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Perspectives from Philadelphia on Tackling Senior Hunger Citywide

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CONTEXT

- March for Meals, 2011
- Report issued December 2011
- Mayor's Commission on Aging: Senior Hunger Task Force, March – August 2012
Food, Seniors, and Service
Strategies for Innovating Home-Delivered Meals and Other Senior Hunger Resources in Philadelphia

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Senior Food Programs & Resources: Philadelphia

- Home-Delivered Meals
- Philadelphia Corporation for Aging
- Volunteer-supported
- SNAP
- CSFP
- Farmer’s Market Incentive programs
- Pantries, Soup Kitchens, etc
- Community Gardens
Recommendation: Build a citywide coalition of stakeholders.

Goal: Improve information-sharing about current resources.
Recommendation: Create and disseminate Senior Food Resource Guide.

Goal: Expand and share information about opportunities for capacity building.
Recommendation: Aggregate information about existing service opportunities.

Recommendation: Build and connect volunteer infrastructures in highest-need neighborhoods.
**WHERE WE’RE GOING**

- Training on SNAP and prepared meals programs
- VISTA Project
- Task force continuation