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MALNUTRITION CONNECTION

Providing Information to Share on Malnutrition Awareness and Advocacy

Malnutrition Awareness Week™ Highlights and Other Malnutrition News!

[Malnutrition Awareness Week™](#) 2019 was a huge success! It was supported by over 70 organizations and reached over 1 million healthcare professionals, patients, and caregivers across the globe.

In honor of Malnutrition Awareness Week™, Defeat Malnutrition Today, the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, and West Health hosted a briefing/reception on Wednesday, September 25th at the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. [Senate Resolution 338](#) also was introduced by Sponsors Senator Chris Murphy of Connecticut and Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa. The resolution designated the week of September 23 through September 27, 2019, as "Malnutrition Awareness Week."



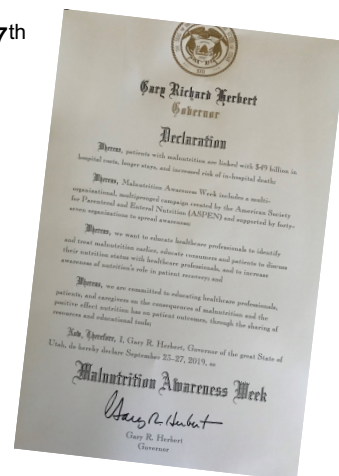
Jeanne Blankenship, MS, RDN, Vice President Policy Initiatives and Advocacy, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics speaking at the Senate MAW Briefing/Reception

Utah Governor Gary Herbert proclaimed September 23-27th as Malnutrition Awareness Week™.

Thank you to all who participated in MAW via social media, organizational outreach, and webinar attendance!

Other Malnutrition News

It was announced that the Massachusetts Commission on Malnutrition Prevention will be the recipient of the 2019 Kit Clark Award! The award is presented by the Massachusetts Meals on Wheels



Association (MAMOWA), representing the Elder Nutrition Programs in the state of Massachusetts. The award is named in memory of Catherine "Kit" Clark, a community activist in Boston who dedicated her life to serving others. Clark was actively involved in senior issues and in 1974 the doors opened at the Kit Clark Senior House, where she was the first director. Since 1986 the Kit Clark Award has been presented to leaders who have demonstrated dedication and support to senior nutrition services.

Living Healthy in Florida in partnership with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services released [Florida's Senior Malnutrition Report](#). The study assesses Florida's senior population related to malnutrition and provides insight into potential solutions to address senior malnutrition.

The National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL) posted a [Resolution on Malnutrition in 2019](#).

Social Media:

- Check out *The Journal of Community Health* article: Screening Community-Living Older Adults for Protein Energy Malnutrition and Frailty: Update and Next Steps <http://bit.ly/35oiyAO>
- Congrats to The Massachusetts Commission on #Malnutrition Prevention for being named the recipient of the 2019 Kit Clark Award for dedication and support to senior nutrition services!