

Hungry for Change: Tackling Food Insecurity and Nutrition Through Systems That Work

Presenter Bios and Contact Information



Laurie Little Dog

Advocate for Nutrition Security in Montana, Alumni of Feeding America's Elevating Voices Power Summit

Laurie Little Dog is the mother of two children in a single-income household in Montana. Her family participates in SNAP, WIC, and was also part of a Produce Rx pilot program through their pediatrician. As a Type 1 diabetic (having first been diagnosed with gestational diabetes in 2021), Laurie has concerns about providing healthy nutrition for her family on an EBT budget. Laurie is here to share more about her firsthand experience navigating food insecurity while supporting a child in the PN-3 age range.



Ed Bolen

Director of SNAP State Strategies, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Ed Bolen is the Director of SNAP State Strategies on the Food Assistance team. He applies his versatility and technical know-how in developing the team's SNAP state policy agenda and provides strategic guidance and technical assistance to state advocates and federal and state agency partners. He will continue to build the capacity of the growing network of SNAP state advocates and lead the team's efforts on SNAP and work (Employment and Training, work requirements, ABAWDs). Prior to joining the Center, Ed was a Senior Policy Analyst at California Food Policy Advocates. While there, he advocated for administrative and legislative improvements to food assistance programs and provided training and technical assistance to community-based organizations. He has also worked in public health law, most recently consulting on legal strategies to combat childhood obesity with the National Policy and Legal Analysis Network. Prior to that, he was a senior staff attorney at the Child Care Law Center, specializing in licensing, subsidy, and legislative issues affecting low-income families in child care and early education settings. Ed received his law degree from the University of California, Hastings.



Katie Bishop Kendrick

National Senior Advocacy Consultant, Voices for Healthy Kids/American Heart Association

Katie Bishop Kendrick, MS, MPH, is the senior national advocacy consultant on the Voices for Healthy Kids team at the American Heart Association. Katie's passion for public health and her expertise in nutrition policy, with more than 15 years' experience, has helped to drive policy change at the national, state, and local levels to improve people's ability to live a healthy life. At Voices for Healthy Kids, Katie works with state and community campaigns focused on improving access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), establishing or expanding SNAP incentive programs, increasing state participation in Summer EBT, and funding produce prescription programs.

In previous roles at the Association, Katie has led the development of key policy statements with national experts in nutrition and air quality. She also supported state and local campaigns to pass sugary drink taxes, healthy kids' meals in restaurants, early care and education requirements, as well as physical activity policy change. Prior to joining the American Heart Association, Katie focused on food service guidelines and improving school foods at the Center for Science in the Public Interest. Earlier in her career, she served as an aide and legislative director for a Massachusetts state representative. Katie holds two master's degrees, in nutrition and public health, from Tufts University and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Rhode Island. Katie resides in western Massachusetts with her husband, two small children, and three-legged cat Felix. She enjoys getting outside with her kids and is learning firsthand the joys and struggles of starting kids off with healthy foods when they are young.

• Resources:

- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\) | Voices for Healthy Kids](#)
- [Homepage 2025 - NCIT - The National Collaborative for Infants & Toddlers](#)
- [Consultation - NCIT - The National Collaborative for Infants & Toddlers](#)



Will Sellers

Executive Director, Wholesome Wave Georgia

Will Sellers is a social-sector enterprise leader who builds relationships and works towards delivering superior results one person at a time to create the State of Georgia that we all want to live in. Will joined Wholesome Wave Georgia in August 2019 as Executive Director, and this year marks his sixth year of service with the statewide nonprofit serving communities in rural and urban Georgia. Wholesome Wave Georgia believes in making fresh, healthy, locally grown fruits and vegetables affordable and available for all Georgians through a network of over 100 community partners, such as

farmers' markets, farm stands, brick and mortar retailers, and healthcare providers. Will is responsible for advancing the nonprofit's organizational culture, strategy, and process design and implementation, fundraising, and partnership formation to accelerate and expand Wholesome Wave Georgia's distinctive impact.



Kelly Quintero
Sr. Director of Policy, Feeding America

Kelly Quintero (she/ella) is the Sr. Policy Director on the Government Relations team at Feeding America. She oversees policy engagement on SNAP at the federal and state level, working closely with Feeding America network members. Prior to joining Feeding America in 2022, she was the Director of Advocacy & Government Relations for Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida and has also previously worked at all levels of government.

Kelly received her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Central Florida and a public policy analysis certificate from the London School of Economics & Political Science. She is currently pursuing a master's in public health with a focus on food systems for health from Johns Hopkins University.

• **Resource:**

- <https://www.feedingamerica.org/sites/default/files/2025-09/ElevatingVoice2025English.pdf>



Amilcar Guzman
Program Officer, J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation

Amilcar Guzman is a Program Officer at the J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation. In this role, he is responsible for supporting national and state partners as they seek to implement effective Prenatal-to-Three (PN-3) systems that will improve the lives of those who are the furthest away from opportunity. Prior to his time at the Pritzker Family Foundation, Amilcar served in a variety of education policy and research roles in the Washington D.C. area, including the League of Women Voters, Data Quality Campaign, and CASA De Maryland.

Amilcar holds both a Ph.D. and an M.A. in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Psychology from Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA. He also holds a Certificate in Civic Leadership from the University of Chicago. Through his dissertation, Amilcar launched the National Latinx/a/o Alumni Engagement Survey—a first-of-its-kind survey instrument designed to examine the ways in which Latino college graduates engage civically.