



Family Re-Union
Families & Food Security
Wednesday, October 29, 2008
9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Downtown Nashville Public Library

Please join us for Family Re-Union 14: *Families & Food Security* as community residents, business leaders and policymakers seek solutions to the growing challenges of providing access to healthy, affordable food to all Middle Tennesseans.

LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD

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- To Keynote Speaker **Makani Themba-Nixon**, Director of the Praxis Project in Washington, DC, an expert on race, media, policy advocacy and public health, speak on the issues of health equity and social justice, and
- To **Rochelle Davis**, Founding Director of the Healthy Schools Campaign in Chicago, speak about the ways in which Middle Tennesseans can promote healthier school food environments.

LEARN

- How you can use media and policy advocacy efforts to bolster support for food security and food access in Middle Tennessee, and
- How you can engage in local, state and national-level advocacy to improve Middle Tennessee's school food environments.

LEAD

- By engaging in breakout sessions that will create action plans for policy changes that promote increased healthy food access in the communities, neighborhoods and schools of Middle Tennessee.

Tentative Schedule*

9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Registration

10 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction

Debbie Miller

Director, Vanderbilt Child & Family Policy Center

10:10 a.m.

Keynote Presentation

Media and Policy Advocacy to Advance Health Equity and Justice

Makani Themba-Nixon, Director, The Praxis Project

11 a.m.

Panel – Food (In)access in Nashville

Mary Kate Mouser, Vanderbilt Children's Health Improvement and Prevention

Dr. Bettina Beech, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Dr. David Padgett, Tennessee State University

William S. Paul, MD, MPH, Metro Public Health Department of Nashville/Davidson County

11:50 p.m.

Lunch Presentation

School Food and Fitness: Strategies for Addressing Health Disparities

Rochelle Davis, Founding Director, Healthy Schools Campaign

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Break

1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Breakout sessions

Creating strategies: Healthy Food Retail & Healthy School Food

****Times and session titles subject to change.***