Making SENSE of the CHAOS

REFLECTIONS from FOOD POLICY COUNCILS on 2020

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PUBLIC HEALTH, NATURAL, RACIAL CRISES...
WHAT has been YOUR RESPONSE?

CO-CREATION of FOOD ACTION PLANS ↓ PARTNERSHIPS COLLABORATIONS

Listening... to NEIGHBORS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, CITY LEADERS

COLLECTING, SHARING DATA

Defining THE NEEDS and UTILIZING AVAILABLE RESOURCES
- SCHOOL CAFETERIAS
- DRIVE-THROUGH PICKUPS

Getting the WORD out
- CREATING AWARENESS & PROVIDING ASSISTANCE in FINDING RESOURCES
- THE NEED for SNAP
- UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
- BEING INNOVATIVE in MAKING CONNECTIONS & REACHING OUT

FARM RESOURCES ENGAGEMENT IN RAISING OWN FOOD

HONORING, CELEBRATING COMMUNITY EFFORTS...

PEOPLE, NOT POLITICS!

RESILIENCE OF COMMUNITY... OF SPIRIT...

CREATING COLLECTIVES: PURCHASING POWER, LEARNING to OPTIMIZE FOOD & RESOURCES

TEACHING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

SCHOOL GROUPS, YOUTH COUNCILS

OUTREACH: IDENTIFYING, ADDRESSING ISSUES

CONTINUAL, CONSISTENT ADVOCACY FOR SNAP PROGRAMS

MORE OVERLAPPING OF RESOURCES, AGENCIES

MORE AWARENESS OF WHERE/HOW to IDENTIFY NEED

DE-CENTRALIZED COMMUNICATION IS BETTER COMMUNICATION

The "HUMANIZING" of the WORK- getting to KNOW PEOPLE

MORE UNDERSTANDING by POLICY MAKERS

NEW PARTNERSHIPS, PLATFORMS, VOICES

NEW POLICIES YIELDING NEW OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT have been the UNEXPECTED GIFTS?

MORE AWARENESS of the NEED, MORE understanding OF EACH OTHER.

MORE HOLISTIC MINDSETS, MORE EYES OPEN

WHERE DO YOU SEE NEW POLICY OPPORTUNITES?

GAINING more INSIGHT from RECIPIENTS, NOT ONLY ADMINISTRATORS

MORE INNOVATION... CREATING MORE OPTIONS

We are NOT ALONE..... WE ARE A COMMUNITY that SUPPORTS, CARES and SHARES