

# Snapshot of Orange County, New York

January–June 2021 Progress Report



## Goals

- Increase the number of health care systems implementing procedures for food insecurity identification and referrals
- Increase number of food insecurity referrals made by hospitals and health centers
- Increase number of food pantry lists made available to hospitals
- Increase number of Prescription for Produce programs established and redemption of coupons



## By the Numbers

- 20 residents, served by the Department of Social Services, provided input on food insecurity and project structure
- 3 farmers markets joined on as additional sites for the Prescription for Produce program to provide patients who are identified as food-insecure with a coupon to access healthy foods

## Success Stories

**1.** Health care professionals increased their knowledge of food assistance programs in Orange County and received updated referral information to connect patients with resources

**2.** Health sites implemented new patient screening protocols, including the Hunger Vital Signs Food Insecurity Screening, and made referrals to local Orange County food assistance programs

**"We have learned how the hospital structure and processes can take time to complete contracts for interventions...It is apparent though, that hospitals are very concerned with food insecurity and social determinants of health, and they are an ideal sector as they reach a large population...Food insecurity screening will become a consistent practice in the health care setting and will assist residents to obtain healthier foods for healthier lifestyles."**

**--Orange County HCCC team member**



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