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Food Security in Buffalo’s Westside

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**Is Buffalo’s Westside Food Secure?**

- In order for a community to be food secure, there must be affordable food that is accessible, fresh, and nutritious, as well as culturally appropriate.

**Visit the Westside and see for ourselves.**

- We visited local groceries, restaurants, convenience stores, bodegas, and meat distributors in the Westside and at each location we noted food variety and quality as well as the gender, age, and ethnicity of the proprietor and the clientele.

**Conduct Secret Shopper Explorations.**

- Working with Sean Mulligan, Assistant to Buffalo Councilmen David Rivera, we conducted these secret shopper surveys and mapped our results.

**Use what we found to get more healthy food in stores.**

- This data will be used for developing a Healthy Corner Store Ordinance for the City of Buffalo, an Erie county-wide ordinance which would require all convenience stores to stock a certain percentage of fresh healthy food.

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Resources:

Healthy Kids/Healthy Kids: [http://www.healthykidshealthycommunities.org/about](http://www.healthykidshealthycommunities.org/about)


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Attendance and Collaborations:

Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities

Poverty Research Workshop, March 2nd

Grand Challenges

Food Access Roundtable, Wednesday, February 29th, 2012 at 100 Allen Hall

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