



Seeds of Change Conference

Empowering Food Access Solutions in the Black Belt of Alabama

April 7, 2025
10:30 am – 6:00 pm

Bryant Conference Center
Rast Room

- 10:30-11:00 **Registration**
- 11:05-11:10 **Welcome**
Felecia Lucky, President, Black Belt Community Foundation
- 11:10-11:15 **Invocation**
Jacqueline Hives, BBCF Community Associate and We-CAN Member
- 11:15-12:00 **Panel Discussion: *Community Gardens and Food Distribution Projects***
Alicia Foster, Wilcox County
Jovita Lewis, Hale County
Kelvin Scott, Greene County
- 12:00-12:30 **Lunch Buffet**
Commissioner's Pit, Camden, AL
- 12:30-1:15 **Key Note: *Nourishing the Black Belt, One Community at a Time***
Janie Clay, University of Alabama, Birmingham
- 1:20-1:50 **Networking Break** – Please visit with vendors
- 2:00-3:00 ***Exploring the Intersection of Structural Racism, Rurality, & Childhood Obesity***
Samantha Gomez and Treasure McMillian, We-CAN
Joy Bradley and Jen Nickelson, University of Alabama
- 3:00-3:15 **Break**
- 3:15-3:30 **Spoken Word: *The Table We Build***
Jas Jones
- 3:35-3:45 **Introduction to Photovoice Project**
Sheryl Threadgill-Matthews, Founder, BAMA Kids, and We-CAN Member
- 3:45-5:00 **Photovoice Exhibit: *The Myth of the Food Desert***
BAMA Kids Youth
Toney Nixon, Saxophone
- 5:00-6:00 **Networking and Dismissal**