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Eaton County Healthy Food Council Kickoff Event

Eaton Community Health (ECH) is coordinating the launch of a new Eaton County Healthy Food Council, with a virtual kickoff event this month. The gathering will include conversations aimed at developing a comprehensive strategy for food security in Eaton County. The Eaton County Healthy Food Council is part of a collaborative initiative dedicated to promoting food security, equitable access to healthy foods, and sustainable food systems in Eaton County. By bringing together diverse stakeholders and community members, the council aims to identify challenges, develop solutions, and implement strategies that improve food access and nutrition outcomes for residents across the county.

The Kickoff event hosted by ECH will be held virtually via Zoom on Friday, April 26, 2024 from 2:00-3:30 pm. This event offers participants an opportunity to engage in interactive discussions, provide input, and explore potential avenues for involvement in this new initiative.

This first gathering will feature a dynamic agenda designed to provide context, spark conversations, and foster collaboration among community members, organizations, and stakeholders interested in enhancing food access and security in Eaton County. Participants will be provided with an overview of the Eaton County Healthy Food Council's mission and objectives, opportunities for networking and connecting with like-minded individuals and organizations, and information on how to get involved and contribute to the work of the Healthy Food Council.

"We are inspired by the dedicated and talented teams devoted to serving local residents' access to food. We know that collaboration takes effort and resources. We are honored to launch the Eaton County Healthy Food Council and invite individuals and organizations passionate about food security to join us in this important endeavor," said Barbara Fulton Co-Executive Director at Eaton Community Health. "This kickoff event will serve as a platform for meaningful discussions, idea sharing, and networking opportunities to collectively address the challenges and opportunities related to food access in our community," added Kalli Dempsey, Co-Executive Director at Eaton Community Health.

Guests are encouraged to come prepared to engage in a fast-paced, thought-provoking conversation focused on building a healthier and more resilient food system in Eaton County. Whether you are looking to share your expertise, learn from others, or simply show your support, this event promises to be an enriching experience for all involved.

ECH is a local nonprofit organization focused on healthy neighborhoods and communities in Eaton County. ECH's HealthComm programs partner with health care and food programs to build healthy communities. Current projects are developing an Eaton County Healthy Food Council and providing innovations that expand access to healthy foods. ECH's StreetHeart program is a resident-led neighborhood program that develops resident leader teams that support resident ideas and projects to enhance neighborhood safety and neighbor connections. ECH's HumanServ program works with local and regional agencies to help improve the ease of access to services and better meet resident basic needs. More information about ECH is available at ech-eaton.org.

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