



Michelle Gagliardi

Consultant

Position with Firm

2022–present **Consultant.** Conducts research, develops proposals, and writes reports on various topics relating to food movements, nutrition programs, and health systems. Evaluates local, state, and national nutrition and health policies and programs. Develops strategy documents and grant applications for stakeholders. Facilitates partner meetings, focus groups, stakeholder interviews, and community forums.

Previous Professional Experience

- 2018–2022 **Programs Director, Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA)**, East Lansing, Michigan. Provided support for multiple programs to assist a statewide, member-based, nonprofit serving Michigan farmers markets and the farmers/vendors selling at those markets. Lead state and national training and technical assistance for nutrition incentive programs, facilitated networks and committees, and provided leadership in local, state and federal policy and advocacy-related activities. Prepared reports, presentations, grant applications, and publications focused on the advancement and accessibility of Michigan’s local food movement.
- 2017–2019 **Mentor, Advancing Young Women Agribusiness Entrepreneurs and Innovators Professional Fellowship Program**, East Lansing, Michigan. Worked with multiple cohorts of agribusiness entrepreneurs in Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya to facilitate knowledge exchange and capacity building to enhance food system innovation and women’s economic empowerment.
- 2016–2018 **Special Projects Associate, Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA)**, East Lansing, Michigan. Managed the administration of a loan-based program for Michigan farmers, accountable for grant deliverables for multiple projects, and oversaw a statewide marketing campaign to drive consumers to Michigan farmers markets. Provided technical assistance on emerging app-based technologies for incentive programs, represented the organization at conferences and committees, and lead members in data collection efforts.
- Education Michigan State University, BS in Environmental Studies and Sustainability
University of Michigan, currently pursuing a Master of Health Systems Administration with a specialization in Health Management and Policy

Selected Publications

- Produce Prescription Programs: Health Impacts of Fruit and Vegetable Consumption, with others. 2021. Prepared for the Michigan Farmers Market Association.
- *Increasing the Number of Farmers Markets Accepting SNAP: An Assessment of Barriers, Needs and Opportunities*, with others. 2017. Prepared for the Michigan Farmers Market Association.

Presentations

- Networking Prescriptions for Health Programs. Presented in September 2019 to the National Direct Agriculture Marketing Summit.