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## **The National Association of County and City Health Officials Announces 2020 Food Service Guidelines Action Institute**

**Washington, DC, February 10, 2020** – The [National Association of County and City Health Officials](#) (NACCHO) and the [Society for Public Health Education](#) (SOPHE) in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) [Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity](#), announces six communities recently selected to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual convening of the Food Service Guidelines (FSG) Action Institute in Atlanta, Georgia, February 26-27, 2020.

The FSG Action Institute will prepare multi-disciplinary teams to adopt [FSG policies and healthy food procurement practices](#) in a variety of community-based institutions, such as, hospitals, universities, and state or local government agencies. The Action Institute will provide hands on technical assistance to empower local and state health officials to work with decision-makers from community institutions that run large food service operations. The end goal is to increase healthy food options for employees, visitors, and clients, while maintaining or increasing financial success.

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. Selected teams are also [current awardees of CDC’s Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity](#), and work to implement evidence-based strategies

that improve nutrition and physical activity, while addressing long-standing health disparities.

The following six regional teams will be attending and receiving travel assistance for the 2020 FSG Action Institute:

- Indianapolis, Indiana (Marion County Health Department)
- St. Paul, Minnesota (Minnesota Department of Health)
- Columbus, Ohio (Ohio Department of Health)
- Salt Lake City, Utah (Utah Department of Health)
- San Joaquin Valley, CA (California Department of Public Health)
- Sacramento, Madera, & Merced, CA (California Department of Public Health, and Madera and Merced County Departments of Public Health)

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

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### **About NACCHO**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) represents the nation's nearly 3,000 local health departments. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities. For more information about NACCHO, please visit [www.naccho.org](http://www.naccho.org).