



Megan Lott serves as Deputy Director for Healthy Eating Research, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which supports research on environmental and policy strategies to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity. In this role, Megan provides administrative leadership to the program and oversees the program's operating structure, including day-to-day interactions with program funders and a nationwide network of grantees. Megan is a member of the program leadership team that develops and implements the program's strategic plan and is also engaged in policy and research collaborations with key partners, including federal government agencies and NGOs, to identify research priorities and advance RWJF and HER program goals. She is based at the Duke Global Health Institute at Duke University.

Prior to coming to Duke, Megan was at The Pew Charitable Trusts in Washington, D.C. While there, she served as a Senior Associate on the Kids' Safe and Healthful Foods Project, a collaboration between The Pew Charitable Trusts and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which provides nonpartisan analysis and evidence-based recommendations on federal and state policies that affect the safety and healthfulness of school foods. In this role, Megan supported research, policy, and advocacy efforts aimed at improving the school nutrition environment, including managing the first ever Health Impact Assessment to be conducted on a federal rule making process.

Other prior experience includes serving as the Associate Policy Director for the Community Food Security Coalition and the National Farm to School Network, where Megan managed federal and state policy initiatives, including advocating for passage of the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. Megan is a Registered Dietitian with a B.S. in nutrition Sciences and dietetics from the University of Cincinnati and a Master's in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.