

FOOD POLICY COUNCILS



An intersectoral group working on health, social justice, and environmental sustainability to improve local and regional food systems and influence government policy



BENEFITS



Advocating for food security and social justice.



Supporting increased health and nutrition.



Sharing knowledge and experience.



Propose targeted strategies to promote changes in community policies and practices.



Influencing political decision making and policies

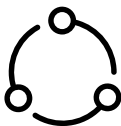


Forming partnerships

OPPORTUNITIES



Access resources as a coalition rather than members independently.



Work collectively to achieve synergies and foster community links.



Design collaborative strategies focused on the particular context.



Create food policies influencing the community at different levels.

CHALLENGES



Sponsor financing/funding



Appropriately evaluate impact.



Maintain focus of the coalition



Ensure structure includes leaders independent of political or private interests.



Guarantee diverse skills and perspectives of the coalition membership.

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