

2019 Freshy Awards

Elected Official or Capitol Staffer of the Year

Administrator of the Year

Best County Performances of the Year: *Application Processing Timeliness*

Presented by CDSS

Grassroots Mobilizer of the Year

Outreach Leader of the Year

SSI CalFresh Expansion Advocate of the Year

The “Freshy” Awards honor the actions of individual Californians, organizations, and counties from across the state that have worked diligently in the last year to improve CalFresh.

Elected Official or Capitol Staffer of the Year

Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee on
Health & Human Services



Taryn Smith
Chief Consultant, Senate Human Services Committee

Nicole Vazquez
Deputy Chief Consultant, Assembly Budget Committee

Senator Scott Wiener
Chair, Senate Human Services Committee (2018)



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Assemblymember

Dr. Joaquin Arambula

Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee

Health & Human Services



Administrator of the Year

Amber Bonilla

CalFresh ABAWD Policy Unit Manager, CDSS

Alexis Fernandez

Chief, CalFresh Policy Branch, CDSS

Gabriela Gomez

Program Assistant, Los Angeles County DPSS

Kim McCoy Wade

CalFresh Division Chief, CDSS



Administrator of the Year

Nolan Sullivan

Director, Yolo County HHSA

Bonnarith Tim

Appeals Hearing Specialist, Los Angeles County DPSS

Dennis Tivey & Jose Clemente

Communication & Outreach Coordinator, Department Business Specialist,
Santa Barbara County DSS

Megan Van Sant

Senior Program Manager, Mendocino County HHSA



Administrator of the Year

Gabriela Gomez

Program Assistant,
Los Angeles County DPSS



Best County Performances of the Year: Application Processing Timeliness

Presented by

The California Department of Social Services
CalFresh Branch

Best 30-Day Timeliness

Best 3-Day Timeliness

Most Improved Timeliness



Best 30-Day Timeliness

Alpine County

Social Services Department

Sierra County

Social Services Department



Best 3-Day Timeliness

Orange County
Social Services Agency



Most Improved Timeliness

Mariposa County Human Services Department



Grassroots Mobilizer of the Year

Carly Finkle

Policy and Advocacy Manager,
Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano

Orange County CalFresh Collaborative

Gilbert Ramos

Director, San Bernardino County
Transitional Assistance Dept.

Eli Zigas

Food and Agriculture Policy Director, SPUR



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Outreach Leader of the Year

Alexandra Danino

CalFresh Program Manager, San Francisco/ Marin Food Bank

Dave Guarino

Director of GetCalFresh.org, Code for America

PHFE WIC Program

Heluna Health

Robin Ronkes

Public Health Nutritionist,
San Bernardino Department of Public Health



Outreach Leader of the Year

PHFE WIC Program

Heluna Health



SSI CalFresh Expansion Advocate of the Year

Janny Castillo

Seniors for Hope & Justice Program Coordinator,
St. Mary's Center

Andrew Cheyne

Director of Government Affairs,
California Association of Food Banks

DOGFITE

CA4SSI Coalition



SSI CalFresh Expansion Advocate of the Year

Diana Jensen

Senior Policy Analyst,
San Francisco-Marin Food Bank

Ronald Nagby

Hunger Action Los Angeles

Frank Tamborello

Executive Director,
Hunger Action Los Angeles



SSI CalFresh Expansion Advocate of the Year

CA4SSI Coalition
All Members



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**Congratulations to ALL
the Nominees!**