



Hunger Free Communities - Bastrop County

Membership Guide

Mission:

Hunger Free Communities Bastrop County serves as an alliance of community members working to educate, coordinate, and collaborate to make the most of resources for those impacted by hunger in Bastrop county.

Guiding Values:

Hunger Free Communities Bastrop County is goal oriented and forward moving. We seek to employ an accompaniment model of service by amplifying the voices of the community members we serve as we learn and grow alongside one another. We seek to create a more equitable system of access to reliable food resources in our community so all persons can thrive.

General Goals:

- Improve access to reliable food resources, emphasizing fresh and local produce
- Build the capacity of micro communities to grow produce for both education and consumption through community and backyard garden expansion efforts
- Amplify effective communication of resource availability across the county by partnering with other agencies serving the critical needs of Bastrop County community members

Goals will be achieved by the work of action teams focused on 1) Produce/Healthy Food Access, and 2) Resource Communication. Action teams will be led by team facilitators and supported by coalition members who will work together to achieve the outlined goals of the team.

Coalition leadership will consist of 2 co-chairs, action team facilitators, and VISTA/THI staff. Leadership meetings will occur quarterly to review and adjust goals and metrics of the coalition as a whole. General coalition and action team meetings will occur on the 2nd Monday of the month from 2:30-3:30 pm on Zoom until further notice.

Membership Guide -- A member of the Hunger Free Communities - Bastrop County Coalition would ideally contribute in the following ways:

1. Regularly attend monthly general and action team meetings - to be held on Zoom until further notice
 - a. If a member cannot attend a given meeting, the member can review and engage with information from the meeting asynchronously through the meeting minutes shared via Google Drive.
 - b. If a member decides they would no longer like to be involved in the group, the member will communicate with coalition leadership to be removed from the mailing/active member list.
2. Attend meetings with a willingness to seek to understand others, provide novel and relevant content/perspectives for the group, and participate in compassionate collaboration to further the mission of the group
3. Contribute to brainstorming sessions for planning action items, sharing thoughts based on the unique perspectives each member brings to the group