



Ready or not - here comes fall! We hope you're well rested and eager for the cooler weather to start moving in across the region. As the seasons change, we'd also like to fill you in on some changes of our own. We're so excited to introduce you to our new Marion Institute team members – Christy Mach Dubé, Director of Engagement and Jessica (Webb) Frank, BioMed Program Manager. Please be sure to check out their fabulous backgrounds and what they bring to the table on our [about us pg!](#)



Virtual Food Summit 2022 is this Wednesday



SOUTHCOAST FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

Have you registered yet for this year's [Virtual Food Summit 2022: The Intersection of Food and Basic Needs: Healthcare, Housing, & Transportation?](#)

Don't miss this incredible line up of speakers and panelists who will engage us in a lively and thoughtful discussion on the challenges and importance of collaboration among these sectors. Our goal is to break down silos and explore steps to make a local food system equitable and accessible for all. See you there!

**YOU'RE INVITED:**  
**September 21, 2022,**  
**6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**VIRTUAL FOOD SUMMIT 2022**  
 The Office of Senator Mark Montigny invites you to Food Summit 2022:  
**The Intersection of Food and Basic Needs: Healthcare, Housing, & Transportation**

**Moderator:** Maxwell White, UMass Dartmouth Student Trustee, and Liz Wiley, Executive Director of the Marion Institute  
**Opening remarks:** Audra Riding, General Counsel and Legislative Director in the Office of Senator Mark Montigny  
 Christina Connelly, Chief Operating Officer at City of New Bedford  
**Keynote speaker:** Brandy H. M. Brooks, Professional Instigator for an Equitable Society  
**Panelists Facilitator:** Gina Plata- Nino, Mass Law Reform Institute and lead advocate on the Massachusetts Hunger Free Initiative

**Panelists:**  
 Damon Chaplin - New Bedford Dept. of Health  
 Josh Amaral - P.A.C.E. in New Bedford  
 Alexis Walls - MA Public Health Association  
 Erik Rousseau - Southeastern Regional Transit Authority

**Register for the virtual event here:** [bit.ly/foodsummit2022](https://bit.ly/foodsummit2022)

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**SEPTEMBER is**  
*Hunger Action Month*



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CerebralFit for Optimal Brain Fitness

By Dr. Jeoff Drobot, NMD, The BioMed Centers and Co-Founder of CerebralFit



Cognitive Impairment is a 'polite' term for a series of conditions that affect memory and cognitive ability as individuals age. Recent studies have reported that cases of cognitive decline have doubled since 2009. From 1999 to 2019, the U.S mortality (death) rate increased 88%. These figures are truly shocking considering it is widely accepted that there are no drug treatments that can cure Alzheimer's or any other cognitive type of dementia. The best case may involve drugs that may ease symptoms for a while, or slow down the progression of disease. [Click here to read the rest of the newsletter article.>>](#)

**BioBites**  
 a virtual house call for your health and wellness



**CerebralFit: Preventing Cognitive Decline**

Tuesday, Oct 4th, 12 noon ET

with Dr. Jeoff Drobot, co-founder BioMed Centers, and Guy Odishaw, founder, Bhakti Wellness Center

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[Click here to register for our October 4th BioBites event](#)



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