

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INSTITUTE (CEI) PERSPECTIVES

Discover the Power of Nutrition for Communities

The CCTS Community Engagement Institute (CEI) invites you to join a dynamic virtual panel where academic and community researchers from the Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi state NIH Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL) teams come together to explore how food access, education, and culturally responsive nutrition strategies can improve well-being across neighborhoods.

This engaging conversation will highlight practical solutions, local partnerships, and actionable steps individuals and organizations can take to reduce gaps in health outcomes and support healthier families and communities.



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 **TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026**

 **12:00 - 1:30 PM**

ONLINE via Zoom

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