



Food Policy Council

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About yourself:

Throughout her life, Esperina Baptiste has been influential in the lives of those who know her. Both professionally and personally, Esperina accepts challenges and changes them into success stories.

In her professional life, Esperina has always shown courage and leadership. She has had a positive impact on individuals in need. She worked at The Salvation Army in New York City in a number of capacities, being promoted from a Case Manager to Operations Manager and then Program Director. When she worked at the Volunteers of America in New York City, her positions included Outreach Program Director and Program Director. Since 2008, Esperina has been the Executive Director of the Ralphola Taylor Community Center YMCA in Bridgeport, CT. Working on the East End of Bridgeport where there are many concerning issues, she's gotten involved with many groups to improve the conditions. Being in a community that is considered to be a food desert, to aid the situation, Esperina collaborates with other groups to develop a community garden at the Center, participated in Reach 2020, serves as co-chair on the Get Healthy Connecticut Healthy Eating Task force and most recently became a member of the City's Food Policy Council.

In her private life, Esperina is a loyal and kind friend who always finds the best in each person she encourages everyone to be the best they can be. Her calm demeanor, gentle smile and great sense of humor are an asset in developing rich and rewarding relationships. She particularly enjoys meeting new people and is open to learning and changing experiences.

Esperina's favorite Healthy food is a spinach salad with cranberries, nuts and shrimp.