

# Partnering to Improve Access to Healthy Food

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## State Health Improvement Plan

Improve outcomes in six priority health and social conditions:

- Child Development
- **Chronic Disease**
- Mental Health
- Oral Health
- Substance Use
- **Social Determinants:** Housing, Transportation, **Food**, Economic Security



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## Examples and Programs - Statewide

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- Federal Programs
  - 3 SquaresVT/SNAP
  - WIC
- SNAP-Ed
- Nutrition Incentive Programs
  - Crop Cash (NOFA VT)
  - Farm to Family Coupons

## Examples and Programs - Local Examples

- [Vermont Foodbank](#): **Veggie Van Go; Self Management Collaboration**
- [VYCC: Health Care Shares](#)
- [Rutland Food Farmacy](#) (Vermont Farmers Food Center)
- [Healthy Roots](#) at Northwestern Medical Center and Gleaning Program
- VDH: **Fruit and Veg Rx Pilot**

## Examples and Programs – Out of State Examples

- [Giant Pharmacy \(D.C.\)](#) Produce Prescription Program
  - ▶ In partnership with DC Greens, Health Dept, healthcare providers and Giant (grocery store chain)
- [Produce Perks Midwest \(Ohio\)](#)
  - ▶ Nutrition incentive for fruit and veggie purchase for SNAP recipients
  - ▶ Produce Prescription program
    - 47% reduced A1C / 73% reduced triglycerides / 50% increased HDL
- [Double Up Food Bucks](#)
  - ▶ Nutrition incentive for fruit and veggie purchase for SNAP recipients
- [Geisinger Fresh Food Farmacy](#)
- [Pharmacy to Farm](#)
  - ▶ An initiative to engage pharmacists in produce RX for farmers markets

## Questions to Explore

- Funding
  - ▶ How do we make food access a priority to payers?
- Lots of great programs – what really works?
  - ▶ Collecting data
  - ▶ Replicating programs
- Partnerships
  - ▶ Farm to Plate Health Cross Cutting Team
    - [Food and Health Inventory](#)
  - ▶ Accountable Communities for Health