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## Law & Policy Insights



### **Food Insecurity and Pregnancy: Addressing Inequities through "Food is Medicine" Initiatives**

Women are disproportionately affected by food insecurity, and these disparities are even more pronounced during pregnancy, with some studies estimating that one in five pregnant people face food insecurity. Federal and state programs that center “food as medicine” show promise in addressing the negative health outcomes that can result from food insecurity, improving both maternal and child health outcomes.

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## Resources



### **Legality of Syringe Services Programs in Maryland**

Infections among people who use drugs related to lack of access to new syringes and subsequent syringe sharing have increased dramatically. Providing access to sterile syringes through syringe services programs (SSPs) is an extremely effective strategy for

reducing the spread of bloodborne disease among people who use drugs, their partners, and their families. This factsheet discusses the legality of SSPs in Maryland.

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## Webinar



### **Potential Changes in Federal Cannabis Policy and the Anticipated Public Health Impacts**

**December 12, 2024 12:00-1:00 CT**

Join the Network for Public Health Law and the Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy for a discussion focused on two significant areas of federal cannabis policy with critical public health implications: the rescheduling of cannabis and the regulation of intoxicating hemp-derived products.

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## Worth Sharing

### **Advancing Community Health with Produce Prescriptions**

Produce prescription, or FoodRx, programs are a food-is-medicine strategy that can improve healthy food access and community health. These programs allow providers to “prescribe” fresh produce and other healthy foods to eligible patients. This introductory guide from the Public Health Law Center outlines the basics of the programs, potential funding sources, and the critical role of clinics and community partnerships in maintaining them.

### **Webinar Recording: Physician Duties When Law Restricts Reproductive Health Care**

This webinar, held November 1, 2024, and sponsored by the Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences, featured three experts on the frontlines of this difficult health care issue to discuss this conflict between law, ethics, and medicine. [View the recording.](#)

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## Job Opportunities

### **Director, Health Equity - Remote**

The Network is seeking a Director to oversee its Health Equity Team, which is committed to advancing health and social justice in communities by using law and policy to improve health outcomes for traditionally under-resourced communities and populations. The Health Equity Director will oversee and manage the team’s day to day operations, strategic planning, outreach efforts, capacity building, legal technical assistance, trainings and presentations, and resource development activities.

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## Tell Us What You're Working On. We're Ready to Help.

Our law and policy experts can help you identify the key considerations central to your unique challenges and provide law and policy pathways you can leverage to make a difference.



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### Thank you!

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