

2020 CalFresh Legislation





2020 State Anti-Hunger Opportunities

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2020 CalFresh Forum

Emergency Food Response to Federal Threats



Fulfilling the SSI CalFresh Expansion



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- Enroll all eligible SSI consumers in CalFresh

- Ensure Supplemental & Transitional Nutrition Benefits “Hold Harmless”



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Fighting Hunger During Disaster



Current Emergency Food Distribution Information –
Kincadee Fire





Public Safety Power Shutoffs

Romy Hernandez and her daughter push a heavy crate full of food across the El Verano Elementary yard during the school's food bank on Nov. 1, following a week of public safety power outages that caused Hernandez to lose all the food in her fridge. Anne Wernikoff/CalMatters photo

'We need the food that we lost'

Low-income families still reeling from blackouts

San Diego Food Bank Distributes Food and Diapers to Local Coast Guard Families Affected by Government Shutdown





Advantage Card

Federal Government Shutdown and CalFresh Benefits

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Emergency Food Disaster Resilience

\$8 million to support permanent, on-site investments to sustain emergency food operations during disasters

- Back-up generators, fuel tanks, satellite phones and other one-time purchases that build the long-term resilience of the network to feed people through crises.

\$24 million to support temporary hunger needs that spike during disasters

- Currently, the state has very little emergency food stores, and it is not appropriate for people displaced

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COLLEGE STUDENT HUNGER

Last year, we passed:

- [SB 173](#) ([Dodd](#)) to standardize process of documenting work study verification.
- Budget Investments (Chair [McCarty](#))– Hunger Free Campus
- AB 612 (Weber) allowed 119 Community Colleges to enter into an agreement with the DSS to establish a CalFresh RMP.

This year, we are hoping for an opportunity to fund: [SB 1229](#) ([Wicks](#)) to design a foster youth meal plan.



RESTAURANT MEAL PROGRAM (RMP) & EBT PURCHASES

Last year, these bills were passed:

[AB 612 \(Weber\)](#) allowed 119 Community Colleges to enter into an agreement with the DSS to establish a CalFresh RMP.

[AB 942 \(Weber\)](#) would extend access to the RMP to all CalFresh recipients to all counties.

This year, we're watching for implementation and: expect no new legislation RMP, but hoping to pass [SB 33 \(Skinner\)](#) relating to online EBT purchases & legislation banning cash EBT surcharges.



STATE PROGRAMS FILLING IN FOOD GAP FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Last Year, these bills were introduced & are pending:

[AB 987](#) ([R.Rivas](#)) would increase and expand the CalWORKs special food benefit for children with special food needs, lead poisoning or lack of potable water in their home.

[AB 1022](#) ([Wicks](#)) would prevent the federal ABAWD Time Limit from impacting low-income CalFresh recipients.

This year, we are watching: For legislation which will improve access to CalFresh for the re-entry community.



SIMPLIFYING CALFRESH APPLICATION

Last year, these bills were passed:

[AB 1377](#) ([Wicks](#)) which promotes alignment in school lunch enrollment & CalFresh enrollment.

[AB 494](#) ([Berman](#)) which requires counties to accept minimal verification for housing expense verification.

This year, we are watching: Legislation sponsored by CFPA & CWDA that will maximize efficiencies in ways that expand reach of Calfresh.



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SB 882 **CalFresh:** **Simpler for Seniors**

By easing the burden of enrolling and retaining CalFresh, we can help more older adults live hunger free and age in place with dignity.

SB 882 (Wiener)



- 1. Simplify & shorten application for ESAP households**
- 2. Waive SAR-7 (annual report) for ESAP households**
 - **Over 500K Households (and growing)**
 - **Less hassle, better customer service**
- 3. Telephonic/Electronic Signature for all**
 - **#1 Recommendation from SSI Workgroups**

Invest in School Meals for All (McGuire)

Gov's Budget = New Investments in School Meals

Best way to fight hunger? *Make targeted State investments to serve meals universally in schools where there is need among students, but federal rules make it unsustainable.*

- Food insecurity
- Lunch shaming & school meal debt
- Educational Equity
- Eligibility Gap
- Federal Attacks
 - Public Charge
 - SNAP Cat-EI rollback



960,000+

students

enrolled in

2,000+

CA public schools

could all have access to

free school meals

but don't.

Federal Poverty Guidelines do not match the level of need in California

Living Wage vs. Program Eligibility



Thank you

Questions?

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