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Member Spotlight



[Southern Food Policy Advocates](#) is a policy and advocacy organization committed to improving the health and well being of Floridians by addressing systems issues concerning food, nutrition and fitness.

Upcoming Events

Jacksonville FOODFIGHT
Second Harvest North Florida
Thursday, June 6
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
One Everbank Field Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Duval County Food Policy Council
Thursday, June 27
5:15 - 6:30 p.m.
Duval County Health

>WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Submit Your Stories From The Field

Are you part of an organization with a unique program that inspires people to be active in their community? If so, we want to hear from you. The Coalition is collecting stories from the field in response to the [2009 Community Call to Action to Reduce Childhood Obesity](#). These stories will highlight Duval County's top childhood obesity prevention accomplishments during Fall 2011 - Spring 2013 as a part of the Embrace a Healthy Florida and Promising Practices and Applied Research grants funded through [the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Foundation](#). The stories will be used in a variety of outlets, including a printed report, presentations, [HJCOPC.org](#) and other community relations and social media activities. Download a [Stories from the Field application](#) and submit it by June 30. Please contact [Healthy Jacksonville](#) with questions about this project.

>WHAT IS AHEAD?

Coming Soon: Celebrate Jacksonville's Champions for Health

On Friday, September 13, the Healthy Jacksonville Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition will honor organizations that are improving health outcomes for children in Duval County. The celebration will commemorate Childhood Obesity Awareness Month and recognize top childhood obesity prevention programs in Jacksonville. Look for nomination forms in a future edition of Bite-Sized

Department
900 University Boulevard North
Suite 205
Jacksonville, FL 32211

**JAX2025 Implementation
Meeting**

Wednesday, June 26
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
WJCT Studios
100 Festival Park Ave
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Duval County Food Summit

Saturday, November 16
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
WJCT Studios
100 Festival Park Ave
Jacksonville, FL 32207

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REMINDER: No Coalition Meeting in June

As a reminder, the Coalition will hold its summer break in June. We will resume our regular meeting schedule beginning July 12 at 8:00 a.m. at Nemours Children's Clinic.

>DID YOU KNOW?

**School Gardens in Bloom With the Duval County
Extension Office**

Children spend much of their day at school, making the school environment especially important in the fight against childhood obesity. Schools all over the United States have taken steps to help shrink the waistlines of their students by simply asking the children to get their hands dirty. School gardens have become increasingly popular for very good reasons. School gardening expert and Coalition partner Maxine Floyd [shares her thoughts](#) on the importance of providing children with hands-on learning activities to build an appreciation for what it takes to put food on the table.

Have a story for Bite-Sized News? Email [Jacquelyn Lowe](#)

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