

End Childhood Hunger: An Action List

Your leadership is crucial to a successful anti-hunger campaign. With the engagement of state and local leaders, the federal nutrition programs can run more effectively and efficiently, reaching more kids with the food they need to grow up healthy and strong. You can help set policy priorities, activate resources, champion legislation, and use your office to bring together the right stakeholders to advance proven solutions.

Across all programs

- Commit to local efforts in the spirit of the [National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health](#)
- Support efforts to pass equitable and inclusive policies that will improve access to SNAP, school meals, out-of-school meals, Summer EBT, and WIC
- Advocate for the resources to administer each program to increase program participation efficiently
- Use your platform to celebrate the champions feeding kids through the child nutrition programs.
- Establish a Children's Cabinet or convene a Task Force on Childhood Hunger with local state leaders and nonprofit organizations to establish a plan of action with public goals
- Raise awareness by speaking publicly about the issue of childhood hunger, using social media to promote programs and program sites to constituents, and talking to school administrators and staff about how child hunger impacts their students.

SNAP

- Support exercising state options and other flexibilities, including federal waivers, which expand access and streamline administration
- Partner with state, county, and local SNAP agencies to improve outreach and technical assistance, highlighting how SNAP participation is directly linked to other nutrition programs.
- Thoughtfully and strategically engage with your community, especially those with lived expertise, to address equity issues and other concerns in the local administration of the program.

School meals

- Provide financial support and encouragement for school meals programs to adopt effective service models like Breakfast After the Bell.
- Encourage eligible schools to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to enable access to no-cost school meals for all students

Out-of-school meals

- Increase after-school and summer meal participation by promoting PSAs and hotlines to help families find sites
- Convene stakeholders for collaborative planning to facilitate effective service models and maximize reach

Summer EBT

- Promote the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children (Summer EBT or SUN Bucks) and work with your state to provide clear information to eligible families about how to participate
- Advocate for adequate state administrative match funding in the state budget to support a streamlined, user-centered program

WIC

- Encourage federal action to fully fund WIC
- Support efforts to ensure that eligible mothers and young children have access to WIC