

Your leadership is crucial to a successful anti-hunger campaign, especially during the coronavirus pandemic. 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

- ❑ Support efforts to pass equitable and inclusive policies that will improve access to school breakfast, after-school meals, summer meals programs, and SNAP
- ❑ Advocate for the resources to efficiently administer each program to increase program participation
- ❑ Use your platform to celebrate the champions who are 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 talk to school administrators and staff about how child hunger impacts their students.

SNAP

- ❑ Support maximization of the available federal SNAP waivers and flexibilities available to states to expand program access, reduce administrative and application burden to state agencies and eligible families.
- ❑ Expand outreach and application assistance services in high-eligibility communities where and participation is low by providing funding and resources.

School meals

- ❑ Provide financial support for school meal programs that will cover additional costs associated with safe provision of meal services (meal delivery, transportation, and personal protective equipment)
- ❑ Encourage eligible schools to implement the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to support school meals

Out of school meals

- ❑ Increase participation in the summer and afterschool meal programs by promoting PSAs and hotlines to help families find sites

P-EBT

- ❑ Promote Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) and provide clear information to eligible families about how to participate
- ❑ Advocate for the establishment of a statewide or centralized database system and processes for direct certification and rapid FRP eligibility determination to more quickly distribute PEBT benefits

WIC

- ❑ Support efforts to ensure that mothers and young children have access to WIC and child care