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VIRTUAL



**Nourish
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CACFP Town Hall

Help Shape the Policy and
Campaign to Bring Free Meals to
All Kids in Child Care

MELISSA CANNON, SENIOR ADVOCATE





Our Work

Nourish California helps shape the policies and programs that should connect—but sometimes stand between—people and the food they need to thrive.



Together, we've made great progress!

Last year, after years of advocacy, the California's state budget was signed into law, delivering an additional \$11 million in annual funding to help serve child care meals to low-income children.





The Work Ahead

But our collective fight for adequate funding for child care and free meals for all kids is not over.



Lawmakers have not allocated sufficient nor equitable funding and resources for early care and education.



California Budget & Policy Center
@CalBudgetCenter



Child care in California hasn't rebounded.

Why? "We've undervalued and underpaid caregiving for as long as it's been a career choice, and this has sexist and racist roots that can be traced back to slavery," says senior policy analyst [@Femiwonk](#).



Access to food in child care still bears the marks of a history of racism and social injustice.

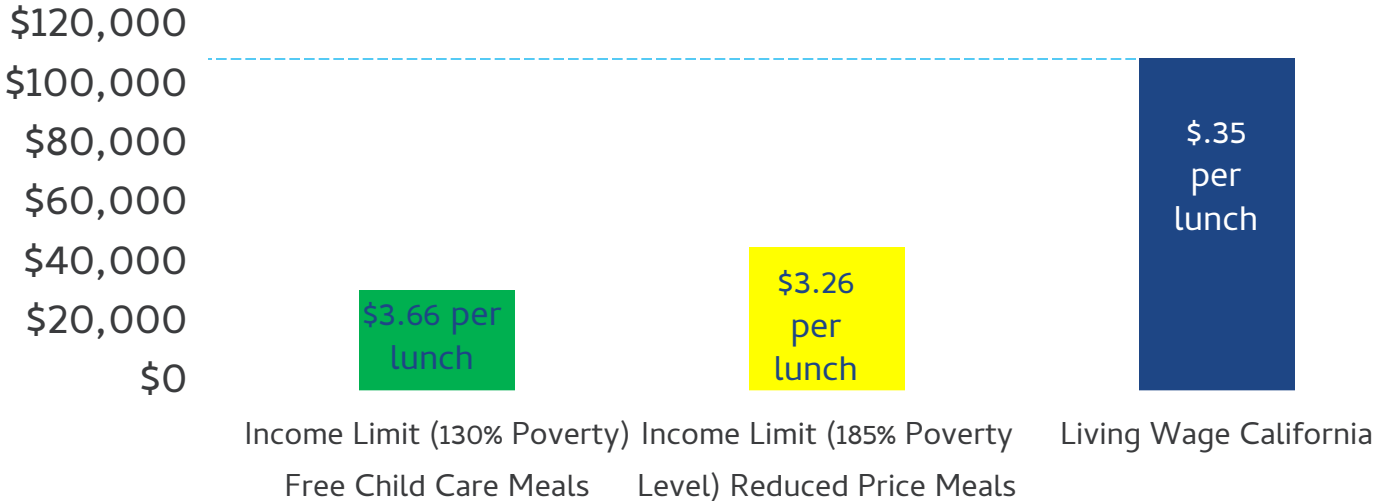
- In the 1980's-1990s Ronald Reagan began equating Black women with fraud and laziness using the lie of the 'welfare queen.'
- Policies were enacted that required families to prove that they are 'deserving' of government programs.
- Today, underlying federal rules for child care meal programs don't reflect true need or California's true level of poverty—keeping many children from accessing nutritious, affordable meals. For example, a family of four must make less than \$34,060 a year in order for a child care center to serve a free meal.



Child care meal providers take the hit financially for federal rules that don't take into account true need or true poverty in California

Annual Living Wage vs. CACFP Reimbursement Criteria for Centers

(Family of four)



Data Sources:

Reimbursement rates: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/rs/rates2122.asp>

Income eligibility scales: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/rs/scales2021.asp>

Living wage: <https://livingwage.mit.edu/states/06>



The harm to children and the burden on providers is exacerbated by state policies that financially penalize child care providers for feeding younger children.

ARTICLE 8. Meals [49500 - 49505] (Article 8 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.)

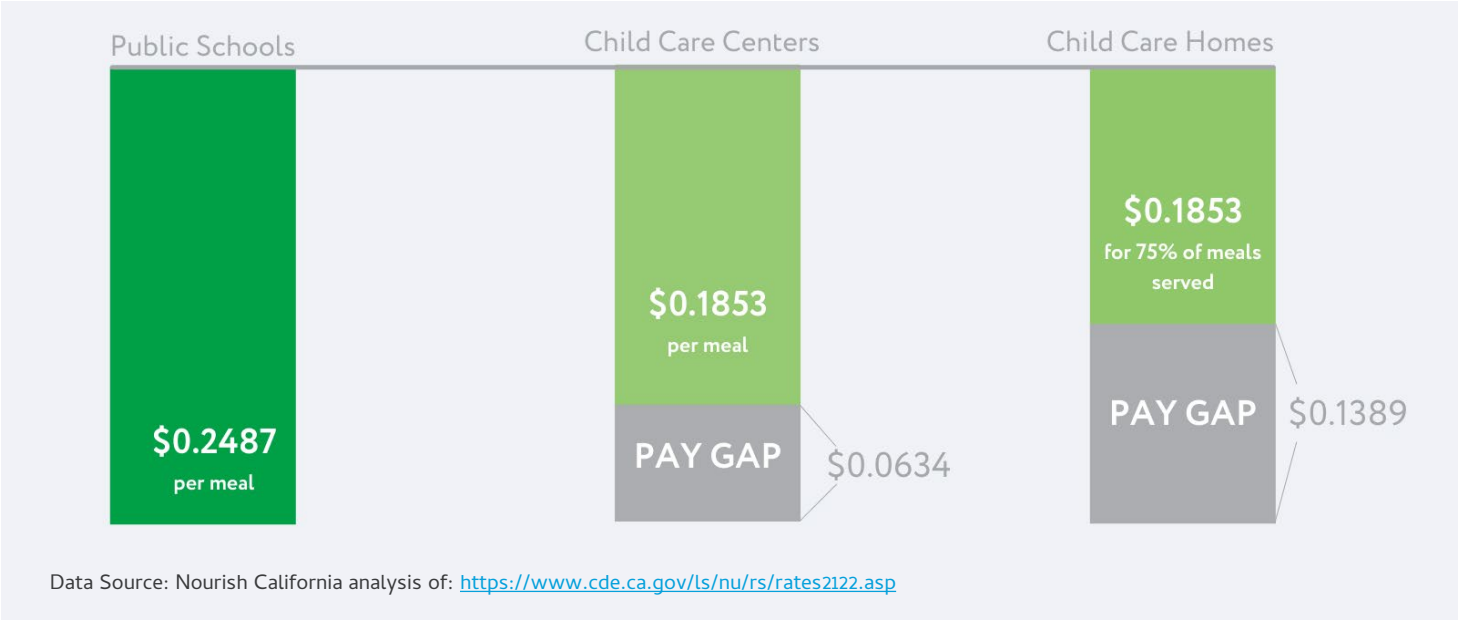
49501. The governing board of any school district may, for purposes of Section 49500, establish rules by which to determine which pupils are needy **except for family day care homes which shall be reimbursed for 75 percent of the meals served.** For purposes of this article, any pupil within the category of children eligible for aid or services under Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11200) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code shall be deemed needy.

California Education Code § 49501

California Education Code § 49550; 49501.5; and 49552 contain the same reference to child care homes getting paid for only 75% of meals served



State Meal Reimbursement Comparison Chart



From understanding history to changing it

New policies are needed that are based on equity and inclusion.



What we are proposing:

Fair pay for child care providers. Free meals for all kids.

A three pronged approach:

1. Enable ALL child care providers in California to qualify for reimbursements equivalent to the highest federal rate for meals served in the federal child care meal program.
2. Lift the child care meal pay penalty.
3. Make strategic investments in start-up and expansion grants.



What it will take:

1. Legislative champions
2. Significant state investments
3. A BIG advocacy push





Breakout Sessions

Those closest to the problem must be part of the solution



In a moment we will break into breakout sessions aimed at gathering your feedback on the policies we've proposed and how to move them forward.

You will have the option to join one of these moderated breakout sessions:

1. Child care centers
2. Family child care home providers and food program sponsors
3. Spanish Speakers
4. All other advocates for kids, families, and child care



How to join a breakout room

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This will display the list of open breakout rooms created by the host.
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- If you don't self select a breakout room, you will be auto assigned to one.



Next Steps

- Today's meeting presentation will be sent out as a recording and details on how your input was used will be shared along with it.
- In the months ahead, the legislature will be scheduling hearings, bills will be introduced, and there will be many opportunities to engage in policy change.
- Stay tuned for future updates by subscribing to email updates. Subscribe at www.nourishca.org and www.ccfproundtable.org
- Please reach out to share any additional thoughts after today's meeting: melissa@nourishca.org & samantha@ccfproundtable.org





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