



FOOD YOUTH INITIATIVE

Policy basics

- Public Policy
- Organizational Policy

Policy is most simply a body of decisions that determine how a group, large or small, will operate. Public policy represents decisions, made by a publicly elected or designated body, that are believed to be in the public interest. Policy made at the organizational level reflects rules and regulations believed to make the organization run well.

Policy should consider

- who benefits (the more the better)
- who might be negatively affected (the fewer the better)
- time required to implement the solution
- associated cost and financing
- political complexities of a the governing structures

At the end of the day, public policy involves making good decisions, for the public good and organizational policies involve making decisions for the organization's good.

Think Through It:

What does it look like for your organization to create some Good Food Policies?

- What if you commit to acknowledging where the food you eat together comes from, who grew it, and what their work conditions were like before eating it?
- What if you make an effort to have one locally grown or seasonal item or organic item at each meal?

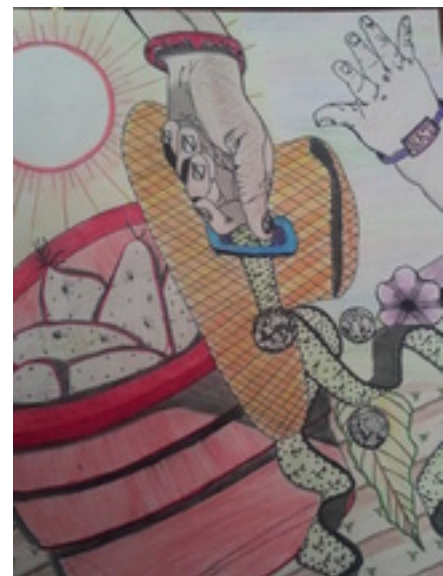
What national, state, and local government policies impact the issues your organization works to address?

- Hunger
- Land Access
- Fresh, Healthy Food Availability
- Working Conditions of Growers, Farmworkers, Food Service Industry employees?

Youth Action: <http://tinyurl.com/mnexyc8>

Farm Bill: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mui3_dEHHEY

How is telling your story a political act?



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