Housekeeping Items

MEETING IS NOT FOR ATTRIBUTION
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Agenda

NGA Government Relations Update

State Discussion: New & Emerging Issues

Share Our Strength

Maryland

Open Discussion: Q&A
1. How concerned is your state about the ending of the school lunch waivers? Are there any new programs or strategies you’re adopting to adapt to the change?

2. How does hunger fit into your state’s definition of neglect? Is the connection between hunger and child protective services referrals/investigations on your radar?

3. What programs or initiatives does your state run to address hunger and food insecurity, in both adults and children?
New & Emerging Issues

Breakout Room Discussion
Today's topic:

Combatting Childhood Hunger in Summer 2022
Share Our Strength

Bernadette Downey - Associate Director, Government Relations and Advocacy
Introduction of No Kid Hungry
No Kid Hungry is a Campaign By Share Our Strength

Every kid needs three meals a day to grow up healthy, happy and strong. But today in America, too many children are missing those meals. This is a problem we know how to solve.

School meals

Schools are at the center of our work - community centers trusted by parents and staffed by people who know the children by name and care about them. At school, kids can get the healthy food they need - for every meal of the day.

Grants

We distribute grants to schools, food banks and community groups across the nation to help them get the essential resources they need to feed kids, from meal carts to refrigerators to delivery trucks.

Advocacy

We work with national, state and local elected leaders, fighting for policies that help families make ends meet - from expanding food assistance programs to cutting through red tape to help feed children during the pandemic.
Summer Hunger Landscape

Summer Meals Programs help kids get healthy food when school is out. But local communities face barriers in connecting kids with summer meals. [https://nokidhungry.org/summerhunger](https://nokidhungry.org/summerhunger)
Breaking:
Keep Kids Fed Act

Provides support to child nutrition programs after waiver authority expires
Keep Kids Fed Act Overview

• Allows USDA to issue nationwide waivers for this summer
• Allows USDA to issue certain no-cost nationwide waivers for SY22-23
• Eliminates the reduced-price category for school meals for SY22-23
• Provides additional meal reimbursements for schools & CACFP operators for SY22-23
Actions for States

Opportunities to maximize access to summer and school meals this year and beyond
Actions for States: Support Summer Meals

• Ensure use of all available waivers
• Promote awareness:
• Support statewide branding efforts
• Improve data access and transparency
• Create spaces for sponsor collaboration
Actions for States: Provide Extra Grocery Benefits

• Pandemic EBT
  • Grocery benefit similar to SNAP
  • Amount provided for SY21-22 based on days of school missed due to COVID
  • Available for Summer 2022
  • See if your state is approved: https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/state-guidance-coronavirus-pandemic-ebt-pebt
Actions for States: Expand Access to School Meals

• Direct Certification with Medicaid
  • Automatically qualifies students for free or reduced-price school meals
  • Reduces paperwork for families and schools
  • Increases viability of offering free school meals to all students with the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
  • Apply by Sept. 30, 2022: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/direct-certification-medicaid-demonstration-project
THANK YOU

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SUMMER SNAP PROGRAM

Maryland Department of Human Services
Program Objective and Key Features

- Established in 2019 to alleviate food insecurity for school aged children during summer months
- The program provides $100 in additional SNAP benefits to eligible children
- The extra benefits are funded using a combination of state general funds and local government contributions
- Minimum local share of funds calculated based on the state’s school construction formula
Application Process

1. Each local jurisdiction that wants to participate in Summer SNAP must apply to the State.

2. The application must include key details including:
   - Target population and anticipated number of participants
   - Local funds certification

3. A certification of local share of funds

4. The state reviews application for completeness

5. Intergovernmental agreements are used as vehicles to transfer local share of funds to the state

6. Benefit are issued on a regular EBT card in June, July, August and December.
Participation

• 14 jurisdictions will participate in the program in PY 2022 compared to 6 in PY 2021
• 4,200 Summer SNAP recipients in PY 2020 and 2021 compared to 102,000 PY 2022, a 24X increase
• Increased local share of funds and Governor Hogan’s budget commitment of $4.8 million for SFY 2022
• Several jurisdictions have contributed more funds than statutory required – making it possible to serve all school children in their area

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State Discussion: Q&A
Closing and Next Steps
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