

Public Health/Community Nutrition Practice Group

Member Spotlight

Jennifer R. Walsh, PhD, RD

Jennifer Walsh is currently the Nutrition Education Coordinator for the [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP) and the [Family Nutrition Program](#) at the [University of Florida, Gainesville](#). In the field of public health and community nutrition, she is a leader at the national level taking on key roles in nutrition education evaluation work. She currently leads the Food Security Behavior Checklist Workgroup convened by the [USDA](#) and the [National Institute of Food and Agriculture](#) and co-chairs the Dietary Assessment and Behavior workgroup, a subgroup of a [multi-state research team](#).



With a strong research background, Jennifer's first position as a registered dietitian was as a Research Assistant in the [Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition](#) at the University of Maine, Orono. There, she adapted nutrition education material for low-literacy audiences, implemented a stage-based weight management intervention, and conducted food and built environment assessments. During that time, she also served as an Education Intervention Consultant for the [Harvard School of Public Health](#). Today, she helps coordinate two federal nutrition education and obesity prevention programs where she manages a team that provides leadership as it relates to nutrition subject matter and curricula. Throughout Florida, Jennifer also conducts research related to nutrition education and eating behavior in audiences with limited resources. She also examines how enhancing environmental supports and policies promote healthful behaviors.

Jennifer has been an active member of the [Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics](#) for ten years, and she has been a member of the Public Health/Community Nutrition Practice Group since 2012. Additionally, Jennifer has served in leadership positions in the [Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior](#) (SNEB) and on the [Maine Nutrition Council](#) (MNC) Board. Within SNEB, she served as the Nutrition Education for Children division chair/chair-elect and a co-chair for the annual conference abstract review committee. On the MNC board she was the co-chair for the conference planning committee and chair of the Member and Public Relations Committee. In her free time Jennifer enjoys playing with her new baby.

PHCNPG is proud of Jennifer's work and appreciates her contributions to public health and community nutrition!