Gitm Foundation

5 Critical Lessons for Building a Community Food System Model

We apply principals of ecopsychology, environmental stewardship and strategic planning to improve environmental and personal health.

Creating a Sustainable Model: 5 Critical Lessons from the field

Lesson One: Research what has worked in other places. Even then, it might not work where you are.

How to create sustainable programs: Mixing charitable work with income.

Making the case for the connection of health and economic development.
Economic Development: Lesson two: Be bold enough to trial a plan

*Connecting food security initiatives with long range improvements to root causes of poverty.
*Impact on jobs, encouraging entrepreneurship
*Workforce development

Cultivating demand for local food. Driving income generation into workforce development

Meeting Population Health Needs: Lesson Three: Assess and evaluate

Turning the ways we measure impact of initiatives on it’s head.

Improving food security programs through efficient and effective methods. Requirements of cooperative initiatives for population health.
Lesson Four: Be courageous to readapt, refocus and redesign

Lesson Five: Share Openly and Learn Together

* Everyone is a Potential Partner. How limited funding creates a silo culture.
* No one entity, organization or person owns the problem or the solutions.
* Be willing to share in the challenges as well as the triumphs.