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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Please run announcement in publications and on radio beginning October 28<sup>th</sup> through November 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### Wrap Up of GNC's Community Food Security Assessment Activity

**Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**1 PM – 5 PM**

**COS Life Science Rm 100**

**Weed campus at 800 College Avenue**

Are you curious about what's happening in the food arena around the county? How about understanding the Cottage Food Law and starting a home based food business? This free event is for you!

GNC will review the survey results and community food conversation assets and resources gathered as part of their USDA funded Community Food Security Assessment grant activity. Find out what county residents had to say in the community food security survey and what needs were identified.

Hear about projects from around the county that are driven by community volunteers who are committed to creating local food resources. During this time, participants will have the opportunity to network on topics that include new and established community gardens, food preservation networks, whole food education and alternative food resources, such as gleaning.

Learn about opportunities under the Cottage Food Law to create a home-based food business. Guest speakers include: Diane Gularte of Dolce Fiore, Siskiyou County's first Cottage Food permitted business, Dina Elinson of the Siskiyou County Environmental Health Division, which administers the Cottage Food Law, and will discuss the requirements of the law in Siskiyou County. Leslie Ellorin will speak about the variety of markets in Siskiyou County for home food producers and Nancy Swift of JEDI will wrap up by discussing how JEDI can assist residents with business training and resources for creating a home-based food business.

"The presentations will be followed by a question and answer period to provide a rich opportunity for folks to move forward with their business ideas," said Renee Casterline, Community Food Program Manager at GNC and grant project coordinator.

Thanks to Cross Petroleum, gas vouchers will be made available to those that need them to attend. Contact Renee Casterline at [938-4115 ext 116](tel:938-4115) for more information.

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