Teen Food Insecurity: Coping Methods and Consequences

Panelist Biographies

Lisa Davis is senior vice president of government relations at Feeding America. She leads strategies for advancing Feeding America’s policy priorities with Congress and the administration and engaging the Feeding America network of 200 food banks and online antihunger advocates. She regularly represents Feeding America and its network before Congress and the US Department of Agriculture, with corporate and nonprofit partners, and at forums and events on antihunger policy. Davis joined Feeding America from AARP, where she led member education strategies on major issues, including Social Security and health care reform.

Kim Hamilton is chief impact officer at Feeding America, where she oversees national programs that provide meals to people in need and help them improve their future food security. She also leads the Feeding America research, health and nutrition, and collective impact initiatives, and she is responsible for the organization’s knowledge management. Before joining Feeding America, Hamilton held senior roles at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, including senior adviser for family planning and director of strategy, planning, and management for global policy and advocacy.

Genelle Monger is the Child Hunger Corps member at Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana and is a certified nonprofit professional through the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance. Monger assists Gleaners in increasing the capacity of their youth programs. She works with the youth programs team on various projects that include integrating new sites for the Afterschool Meals program, increasing the number of households being served through the School-Based Pantry program, and improving tools for the BackSacks program.
Susan Popkin is a senior fellow and director of the Neighborhoods and Youth Development initiative in the Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center at the Urban Institute. A nationally recognized expert on public and assisted housing, Popkin directs a research program that focuses on the ways neighborhood environments affect outcomes for youth and on assessing comprehensive community-based interventions. A particular focus is gender differences in neighborhood effects and improving outcomes for marginalized girls.

Elaine Waxman is a senior fellow in the Income and Benefits Policy Center at the Urban Institute. Her expertise includes food insecurity, nutrition and the food assistance safety net, the social determinants of health disparities, and other issues affecting low-income families and communities. Before joining Urban, Waxman was vice president of research and nutrition at Feeding America, where she oversaw research on food insecurity, the intersection of hunger and health, and the circumstances and experiences of people seeking charitable food assistance. She also helped develop community-based intervention models to address the needs of low-income, food-insecure families.