

The background of the slide features a repeating pattern of stylized human figures. Each figure is composed of a circular head and a rounded, triangular body. The heads are rendered in various shades of brown, tan, and grey, while the bodies are in a wide array of colors including teal, yellow, purple, blue, green, and orange. The figures are arranged in a dense, overlapping grid, creating a sense of a diverse crowd.

Language and Culture
Opportunities for Supporting
Diversity in the CACFP

Overview

- ✧ Recent trends in CACFP
 - ✧ CACFP and Equity
 - ✧ CACFP and Language
 - ✧ CACFP and Culture
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- ✧ Putting it to practice

California Food Policy Advocates
is a statewide policy and advocacy organization
dedicated to improving the health and well being
of low income Californians by increasing their
access to nutritious, affordable food.



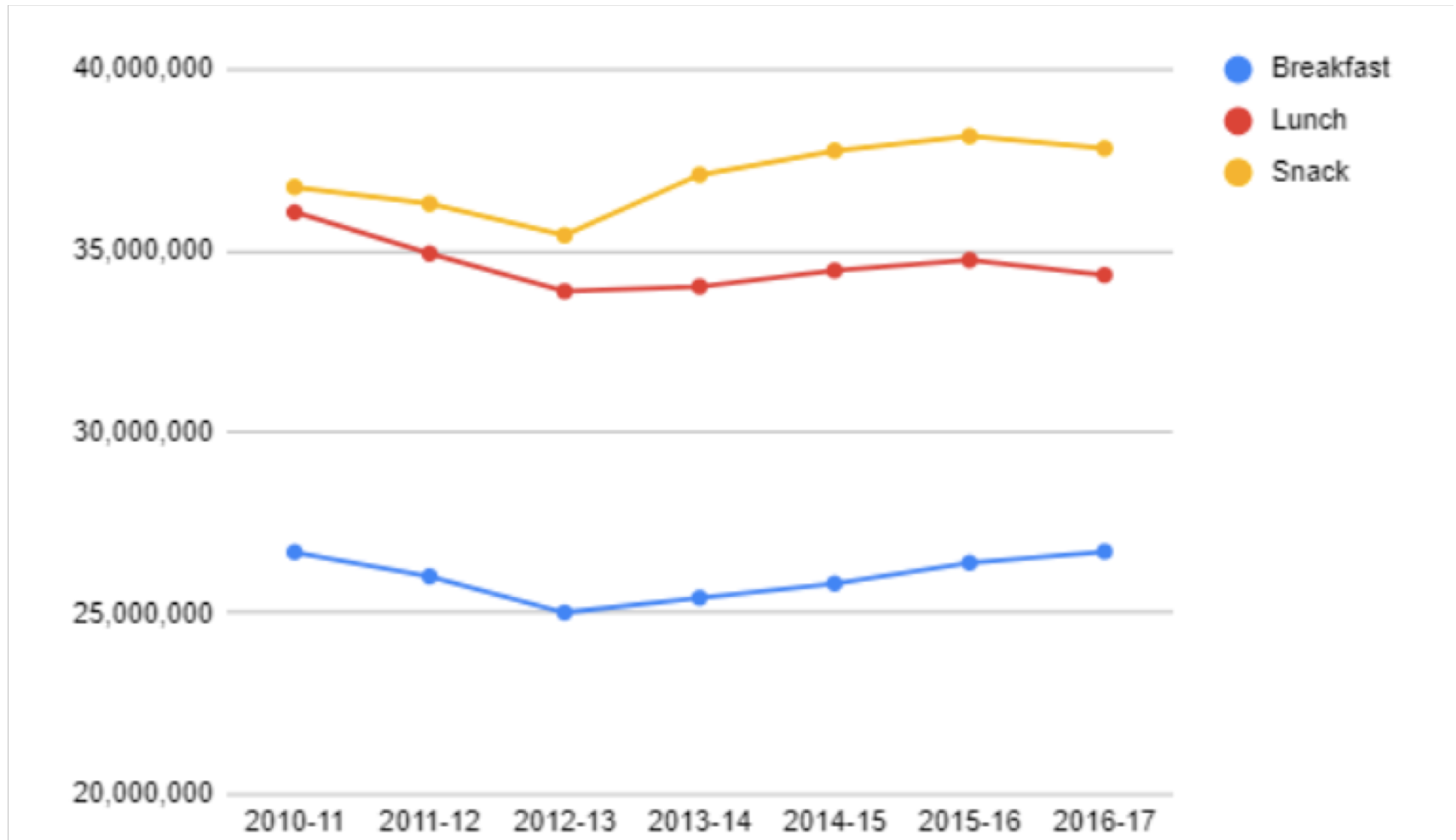
Who does CACFP serve? Why is it a promising program for combating socioeconomic inequities?

- Primarily children whose household income is at or below 130% FPL
- Neighborhoods with high poverty school districts
- 6 in 10 children are children of color
- Child care providers women & women of color
- Median wage a little over 60% of the state median wage (4-person family \$48,275)



Trends in CA – Centers

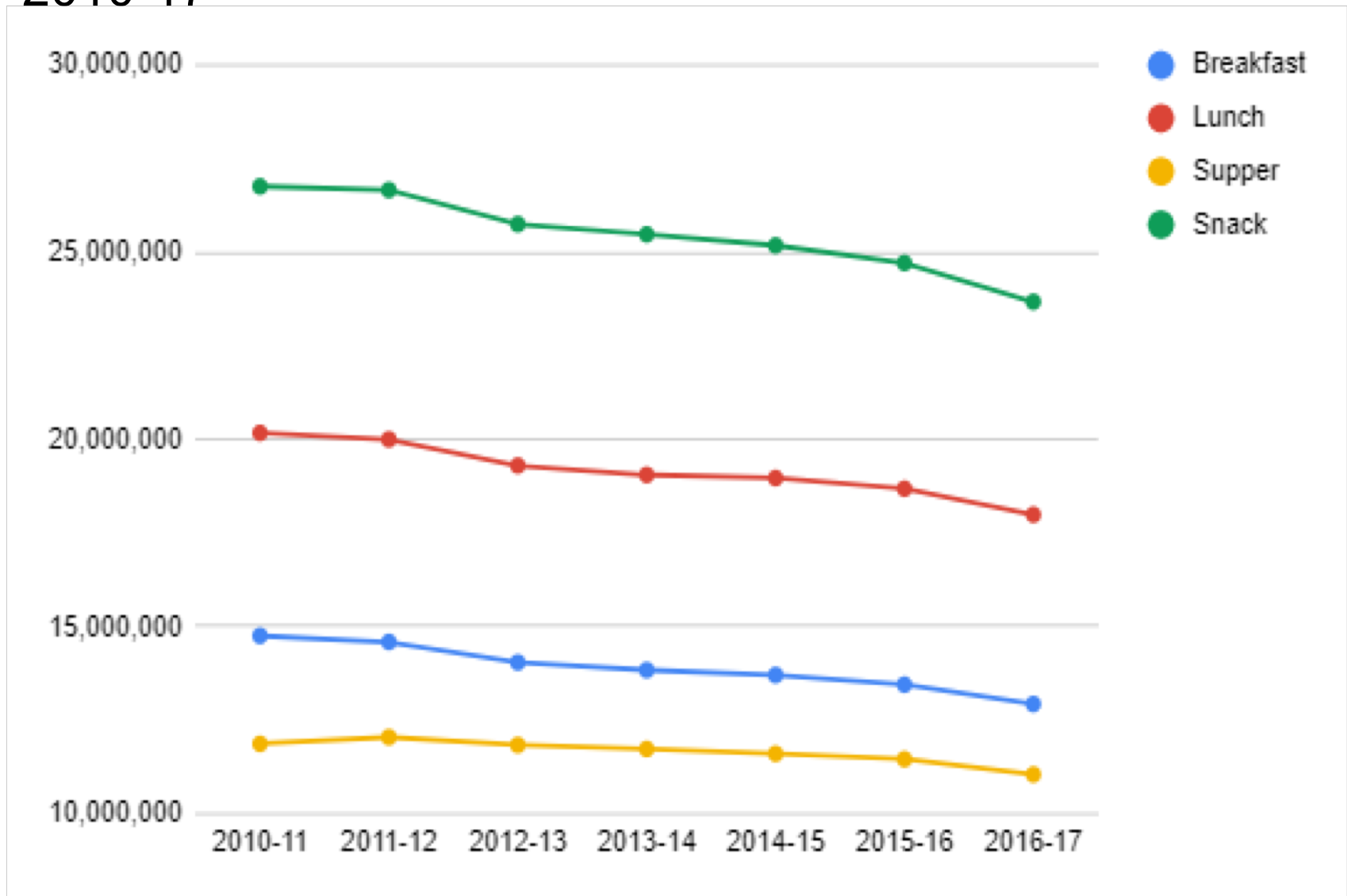
Number of meals (excluding supper) and snacks served in CACFP child care centers statewide, 2010-17



Source: CFPA analysis of 2010-17 CDE data, provided directly to CFPA.

Trends in CA – Family Child Care

Number of meals and snacks served in CACFP FCCHs, 2010-17



CACFP and Equity

Our most marginalized children, including

Low-income • Children of color • Immigrant families



CACFP and Language

- 1 in 7 young children has at least 1 parent who is limited English Proficient (LEP)
- Children whose parents are LEP face barriers
 - Awareness
 - Complexity of eligibility and enrollment
- Child care licensing barriers
- Federal & state mandates language access to public programs

CACFP and Language - Opportunities

- State administrators should partner with CACFP stakeholders to:
 - Collect data on languages
 - Conduct needs assessment
 - Translate materials
 - Create translation options for websites
 - Outreach, TA, and training translations
 - Bi-lingual caseworkers and translators



CACFP and Culture

- Developmentally appropriate = culturally appropriate
- Family traditions, religious beliefs, community and social context
- Critical in shaping the food we eat
- Culturally-based food practices are among the last practice immigrants change through acculturation
- Culturally diverse needs of providers and children

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