

Nutrition & Health Issues

Critical Issue #1: Food Systems for Health (region-wide)

- Food production—local, corporate, plant breeding, animal nutrition for human health
- Food quality for human health
- Food availability
- Processing, packaging, and retailing, marketing

Critical Issue #2: Community & Human Development (region-wide)

- Education
 - o Policy makers
 - o Food professionals
 - o Parents
 - o School administrators
 - o School children (K-12)
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- Consumer choice
 - o Perceived benefits of food
 - o Perceived quality of food
 - o Cost
 - o Lifestyle choices
 - o Obesity prevention
- Community infrastructure & design
 - o Master Gardeners/community gardens
 - o Community exercise
 - o School placement/location
 - o Transportation choices
 - o Farm to school
 - o Collaborate with communities on goals & objectives

Critical Issue #3: Health Management Systems (region-wide)

- Health literacy
 - o Insurance
 - o Diet
- Education
 - o Youth & adults
 - o Health professionals
 - o Policy makers
- Research
 - o Disease management
 - o Link to health benefits
 - o Obesity

***A mind map is associated with this focus area (Mike F. can make a copy for inclusion in the report)**