

OUR BELIEFS, VALUES, AND PRINCIPLES TO TRANSFORM MISSISSIPPI FOOD SYSTEMS

WE, THE MS FOOD JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE:

believe in supporting home grown leadership that represents all of our vibrant diversity

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believe in the healing power of food as a way to revitalize Mississippi communities in a time of dynamic change

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believe food justice is a vehicle for individual and community self-sufficiency

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believe working together will have a greater positive impact on food and social justice

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believe that all Mississippians have the right to know how to grow and prepare fresh food

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believe in passing the food cultural baton in order to keep food traditions alive

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believe that healthy fresh food is a human right and should be affordable and accessible to all

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believe in supporting Mississippi farmers and fishers through fair pricing for local food production/catch



Our beliefs, values, and principles to transform Mississippi Food Systems

were developed collaboratively by the Mississippi Food Justice Collaborative partners, including NCAT Gulf States, the Mississippi Food Policy Council, Mississippi Farm to School Network, Mileston Cooperative, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Boat People SOS, Hijra House, and FoodCorps Mississippi.

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THE VALUES THAT UNDERGIRD OUR WORK

WE VALUE:

home grown leadership that represents the truth and legacies of building racial equity

the healing power of food as a way to revitalize Mississippi communities in a time of dynamic change

food sovereignty as a vehicle for individual and community self-determination

collective courage as a strategy to responsibly and justly impact and scale food systems
the fundamental right of all Mississippians to have access to fresh food, clean air, non toxic water & soil, safe environments and liveable wages

food traditions and we support a sound investment in curating the culinary legacies as part of the sacred generational responsibility to document truth

Mississippians and support the affordability and accessibility of healthy fresh food for all

Mississippi farmers, fishers, and food producers and support their deserving of fair pricing for local food production

labor and support living wages, non-exploitative and non-extractive work space policies that allow for the thriving of the working class communities

ethical stewardship of all natural resources, living beings and the restorative navigation of air, water, land, flora & fauna

the health of the planet, the health of living beings and therefore support equitable investments in developing the culture of health in our communities

human stewardship of the ecosystem, and therefore support ethical treatment of animals that are part of our food cycles

THE PRINCIPLES WE HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE TO:

We uphold that all Mississippians deserve Food Sovereignty

We uphold that all Mississippians deserve good quality of life

We uphold that all Mississippians deserve to grow/catch and have access to healthy food

We uphold that all Mississippians deserve to have access to good health

We uphold that all Mississippians deserve access to agricultural/marine resources to ethically enhance their practices

We uphold that all Mississippians deserve to be paid living wages and treated with dignity

We uphold that all Mississippians deserve to live, work, learn and play in environmentally safe spaces

We uphold that all Mississippians deserve clean water, clean air, healthy soil, non toxic environments to live and thrive

We uphold that people are sacred, and therefore investments must be made directly in historically oppressed communities

We uphold the truths and legacies of places as sacred pathways to building ethical, just and sustainable futures.

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