The Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy Team

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1 in 8 children in Illinois lack access to the food they need for a healthy, active life; which can impact health, behavior and educational outcomes.

Source: https://map.feedingamerica.org/

Teens in particular often avoid needed food assistance for fear of being stigmatized.

Source: https://www.illinois.edu/innovation/food-access

Improving food access requires changes in policies, food systems and community environments that make healthier choices easier.

Source: https://web.extension.illinois.edu/INEP/snap-ed.cfm

As a 4-H Food Advocacy team member, you will network with career and academic professionals to provide leadership for Illinois youth on how to engage their community in food access and food justice issues.

Inspire
Spark your interest and educate yourself about the future of food systems.

Innovate
Collaborate to develop new approaches to large scale challenges.

Implement
Event planning, program development and advocacy leadership.

Are you ready to be an advocate?

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Applications open July 1, 2021

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