Hunger Policy Update

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Purpose of Friday Forum

Platform for sharing examples, resources and opportunities for delivering PSE.

Facilitate discussion and exploration among SNAP-Ed providers.

Provide an interactive learning experience.
Stay muted when not speaking

Keep video on when possible

Use Chat box for questions
Tribal Land Acknowledgment

Text your zip code to 1-807-312-5085
Or go to https://land.codeforanchorage.org/
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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Northwest Harvest operates on the traditional lands of the Salish and Coastal Salish Peoples—the first peoples of what is now called Washington State. Our buildings stand on land once belonging to the Duwamish Tribe, the Muckleshoot Tribe, the Spokane Tribe, and the Yakama Nation.

We honor all the Indigenous people of the land we now occupy: past, present, and future. We are deeply grateful for the many ways you contribute your resources, time, and partnership towards our shared vision of ending hunger—a problem that did not always persist in this region.

Your ancestors have lived here since time immemorial and your peoples have carefully stewarded this land for countless generations—except where it has been taken from you by violence. We believe we are responsible for doing our part to address the many grave injustices you have suffered since the arrival of white settlers on these lands and continue to endure in the present day.

Our commitment is to acknowledge you and to cultivate authentic and respectful relationships with you wherever possible. We will strive to follow your lead to end food injustice and begin to heal all of us.
Goals:

Review the difference between education and advocacy and the positive difference you can make for hungry people by educating electeds and policy makers.

Emerging opportunities:
State Legislative Session 2023 Priorities
Federal: 2023 Farm Bill and continuing education to implement the National Strategy to End Hunger (White House Conference on Hunger)
Working with policymakers: advocacy vs. education

**Education**
- Sharing knowledge and insight based on your expertise.
- Demonstrating or showing examples of what works well and what doesn't work in addressing a problem.
- Providing data, your analysis of the data, and personal stories to illustrate your analysis.

**Advocacy**
- Working to *influence* public policy
- Telling electeds *how* to vote, including mobilizing others
In other words...

• Education is an essential tool of advocacy
• But education is not advocacy unless you attempt to influence an elected's decision by telling them what action they should take.
Your education efforts are vital to our advocacy

- You do critical work and policy makers want to understand what you do.
- You show that you are part of a community of allies: we have a shared goal and help us show strength in number and diversity of stakeholders.
- You represent and can give a seat at the table to people most impacted by hunger.
2023 Hunger Policy Updates

Opportunities to put policymaker education to the test
2023 State Priorities

• Free school meals for all Washington students (HB 1238/SB 5339)
• Hunger free campuses
• Increase funding for DOH Fruit & Vegetable Incentives Program
• Support for food resources & increased operating costs for food banks
Discussion: what are the stories and experiences you're seeing in communities that support these priorities?
Build Back Better pared down to Inflation Reduction Act

- Big, bold Biden Administration priorities to target poverty for an equitable recovery after COVID highlighted gaps, including expansions to help more schools provide healthy meals at no cost, summer EBT, and make Child Tax Credit expansions permanent
- Pared down to less than $1 trillion with focus on clean energy, climate change, and some progressive tax reform

Child Nutrition Reauthorization

- Healthy Meals, Healthy Kids Act passed by House Ed and Labor, included BBB priorities for child nutrition and more. No funding plan, didn’t move

December Omnibus

- Nationwide summer EBT, $40/student during summer school closure
- Authorizes repayment of EBT benefits lost to skimming Oct 2022-December 2024
- Harmful offset: SNAP Emergency Allotments end in March
National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health

Universal school meals, child tax credit, expanded eligibility for SNAP, some modernization to increase accessibility for using SNAP & WIC

Expanded Medicaid & Medicare coverage for nutrition education, physical activity programs, and medically tailored meals

Farm to institutions to support local farms

Multi-agency approach to increase nutritious food options in food apartheid
What's Next: 2023 Farm Bill

• Comprehensive legislation authorizing food, farming, conservation, and nutrition assistance (not child) programs

• Nutrition Title (Tile IV) programs
  • SNAP
  • SNAP Ed
  • Commodities for food banks: The Emergency Food Assistance Program and Commodity Supplemental Food Program
  • Farmers Market Nutrition Program for Seniors
  • Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentives Program

• Opportunity to enact legislation needed to implement national strategy recommendations, especially for SNAP improvements
## Farm Bill Priorities

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<td>• Increase adequacy by using Low Cost Food Plan</td>
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<td>• Extend eligibility for vulnerable populations: college students, adults with barriers to jobs, immigrants with residency status</td>
<td>• Funding to support EBT integration</td>
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<td>• Accessibility: hot prepared food items, online shopping</td>
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<td>• Outreach: reduce non-federal match, expand permissible outreach activities</td>
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Discussion

• What changes are needed to improve SNAP-Ed services?
• What stories, research, or information might you share to illustrate these priorities?
The loophole: advocate in your individual capacity

- Sign up for advocacy alerts and share with your personal networks
- Make phone calls, send emails, write opinion pieces
- Participate in lobby days - Hunger Action Day, Feb. 7 - hybrid REGISTRATION OPEN:
  bit.ly/HungerActionDay2023

*All as an individual, not representing your organization.

Your expertise is informed by your professional work; your importance is based on being a constituent and a voter.
ANTI-HUNGER ADVOCACY RESOURCES

**Advocacy Alerts**

Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition: [www.wsahnc.org](http://www.wsahnc.org)

Northwest Harvest:
- **General:** [https://tinyurl.com/bdcmv9r](https://tinyurl.com/bdcmv9r)
- **Session Weekly:** [https://us10.list-manage.com/survey?u=f9969b11d26bfc719e65352c9&id=01f0b4f6ad&e=2ea0978fc5](https://us10.list-manage.com/survey?u=f9969b11d26bfc719e65352c9&id=01f0b4f6ad&e=2ea0978fc5)

**Resources**

[www.frac.org](http://www.frac.org)

**Tools**

[https://www.northwestharvest.org/resources/?topic=advocacy#main-content](https://www.northwestharvest.org/resources/?topic=advocacy#main-content)
THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING UP!

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