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## **NACCHO Announces 2019 Food Service Guidelines Local Action Institute**

**Washington, DC, March 25, 2019** – The [National Association of County and City Health Officials](#) (NACCHO), in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) [Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity](#) (DNPAO), announces four communities recently selected to attend the inaugural convening of the ***Food Service Guidelines (FSG) Local Action Institute*** in Washington, D.C., June 4-5.

The FSG Local Action Institute will prepare interdisciplinary teams to adopt healthy food procurement practices in a variety of community-based institutions, such as, universities, parks and recreation centers, juvenile detention centers, and retail settings. The Institute will provide hands on technical assistance to empower local health officials to work with decision-makers from government and community institutions that run large food service operations. The end goal is to increase fresh, healthy food options, while remaining financially viable.

The selected communities had to demonstrate the required team make-up (i.e. public health officials, food directors, and leadership from the community-based institution) as well as the ability to influence healthy food procurement practices and food service operations.

The following four regional teams will be attending and receiving travel assistance for the 2019 FSG Local Action Institute:

- Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania (Allegheny County Health Department)
- Cuyahoga County, Ohio (Cuyahoga County Board of Health)
- Buffalo, New York (Erie County Department of Health)
- Portland, Oregon (Multnomah County Health Department)

Each team will participate in related pre- and post-course activities, including the development of an action plan that will serve to augment their Food Service Guidelines efforts.

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