

# JOIN US MARCH 25:



## Missouri River Valley Alliance (MRVA) for Community Food Systems [Listening Session](#)

“Engaging Youth in School, Community and  
Market Gardens”

**March 25, 2011**  
**3:30PM to 5:00PM**  
(social hour 5PM to 6PM)

**Institute for the Culinary Arts at  
Metropolitan Community College  
Fort Omaha Campus, Building 22, Room 201A**

Who should attend: Teachers, Gardeners, Entrepreneurs,  
Neighborhood Associations and School Administrators

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More information: <http://mrvalisteningssessionmarch2011.eventbrite.com/>  
<http://www.nomoreemptypots.org>

To speak with someone: 402.457.2555 or 402.972.7330

## Community Announcement / Press Release

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011

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### Missouri River Valley Alliance Listening Session on Youth and Gardening

On March 25 at 3:30PM in partnership with No More Empty Pots, Metropolitan Community College (MCC) will host the first in a continuing series of listening sessions for the community to come together and develop collaborative solutions to pressing community food issues. The series is in response to the desire of the community to stay engaged in dialog around food and community after the USDA North Central Region-Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (NCR-SARE) listening sessions this past September. The goal is to advance development of local and regional community food systems that are economically viable, environmentally sound and good for communities.

Missouri River Valley Alliance (MRVA) for Community Food Systems is an alliance of businesses, individuals, farmers, growers, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions in Iowa and Nebraska that are working together to build a stronger regional food system. On March 25 at the MCC Institute for the Culinary Arts, this MRVA Listening Session will provide an opportunity for educators, school personnel, community residents, educational institutions, businesses and nonprofits to engage in dialog about youth and gardening. Sharing what is foremost on their minds, assessing what we are doing now and what needs to be done to positively impact communities.

The listening sessions are open to the public, at no cost. Everyone is invited to attend. This is our opportunity to directly communicate opportunities, challenges and successes with food system stakeholders. In addition this will allow us to help guide future collaborative funding, policies, outreach, research and programs.

#### The listening session details:

- **Pre-registration requested at [Eventbrite](#).**
- **Topic:** Engaging Youth in School, Community and Market Gardens
- **Time & Location:** March 25, 2011, 3:30-5:00PM, Institute for the Culinary Arts at MCC, Fort Omaha Campus, Bldg 22, Omaha, NE.
- **Social Hour/Networking:** March 25, 2011, 5:00-6:00PM, Reception featuring local food samples prepared by ICA students.

More information: registration at [Eventbrite](#) or [No More Empty Pots](#) or call 402-457-2555.