

Leah R. Carpenter, MPH

Headquarters: 14301 FNB Parkway West, Suite 100
Omaha, NE 68154

Office: (531) 895 - 4041
lcarpenter@centerfornutrition.org
www.centerfornutrition.org

Education

- | | | |
|-------------|------------|---|
| 2012 | MPH | College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE
Master of Public Health
Concentration: Community Health Education |
| 2008 | BS | University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Science
Major: Biological Sciences |

Professional Experience

Associate Director, Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition (GSCN)

Omaha, NE | Jan 2014 – Present

- Project management: Oversee budget, timeline, project deliverables, and payment for several projects. Coordinate with team leaders to ensure project stays on schedule and staff time is being used appropriately.
- Coordinate with Executive Director to determine personnel, financial and research directions of the organization
- Serve as the direct report for director of finance and marketing, project managers, research associates, graduate assistants, interns

Project Manager, Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition (GSCN)

Omaha, NE | June 2012 - Jan 2014

- Oversee budget, timeline, project deliverables, and payment for several projects
- Coordinate with team leaders to ensure project stays on schedule and staff time is being used appropriately

Graduate Research Assistant, Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition (GSCN)

Omaha, NE | Jan 2011- June 2012

- Conduct literature review, data collection, data analysis, cognitive interviewing and dissemination of several childhood obesity prevention and local food systems research projects
- Assist in Farm to School activities, toolkit development, and evaluation
- Organize meetings and events

Graduate Research Assistant, College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Omaha, NE | Feb 2011 - June 2012

- Conduct literature review, data collection, and data analysis of a youth violence prevention project
- Experience working with trauma registry data
- Experience working with Impact One, youth violence prevention program
- Support evaluation of Communities Putting Prevention to Work project: Health Corner Store

Professional Experience (Continued)

Research Assistant, University of Nebraska State Museum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln, NE | Jan 2006 – May 2012

- Conduct literature reviews, analyze data, write reports for various educational initiatives
- Conduct formative and summative evaluation
- World of Viruses iPad Presentations
- Design curriculum and lead after school science club

Content Advisor, Omaha Science Media Project
Omaha, NE | May 2009-May 2010

- Provided support to the team of students, teachers, media professionals and scientists as they completed audio and video documentaries, regarding the coxsackie virus
- Conduct evaluation

Undergraduate Lab Assistant, Human Papillomavirus Lab, Nebraska Center for Virology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Lincoln, NE | Aug 2007 – May 2008

- HPV16 research; lab techniques including mutagenesis, DNA transformation, DNA extraction, and DNA digestion

Grants and Contracts – Current

April 2021 -
March 2022

Evaluation of the National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research (NCCOR) – FHI 360 and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

- Conduct annual NCCOR evaluation activities to support CDC, RWJF, NIH, and USDA in their collective efforts around childhood obesity prevention
- Role: Project Manager

February 2019 -
October 2024

Evaluation of the *Get Schools Cooking Program*– Chef Ann Foundation

- Assess the impact of participating in GSC for districts in cohorts 1-4 through qualitative interviews and implementation score
- Develop the Healthy Meal Score strategy
- Role: Project manager; Co-Investigator

December 2019 -
December 2021

Develop and Test a Brief Supplemental Food Security Module that Aims to Add Utility When Used Alongside the USDA Household Food Security Survey Module – The Walmart Foundation

- Identify and test survey items to create new complementary modules to be used in conjunction with the Household Food Security Survey Module (HFSSM)
- Role: Project Manager

September 2019 -
August 2023

Comprehensive and Integrated Center for Nutrition Incentive Program Training, Technical Assistance, Evaluation and Reporting – National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- Serve as the leader of the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) Nutrition Incentive Program Technical Assistance, Evaluation, and Information (NTAE) Center to develop systems, infrastructure, and collaborative relationships to support GusNIP grantees and to maximize effectiveness and efficiency of GusNIP projects
- Role: Administration and Subrecipient Monitoring

Grants and Contracts – Current (Continued)

- September 2020 - September 2023 **FNS: WIC Online Ordering – United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)**
- Develop and test a safe and secure plan for implementing online grocery ordering for participants of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Role: Administration and Subrecipient Monitoring
- January 2020 - August 2022 **Rooted in Evidence Grant Program: Measuring the Impact of Innovative Food Bank Programs Across the Nation – Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition Foundation**
- Develop and administer funding announcement for \$20,000-25,000 grants to food banks across the country to implement innovative nutrition projects, provide evaluation, and technical assistance
 - Role: Project Manager

Grants and Contracts – Past

- August 2018 - June 2020 **Assessment to Inform the American Cancer Society’s Future Directions in Food Insecurity – American Cancer Society**
- Qualitative assessment with key stakeholders; literature review on intersection of food insecurity, obesity, and cancer; and landscape analysis
 - Role: Project Manager
- June 2020 - June 2021 **Development of an Action Guide for Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalitions – American Cancer Society**
- Qualitative assessment with key stakeholders; literature review on policy, system, and environmental approaches for implementation nutrition and physical activity strategies
 - Role: Project Manager
- July 2019 - December 2019 **Exploring Feasible Food Access Strategies for the Lakota Sioux on the Pine Ridge Reservation – Eisele Family Foundation**
- Conduct an assessment to navigate the types of resources available and successful programs for potential replication
 - Role: Project Manager
- April 2019 - August 2019 **Assessment of the Praxis Network: Local Organizers and Traditional Public Health – The Praxis Project and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
- Assess how Praxis supports and promotes the work of local organizers to traditional public health
 - Role: Project Manager
- Sept 2014 - May 2019 **Evaluation of the School Meal Funding Opportunity – The Colorado Health Foundation**
- Evaluate the impact of large equipment grants on the food service programs in several cohorts of school districts in Colorado
 - Role: Project Manager; Co- Investigator

Grants and Contracts – Past (Continued)

- December 2016 -
December 2019
- Evaluation of the Healthy Schools Program – Alliance for a Healthier Generation**
- Provide evaluation through secondary data analysis, observational assessment, and key-informant interviews
 - Role: Project Manager
- January 2020 -
September 2021
- Evaluation of the Kohl’s Healthy at Home Initiative – Alliance for a Healthier Generation**
- Provide evaluation through key-informant interviews on the use of nutrition, physical activity, and social emotional wellness digital campaign materials
 - Role: Project Manager; Co-Investigator
- April 2013 -
December 2018
- Evaluation of the School Food Initiative – LiveWell Colorado**
- Evaluation of a culinary, operational, and leadership training program to increase scratch cooking in school districts throughout Colorado
 - Role: Project Manager; Co-Investigator
- May 2013 -
September 2014
- Chef Training Materials I - LiveWell Colorado**
- Development of a Chef Consultant Training Manual and Chef Instructor Teacher’s Guide
 - Role: Project Manager
- May 2013 -
August 2014
- Chef Training Materials II - LiveWell Colorado**
- Development and Administration of the LiveWell@School Food Initiative Chef Knowledge Test
 - Role: Project Manager
- July 2018 -
August 2018
- Advocacy Readiness among VFHK Grantees – American Heart Association**
- Develop measurement and reporting tools and protocols that allows AHA to measure, analyze, and report on advocacy activities and capacity building among their grantees
 - Role: Project Manager
- October 2014 -
September 2016
- Evaluation of the 54321Go Initiative – CHI Health**
- Evaluation of a childhood obesity prevention program in 5 Nebraska Counties
 - Role: Project Manager; Co-Investigator
- July 2016 -
June 2017
- Childhood Obesity Landscape Analysis for the Live Well Omaha Kids Coalition**
- Analysis of a national childhood obesity prevention best practices and recommendation for local application
 - Role: Project Manager
- March 2016 -
February 2017
- Evaluation of Farm to School Activities and Curriculum Integration at Lincoln Public Schools (NE)**
- Evaluation of child and parent perceptions of farm to school activities, as well as teacher perceptions of classroom integration; outcomes on local foods sourced
 - Role: Project Manager; Co-Investigator

Grants and Contracts – Past (Continued)

- July 2017 -
May 2018
- Evaluation of Salud America! – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
- Co-lead efforts to evaluate the Salud America! Program
 - Role: Project Manager
- January 2018 -
May 2018
- Evaluation of the Culture of Health Prize Program – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
- Evaluation on the effects of the culture of health prize program on winning communities from the perspective of those who administer and support the program
 - Role: Project Manager
- May 2017 -
October 2017
- Evaluation of the Accelerating National Community Health Outcomes through Reinforcing Partnerships (ANCHOR) initiative – American Heart Association**
- Co-lead evaluation of overall lessons learned of the ANCHOR initiative and make recommendations to inform future federal chronic disease prevention initiatives
 - Role: Project Manager
- September 2016 -
August 2017
- Evaluation of the Voices for Healthy Kids Initiative – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
- Co-lead evaluation of overall lessons learned for the Voices for Healthy Kids initiative and make recommendations to inform future advocacy initiatives
 - Role: Project Manager
- September 2015 -
August 2016
- Assessment and Development of Tools for Policy and Advocacy Readiness in Diverse Settings – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
- Co-lead development and testing of an advocacy readiness tool and guide to inform RWJF and grantees, in particular the Voices for Healthy Kids initiative on the mechanics of active policy advocacy programs
 - Role: Project Manager
- June 2015 -
February 2016
- Convergence Partnership: Understanding the Impact of Investment – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
- Co-lead assessment of the effectiveness of the Convergence Partnership by describing the characteristics of the work conducted by local convergence partners, as well as the potential facilitators and barriers to success
 - Role: Project Manager
- September 2014 -
January 2016
- Second Harvest Evaluation – General Mills Foundation**
- Evaluation of Second Harvest’s Food Bank of Central Florida planning and implementation of a food service provision model
 - Role: Project Manager; Co-Investigator
- October 2014 -
January 2016
- Family Child Care Evaluation – General Mills Foundation**
- Evaluation of Child Care Aware of Kansas’ implementation of a Family Child Care (FCC) learning collaborative
 - Role: Project Manager; Co-Investigator

Grants and Contracts – Past (Continued)

- January 2015 -
September 2015 **1422 Grant – Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services**
- Conduct a nutrition standard assessment of hospitals and/or public institutions in partnership with six participating local public health departments
 - Role: Co-Investigator
- October 2015 -
September 2017 **1305 Grant – Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services**
- Evaluation of the Choose Healthy Here Initiative
 - Role: Project Manager
- August 2014 -
August 2015 **Evaluation of Technical Assistance for the Voices for Healthy Kids Initiative – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
- Co-lead evaluation of technical assistance for Voices for Healthy Kids, specifically in the process, tracking, and implementation of TA provided to grantees
 - Role: Project Manager
- August 2014 -
May 2015 **Evaluation on Legal Technical Assistance for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
- Co-lead the evaluation of legal technical assistance for Robert Wood Foundation efforts, which will expand beyond the scope of the Voices for Healthy Kids and aim to answer the how/what/why of legal technical assistance being administered
 - Role: Project Manager
- April 2012 -
September 2014 **Community Transformation Grant – Douglas County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
- A community initiative to design and implement farm to institution efforts in Omaha, NE
 - Role: Graduate Assistant; Project Manager
- January 2012 -
July 2014 **Healthy Corner Store Measurement – Healthy Eating Research Program and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
- A multi-component program to assess the small store food environment in both rural and urban Nebraska settings, through local storeowner and national stakeholder interviews, as well as the development of a measurement toolkit
 - Role: Graduate Assistant; Project Manager
- March 2014 -
October 2014 **Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services**
- Evaluation of the Snack & Go healthy convenience store snacks/youth engagement project
 - Role: Project Manager
- July 2011 -
May 2014 **Fresco Restaurant Project – Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition Foundation**
- Pilot study to explore and implement healthy children’s menu items in a restaurant in a low-income area of Omaha, NE
 - Role: Graduate Assistant; Project Manager

Grants and Contracts – Past (Continued)

- April 2013 -
January 2014
- Evaluation of Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools (LMSB2S) National Initiative – Food Family Farming Foundation**
- Mixed methods evaluation of the LMSB2S initiative to determine the use and impact of the equipment on the district's school lunch program
 - Role: Project Manager
- February 2013 -
October 2013
- Evaluation of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Bridging the Gap (BTG) Program – University of Illinois Chicago**
- Conduct a program evaluation to determine how the childhood obesity research community views and uses BTG research and products
 - Role: Project Manager
- January 2012 -
October 2013
- Food System Assessment Phase II – Howard G. Buffett Foundation**
- Implementation of a farm-to-institution (farm stand) program at a worksite (PayPal) located in Omaha, NE
 - Role: Graduate Assistant; Project Manager
- February 2013 -
April 2013
- Evaluation of Healthy Breakfast for Kids – Food Family Farming Foundation**
- Evaluate a breakfast in the classroom national initiative
 - Role: Project Manager
- January 2011 -
December 2012
- Food System Assessment Phase I – ConAgra Foods Foundation**
- Conducted a survey and focus groups among consumers and producers in Nebraska to assess behaviors and attitudes toward the local food system
 - Role: Graduate Assistant; Project Manager
- April 2010 -
May 2012
- Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) – Douglas County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
- Developing and leading a Farm to School Sub-Study for Communities Putting Prevention to Work in Douglas County, NE
 - Role: Graduate Assistant; Project Manager
- May 2010 -
April 2012
- Hunger in America 2014 study – Feeding America**
- A data collection effort in Nebraska and Western Iowa among clients in food pantries for the national Hunger in America 2014 study
 - Role: Project Manager; Co-Investigator
- February 2011 -
August 2012
- Omaha Community Foundation Violence Reduction Fund and the College of Public Health**
- In this study hospital records from the local trauma centers were examined in order to understand trends in gun-related injuries among youth in Omaha. Demographic characteristics, such as age, race/ethnicity, and gender, were identified, as well as the role of factors such as substance use
 - Role: Graduate Research Assistant

Grants and Contracts – Past (Continued)

- January 2006 -
August 2012
- Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA), from the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)**
- *World of Viruses* is an integrated educational media initiative that was created to teach the public about cutting-edge virology research. The project has

developed documentaries and features for public and satellite radio stations that are complemented with outreach packages for public libraries, educators, and middle and high school students. Within these packages are comics, essays, and a variety of other materials, all of which can be readily downloaded from the WOV website.

- Role: Research Assistant

May 2009 -
August 2010

Omaha Schools Foundation

- *Omaha Science Media Project* is an innovative project that uses media production – including radio, television, and multimedia formats – as an opportunity to enhance OPS high school teachers’ and students’ understanding of current scientific research
- Role: Content Advisor, coxsackie virus

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Calloway, E.E., Fricke, H.E., **Carpenter, L.R.**, & Yaroch, A.L. A qualitative exploration of indicators of health equity embeddedness among public health policy advocacy campaigns. *Health Promotion Practice*. 2021 Jan 5;1524839920981950. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1524839920981950>
2. **Carpenter, L.R.**, Smith, T.M., Stern, K., Boyd, L.W., Rasmussen, C., Schaffer, K., Shuell, J., Broussard, K., & Yaroch, A.L. Meals for Good: An innovative community project to provide healthy meals to children in early care and education programs through food bank catering. *Preventive Medicine Reports*. 2017 Nov;8:210-214. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2017.10.015>
3. Calloway, E.E., Fricke, H.E., **Carpenter, L.R.**, & Yaroch, A.L. A qualitative exploration of indicators of health equity embeddedness among public health policy advocacy campaigns. *Health Promotion Practice*. 2021 Jan 5;1524839920981950. doi: 10.1177/1524839920981950.
4. **Carpenter, L. R.**, Smith, T.M., Stern, K., Rasmussen, C., Schaffer, K., Shuell, J., Broussard, K., & Yaroch, A.L. Meals for Good: An Innovative Community Project to Provide Healthy Meals to Children in Early Care and Education Programs through Food Bank Catering. *Preventive Medicine Reports*. 2017.
5. Pinard, C.A., Bertmann, F.M.W., Byker, C., Schober, D.J., Smith, T.M., **Carpenter, L.R.**, & Yaroch, A.L. What factors influence SNAP participation? Literature reflecting enrollment in food assistance programs from a social and behavioral science perspective. *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*. Epub 2016 Jun 24:1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19320248.2016.1146194>
6. Pinard, C.A., Fricke, H.E., Smith, T.M., **Carpenter, L.R.**, & Yaroch, A.L. The future of the small rural grocery store: A qualitative exploration. *American Journal of Health Behavior*. 2016 Nov;40(6):749-760. <https://doi.org/10.5993/AJHB.40.6.7>
7. Schober, D.J., **Carpenter, L.R.**, Currie, V.D., & Yaroch, A.L. Evaluation of the LiveWell@School Food Initiative shows increases in scratch cooking and improvement in nutritional content. *Journal of School Health*. 2016 Aug;86(8):604-611. <https://doi.org/10.1111/josh.12413>
8. Bertmann, F.M.W., Fricke, H.E., **Carpenter, L.R.**, Schober, D.J., *Smith, T.M.*, Pinard, C.A., & Yaroch, A.L. A workplace farmstand pilot programme in Omaha, Nebraska, USA. *Public Health Nutrition*. 2015 Sep;18(13):2402-6. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1368980015001706>
9. Pinard, C. A., Byker, C., Harden, S. M., **Carpenter, L.R.**, Serrano, E. L., Schober, D. J., & Yaroch, A.L. (2014). Influences on food away from home feeding practices among English and Spanish speaking parent-child dyads. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*. 1-8. doi: 10.1007/s10826-014-0011-8
10. Pinard, C. A., Smith, T. M., **Carpenter, L. R.**, Chapman, M., Balluff, M., & Yaroch, A. L. (2013). Stakeholders' interest in and challenges to implementing farm-to-school programs, Douglas County, Nebraska, 2010-2011. *Preventing chronic disease*, 10, E210. <https://doi.org/10.5888/pcd10.130182>

Manuscripts Under Review

1. Calloway, E., Chiappone, A., **Carpenter, L.**, Gargano, T., Morales, X., & Yaroch, A.L. (Under Review). Equitable partnerships between community-based and traditional public health organizations: Recommendations from the field. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships*.

Posters and Presentations

1. Calloway, E.E., Parks, C.A., Fricke, H.E., Yaroch, A.L. & **Carpenter, L.** A mixed-methods study on the process for preparing and conducting nutrition and physical activity policy advocacy campaigns. Oral presented at: ISBNPA 2018 Annual Meeting. Hong Kong, China. June 2018.
2. **Carpenter, L.**, Barnard, T., Hill, J., Boyd, L., Warner, G., Yaroch, A.L. Adapting the School Food Initiative for a large urban school district in Colorado (USA) by using a comprehensive needs assessment. Poster presented at: ISBNPA 2018 Annual Meeting. Hong Kong, China. June 2018.
3. **Carpenter, L.**, Boyd, L., Clausen, W., Schneider, A., Warner, G., & Yaroch, A.L. Adapting the Quantitative Menu Analysis Technique for the Early Care and Education Setting. Symposium oral presented at: ISBNPA 2018 Annual Meeting. Hong Kong, China. June 2018.
4. Yaroch, A.L. & **Carpenter, L.R.** Health equity in action or reaction? Regional funding collaborative approach to address healthy eating and active living in the United States. Poster presented at: ISBNPA 2017 Annual Meeting. Victoria, Canada. June 2017.
5. **Carpenter, L. R.**, Gruber, K., Gargano, T., Nielsen, K., & Pinard, C.A. Impact of a Multi-component Childhood Obesity Prevention Intervention on Children and Implementation Sites in 5 Nebraska Counties. Roundtable presentation at: *American Public Health Association, Annual Meeting.* Denver, CO. October, 2016.
6. **Carpenter, L. R.**, Gruber, K., Warner, G., & Yaroch, A.L. A Longitudinal Study to Assess Impact and Sustainability of a Scratch Cooking Intervention among 5 Colorado School Districts. Oral presentation at: *American Public Health Association, Annual Meeting.* Denver, CO. October, 2016.
7. **Carpenter, L. R.**, Gruber, K., Warner, G., & Yaroch, A.L. Evaluation of the School Food Initiative in Rural Colorado Districts. Poster presentation at: *9th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference.* San Diego, CA. 2017.
8. **Carpenter, L. R.**, Smith, T.M., Stern, K., Rasmussen, C., Schaffer, K., Shuell, J., Broussard, K., & Yaroch, A.L. Feasibility of a Food Bank-Based Catering Model for Early Care and Education Programs to Provide Healthy Meals. Oral presentation at: *American Public Health Association, Annual Meeting.* Denver, CO. October, 2016.
9. **Carpenter, L.R.**, *Smith, T.M.*, Geno-Rasmussen, C., Stern, K., Shuell, J., Schaffer, J., Broussard, K., & Yaroch, A.L. Feasibility of a food bank-based catering model for early care and education programs to provide healthy meals. Paper session presented at: American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. October 2016.
10. Pinard, C.A., **Carpenter, L.R.**, Fricke, H.E., Smith, T.M., Yaroch, A.L. Is There a Role for Small Food Retail Outlets in Healthy Food Access? Oral presentation at: Society of Behavioral Medicine; March, 2017; San Diego CA.
11. **Carpenter, L. R.**, Fricke, H., Smith, T. M., Schober, D. J., Pinard, C. A., Bertmann, F., & Yaroch, A. L. Farm to worksite: Assessing the implementation of a technology-based program in the midwest United States. *International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity*, San Diego, CA. 2015.
12. **Carpenter, L.R.**, Schober D.J., Currie, V., Guillaume, G., & Yaroch, A.L. Evaluation tools, methods, and results of a scratch cooking initiative in Colorado schools. *8th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference.* San Diego, CA. 2015.
13. Schober, D. J., Pinard, C. A., Woodruff, M. S., **Carpenter, L.**, Trivedi, A., Smith, T. M., & Yaroch, A. L. A case study of the implementation of a healthy kids' menu in an urban, Mexican restaurant in the Midwest United States. *International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity.* San Diego, CA, 2015.
14. **Carpenter, L.**, Fricke, H., Smith, T. M., Pinard, C., Schober, D., & Yaroch, A. Evaluation of a National Initiative: Let's Move Salad Bars to School. *Farm to Cafeteria Conference.* Austin, TX, 2014.

Posters and Presentations (Continued)

15. **Carpenter, L.R.**, Fricke, H.E., *Smith, T.M.*, Schober, D.J., Pinard, C.A., Bertmann, F.M.W., & Yaroch, A.L. Farm to worksite: Assessing the implementation of a technology-based program in the Midwest United States. Poster presented at: International Society for Behavioral Nutritional and Physical Activity Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. May 2014.

16. Pinard, C.A., **Carpenter, L.R.**, *Smith, T.M.*, & Yaroch, A.L. Assessing the healthy corner store environment: Development of a measurement toolkit for use across rural and urban settings. Poster presented at: International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. May 2014.
17. Schober, D., **Carpenter, L.**, & Yaroch, A. Childhood obesity prevention research and program evaluation: The LiveWell@School Food Initiative and future directions. Paper presented to: The Colorado Health Foundation. Denver, CO. June 2014.
18. Schober, D., Woodruff, M., **Carpenter, L.**, & Yaroch, A. Instructional Videos to Teach Children About Nutrition During Meals. *Children's Hospital & Medical Center's Preventing Childhood Obesity Community Grant Symposium & 2014 Grant Launch*. Omaha, NE, 2014.
19. Schober, D.J., **Carpenter, L.R.**, Currie, V., & Yaroch, A.L. Development of a menu analysis instrument for evaluating the efforts of the LiveWell@School Food Initiative in Colorado. Paper presented at: American Evaluation Association, Evaluation 2014 Conference. Denver, CO. October 2014.
20. Yaroch, A.L., **Carpenter, L.R.**, Fricke, H.E., Schober, D.J., *Smith, T.M.*, Bertmann, F.M.W., & Pinard, C.A. Agricultural abundance: The development of a farm to institution program in the Midwestern United States. Poster presented at: World Public Health Nutrition Association, Annual Meeting, "Building Healthy Global Food Systems," A New Imperative for Public Health. Oxford, UK. September 2014.
21. Yaroch, A.L., Pinard, C.A., **Carpenter, L.R.**, *Smith, T.M.*, Fricke, H.E., & Balluff, M. Farm to school resources: Development and application in the Midwestern United States. Poster presented at: World Public Health Nutrition Association Annual Meeting, "Building Healthy Global Food Systems", A New Imperative for Public Health. Oxford, UK. September 2014.
22. Pinard, C.A., Byker, C., Harden, S.M., Serrano, A.L., **Carpenter, L.**, Chapman, M., Yaroch, A.L. Restaurant and Home Food Policies among Low-Income English and Spanish Speaking Parent-Child Dyads. *International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity, Annual Meeting*. Ghent, Belgium, 2013.
23. Pinard, C.A., Smith, T.M., **Carpenter, L.R.**, Chapman, M., Balluff, M., & Yaroch, A.L. Stakeholders' interest in and challenges to implementing farm-to-school programs, Douglas County, Nebraska, 2010-2011. *Preventing Chronic Disease*. 2013 Dec 19;10:E210. <https://doi.org/10.5888/pcd1010.130182>
24. **Carpenter, L.R.**, Lander, L., Gofin, R., Tibbits, M. Factors associated with violence-related injuries among youths in Omaha, Nebraska. *American Public Health Association, Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, CA. October, 2012.
25. Pinard, C.A., Chapman, M., **Carpenter, L.**, Erpelding, C., Yaroch, A. Farm to School as a Viable Option in Douglas County Nebraska. *American Public Health Association, Annual Meeting*. November 2011.

Technical Reports

1. Calloway EE, **Carpenter LR**, Gargano T, Chiappone AL, & Yaroch, A.L. The Praxis Project Assessment: Praxis' Overall Role, the Work of their Network, and Potential Strategic Directions. (2019). Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition. Prepared for: The Praxis Project.
2. Calloway EE, **Carpenter LR**, Clausen W, Boyd L, Yaroch AL. Healthy Schools Program: Survey Development and Findings Across Five States (2018). Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition. Prepared for: the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.
3. Calloway EE, **Carpenter LR**, Hill JL, Boyd LWM, Clausen W, Yaroch AL. Evaluation of Salud America!: Final Report. Prepared by the Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, March 2018.
4. Calloway EE, **Carpenter LR**, Boyd LW, Stern KL, Barnard TW, Gargano T, Yaroch AL. (2017). Evaluation of the Healthy Schools Program. Prepared for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation by the Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition.

Technical Reports (Continued)

5. Calloway EE, Fricke HE, **Carpenter LR**, Yaroch AL. Voices for Healthy Kids: Lessons Learned from Managing a Policy Advocacy Initiative. Prepared for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Heart Association. October, 2017.
6. Calloway EE, Stern KL, **Carpenter LR**, Gargano T, Yaroch AL. Accelerating National Community Health Outcomes through Reinforcing Partnerships (ANCHOR): Lessons Learned from Implementing a Three-Year Public Health Community Engagement Initiative. Prepared by the Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition for the American Heart Association. September, 2017.
7. Calloway EE, Fricke HE, **Carpenter LR**, Pinard CA, Yaroch AL. Advocacy Readiness: Measurement Tools and Resources for Advocacy Groups. (2016). Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition. Prepared for: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Heart Association.
8. **Carpenter, L.R.**, Rasmussen, C.G., Schwartz, B. Past Participant Sustainability Plan: Interview and Survey Results. 2016. Prepared for: LiveWell Colorado.
9. Calloway EE, Fricke HE, **Carpenter LR**, Pinard CA, Grob GF, Yaroch AL. Policy Advocacy for Social Transformation – An Introduction and Practical Guide. (2015). Prepared for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
10. **Carpenter, L.R.**, Schober, D.J., Schwartz, B., Yaroch, A.L. The Motivation to Make Changes to School Food Service Programs: District Characteristics and Perceptions. 2015. Prepared for: LiveWell Colorado.
11. **Carpenter, L.R.**, Schwartz, B., Schober, D.J., Yaroch, A.L. The LiveWell@School Food Initiative Plate Waste Feasibility Study: Protocol Development. 2015. Prepared for: LiveWell Colorado.
12. Schober, D. J., Fricke, H., Sella, A. C., **Carpenter, L.**, & Yaroch, A. L. (2014). Chef consultant training manual for the LiveWell@School Food Initiative (LW@SFI). Report prepared for LiveWell Colorado. Omaha, NE: Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition.
13. Schober, D., **Carpenter, L.**, Saulsbury, S., Smith, T., & Yaroch, A. (2014). LiveWell@School Food Initiative: 2013 –2014 external evaluation report. Report prepared for LiveWell Colorado. Omaha, NE: Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition.
14. Schober, D., Woodruff, M., **Carpenter, L.**, & Yaroch, A. (2014). Omaha Nutrition Education Collaborative (ONEC): Instructional videos to teach children about nutrition during meals: Final report. Report Prepared for Children’s Hospital & Medical Center. Omaha, NE: Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition.
15. **Carpenter, L.**, Miller, M., Smith, T., Pinard, C., Schober, D. , & Yaroch, A. (2013). Evaluation of the Let’s Move Salad Bars to Schools initiative . Report prepared for the Food Family Farming Foundation. Omaha, NE: Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition. Executive Summary Available at: http://saladbars2schools.org/wpcontent/uploads/2014/01/Exec_Summary_Eval_Infographic.pdf
16. Schober, D. J., **Carpenter, L.**, Smith, T. & Yaroch, A. L. (2013). Evaluation of the LiveWell@School Food Initiative: Midterm Report. Omaha, NE: Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition. Report prepared for LiveWell Colorado. Omaha, NE: Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition.
17. Tibbits, M., Lander, L., **Carpenter, L.**, Goffin, R. (2012). Risk and Protective Factors for Youth Violence in Omaha and Suggestions for Intervention. Impact ONE Report. University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health.
18. **Carpenter, L.**, Lander, L., Gofin, R., Tibbits, M. (2012). Factors associated with violence-related injuries among youths in Omaha, Nebraska. Trauma Registry Report. University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health.
19. Schober, D. J., Smith, T. M., **Carpenter, L.R.**, Pinard, C. A., Cowan, E., & Yaroch, A. L. (2012). Local foods systems in Nebraska: An examination of perceptions, participation, & ideas for change. Report prepared for ConAgra Foods Foundation. Omaha, NE: Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition. Available at: <http://centerfornutrition.org/local-foodsystems/>
20. Smith, T.M., **Carpenter, L.R.**, Cowan, E., Schober, D.J., Pinard, C.A., Yaroch, A.L. (2012). The Super Adventures of Nutrition Man and Dr. Exercise Evaluation. For: ConAgra Foundation, Omaha, NE.
21. Smith, T.M., **Carpenter, L.R.**, Tibbits, M.K., (2012). Healthy Neighborhood Stores Community Needs Assessment. For: Communities Putting Prevention to Work Grant, Douglas County, NE.

22. Pinard, C.A., Chapman, M., **Carpenter, L.**, Erpelding, C., Yaroch, A. (2011). Farm to School as a Viable Option in Douglas County Nebraska. American Public Health Association, Annual Meeting.
23. Spiegel, A. N., Struthers, A., & **Carpenter, L.** (2009). World of Viruses Formative Evaluation Report: Trial Testing of Graphic Story, Cartoon Panel, Podcast, and Essay. Lincoln, NE. Center for Instructional Innovation, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Committees

2018 – Present International Society for Behavior Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA)
Sponsorship Committee

Masters Capstone Committees

Mariam Taiwo, University of Nebraska Medical Center (2018)

Professional Associations

Professional Association Membership

2012 – Present American Public Health Association (APHA)
2014 – Present International Society for Behavior Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA)