orgs
- 90% grant funded
- Convener of the Michigan Good Food Charter

## Content Areas

- **Racial Equity - food systems**
- Farm to Early Care Education (ECE)
- Farm to School & Institution
- Food procurement
- Food hubs
- Food policy (councils)
- Healthy food financing
- Healthy food access
- Food systems networks
- Organic systems

## Racial Equity in the Food System (REFS) Workgroup Steering Committee Members – July, 2021

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**REFS - A community of Cooperative Extension professionals and community stakeholders who *connect, learn, and collaborate* to facilitate change within our institutions and society to build racial equity within the food system.**

## Poll Question

What type of institution are you affiliated with? Select type that is your *primary affiliation* if you have more than one

- 1862 Land Grant University
- 1890 Land Grant University (HBCU)
- 1994 Land Grant University (Tribal College)
- Other public or private college/university
- Uncertain – need to check with partners
- Non-profit organization
- Other

# Building Trust and Fostering Sustainable Collaboration Across Higher Education Institutions: Examples from Michigan and Texas

## Webinar Agenda

- Webinar Context: Building diverse partnerships at the speed of trust
- Texas story – Prairie View A&M and Baylor College of Medicine
- Michigan story – Michigan-based 1994 Tribal Colleges, Tribal Communities and Michigan State University Extension
- Discussion

# Building Relationships at the Speed of Trust

- All too often large 1862 land grants and other large public/private universities first effort reaching out to smaller 1890 and 1994 land grants and Hispanic-serving institutions comes when there is a grant opportunity
- This webinar is all about the value of first building relationships

# Building Trust and Fostering Sustainable Collaboration Across Higher Education Institutions: **Example from Texas**



Jacquelyn White, EdD

Carolyn Williams, PhD



Jayna Dave, PhD

## **Texas panel – opening question**

According to you, what is the most important attribute of a successful collaboration?

Please place your response in the chat pod

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# Cooperative Extension Program

- The Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences is supported by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).
- Through a well-organized network of professional educators and more than 4,000 trained volunteers, the Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program delivers practical research-based knowledge to small farm producers, families, aspiring entrepreneurs and youth.
- It works with people in 35 Texas counties. Many of them have limited personal or family assets, limited opportunities or they come from communities that have limited resources.

# Children's Nutrition Research Center

- The Children's Nutrition Research Center is administered within the Department of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in cooperation with Texas Children's Hospital and partially supported by the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS).
- It is one of six USDA human nutrition research centers conducting scientific investigations designed to provide Americans with a clear understanding of the role of nutrition in maintaining a healthy, active life.
- Areas of study:
  - Nutritional metabolism in mothers, infants, and children
  - Pediatric clinical nutrition
  - Obesity prevention
    - Identify behavioral and environmental factors that influence the development of children's eating habits and how to best help children and families adopt healthier habits
  - Developmental determinants of obesity in infants and children
  - Molecular , cellular and regulatory aspects of nutrition during development

# Collaboration

- Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University and the Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine have been collaborating for over 7 years
  - Trainings
  - Grants
  - Programming.

# Working towards a common goal





# Building Trust and Fostering Sustainable Collaboration Across Higher Education Institutions: **Example from Michigan**

Emily Proctor – Tribal Extension Educator – MSU Extension and Manager  
of the Michigan Tribal Land Grant System (MILES) Project

Steve Yanni – Land Grant Director – Bay Mills Community College

# Michigan panel – opening question

Have you ever attended a Tribal community event such as a Pow-Wow?

Please place your response in the chat pod

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# Discussion

## with our Texas and Michigan Panelists

Please type your question in the Q&A box



Previous webinars/resources on racial equity in the food system sponsored by the Center for Regional Food Systems and the Racial Equity in the Food System Workgroup

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/racial-equity-workgroup/resources>

*See link in chat pod*

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