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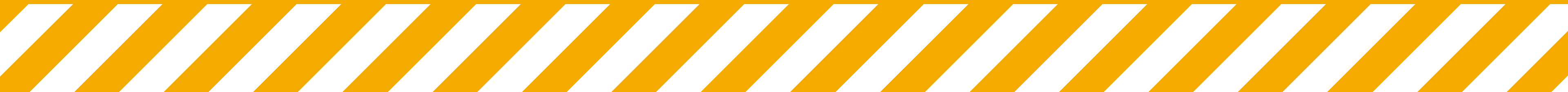
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# From Grassroots Engagement to the Statehouse: How to Fight for Health Justice

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We believe Kansans, working together, can build a state full of thriving, inclusive, and just communities.

We're working for a future where:

- All Kansans have the resources they need to support themselves and raise healthy families.
- All Kansans can participate fully in the community under equal protection of the law.
- All Kansans benefit from fair and effective judicial systems.



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## Campaign Areas

**Just:** All Kansans should benefit from fair and effective systems of justice.

**Inclusive:** All Kansans should be able to participate fully in their communities.

**Thriving:** All Kansans deserve access to affordable food, safe and secure housing, and a hopeful future.

# Thriving Campaign Initiatives



- Ensuring all Kansas kids have what they need to thrive by supporting Child Nutrition Programs
- Promoting the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to support more Kansans in putting food on the table for themselves and their families
- Fighting for policy solutions and legislation that ensures less Kansans experience hunger



**Poll 1:**

**How many Kansans are  
experiencing food insecurity?**

# What does hunger look like in Kansas?

- Food insecurity rates
  - 1 in 6 Kansans experience food insecurity
  - This number is much higher among Kansas children at 1 in 4
- These numbers have increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic hardship that has come with it



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## Health Equity

What is Health Equity and what does it mean to you?

Is there a different model of healthcare that Kansas can embrace that might yield better health outcomes for under resourced populations?

What Role can Kansas' healthcare community play?





## What is Advocacy?



Leveraging your position or resources to support, speak in favor of, recommend policy actions and/or argue for or defend a cause on behalf of others

**PRO:** Raises important issues on behalf of oppressed people within structures of influence

**CON:** Does not empower people directly to confront and dismantle systems of oppression

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## What is Community Organizing?

Community Organizing is bringing people together to learn with and from one another in order to create a strategy to address common concerns by building meaningful relationships across cultural and ethnic lines that advance shared values and community driven solutions.

### Guiding Principle:

People know what they need where they live.

# Community Organizing

## Pros & Cons

**PRO:** It facilitates grassroots leadership that is empowered and organized to take action that changes community circumstances. It gives people tools to directly confront systems of power and oppression.

**CON:** It is a messy and demanding path that involves confronting powerful systems of oppression head on.





**What is your self-interest in health equity work?**

**What connects and drives you when it comes to the work you do?**

# Making it happen

## Be accessible

## Empower people to lead

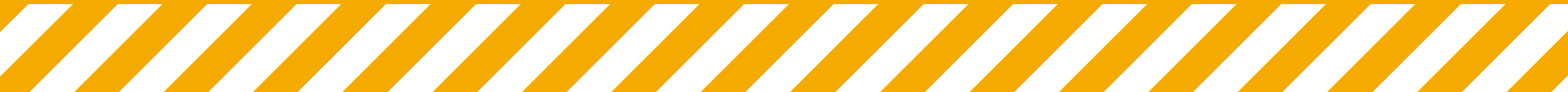




# Breakout Room

We know that 2 of 3 Kansas seniors who qualify for food assistance do not utilize the program. How can we work together to ensure more Kansas seniors are able to put food on their tables?

# Breakout Room Report Outs





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