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Company/Organization: Valley Regional Hospital **Number of Employees:**

For-profit/ Nonprofit: nonprofit

Number of Employees: 300+

Category: workplace

Challenge or Opportunity:

Influencing the way food service employees work with little impact. Opportunity: make a difference in a hospital setting, to introduce sustainability to people who aren't educated in that type of lifestyle.

Approach or Solution:

Created 4 elements of sustainability: waste reduction, food sourcing and supply chain, kitchen equipment and cleaning green.

Impact:

Lots achieved in a short time (1 semester). Waste-reduction: measured waste & recycling for 1 wk. Staff came up with 9 initiatives & implemented them for 3 wks & measured again. Added more recycling bins, eliminating trash bins, starting a food scrap program have been most influential initiatives.