

Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2015



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What is FRAC?

- National anti-hunger organization
- Nonprofit and nonpartisan

What do we do?

- Conduct research and policy analysis
- Serve as a clearinghouse
- Provide technical assistance
- Lobby Congress



CNR Basics

- Every 5 years, Congress reauthorizes the federal child nutrition programs
- These Programs include:
 - National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
 - School Breakfast Program (SBP)
 - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
 - Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
 - Afterschool Snack and Meal Program
 - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
 - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

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The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, 2010

- President Obama signed into law 'The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act' on December 14, 2010.
- The bill:
 - Expanded the Afterschool Meal Program to all 50 states
 - Enhanced the nutritional quality of food served in school-based and preschool settings.
 - Added a six cent increase in the federal reimbursement rate for each school lunch served in schools that meet updated nutrition standards.
 - Established Community Eligibility
 - Supported Summer Food expansion
 - Mandated WIC electronic benefit transfer (EBT) implementation nationwide
 - Improved area eligibility rules so more family child care homes can use the CACFP program

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Who Benefits from the CN Programs?

- 15.7 million children, or 21.4 percent of all children live in households facing a constant struggle against hunger (2013 data)
 - 16.1 million children, or 21.8 percent of all children under age 18, live in poverty (2012 data)
 - 21.5 million low-income children received free or reduced-price lunches in the 2013-14 school year
 - 8.66 million women, infants and children participated in WIC (2013 data)
 - CACFP provided meals to 3.5 million children each day (2013 data)

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Good Health -Long Lasting Benefits

- Adequate food and nutrition is the foundation for a healthy productive life
- Impacts of malnutrition-
 - Inadequate diet quality and/or quantity of food impacts health and well-being through the lifecycle -
 - Low birth weight
 - Diminished immune function
 - Developmental and emotional growth
 - Educational attainment

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Good Health - Long Lasting Benefits

- Impacts of malnutrition continued...
 - Malnourished children have greater odds of being hospitalized
 - Decreased earning power of malnourished children
 - Chronic disease, typically found in adults like diabetes, are on the rise in children
 - High health care costs throughout life

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Importance of Nutrition Standards

- USDA implements the law
- Nutrition standards are based on scientific review
 - Institute of Medicine
 - Dietary Guidelines for Americans



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Committee Jurisdiction

- **House Education and the Workforce Committee**
 - Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education
Chairman: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)
Ranking Member: Rep. George Miller (D-CA)
- **Senate Agriculture Committee**
 - Subcommittee on Nutrition on Food Assistance, Sustainable and Organic Agriculture
Chairwoman: Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
Ranking Member: Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS)



**Note: Committee Personnel will change in 2015*

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The Big Picture (and a few dates to pencil in)

SUMMER 2014

Advocacy efforts on CNR 2015 kickoff!
Members of Congress visit child nutrition sites
Advocates work to protect school meal nutrition standards and WIC in Ag. Appropriations

November 4, 2014

Election Day

February/March 2015

President Submits FY 2016 Budget Proposal to Congress, includes CNR framework

March 1-3, 2015

National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference (DC)

September 30, 2015

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act expires

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FRAC's Approach to Child Nutrition Reauthorization

1. Do no harm.
2. Increase access to the child nutrition programs to ensure that low-income children have access to healthy and nutritious foods in school based, preschool & child care, and out of school time settings.
3. Make the child nutrition programs easier to operate for sponsors and providers.

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Legislative Proposals

Summer Meals Act, S. 2527, H.R. 5012

Sponsors: Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) & Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Representatives Don Young (R-AK) and Rick Larsen (D-WA)

Expands access to summer meals and simplifies the administration of the program.

Stop Child Summer Hunger Act of 2014, S. 2366, H.R. 5242

Sponsors: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Representative Susan Davis (D-CA)

Families who have children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals will receive a summer EBT card to purchase food to replace meals that children receive during the school year.

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Legislative Proposals

Expand School Meals Act of 2014 (S.2248)

Sponsor: Sen. Al Franken (D-MN)

Eliminates the reduced-price category for school meals-
increasing the number of children eligible for free school meals.

Helping Hungry Students Learn Act (H.R. 4249)

Sponsor: Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV)

365 day approach to addressing childhood hunger on school
days, during the summer, and on weekends.



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Legislative Proposals Under Development

Throughout the process, there will be many other bills released
on the community's priorities, including a bill that supports
good nutrition and expands participation in the Child and Adult Care
Food Program in child care centers and homes. Stay tuned!



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CN Advocacy To-Do List

FY 2015 Agriculture Appropriations

1. Protect School Meal Nutrition Standards and integrity of
WIC Food Package in Agriculture Appropriations Process.

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2. Ask your Senators to co-sponsor the Summer Meals
Act.
3. Organize a site visit with your Members of Congress.

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1. Urge Congress to Protect School Meal Nutrition Standards and Integrity of the WIC Food Package

Message:

- **School Meals** –Vote for amendments that support
the critical role that decades of independent, science-
based standards and recommendations have had on
the school meals. Oppose proposals that delay or
dilute the nutrition standards for school meals.
- **WIC** – Oppose proposals that circumvent the
independent review of the WIC food package by the
Institute of Medicine (IOM).

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2. Ask your Senators to co-sponsor the Summer Meals Act.

- Check out FRAC's one pager on the Summer Meals Act.
- Call your Senators and ask them to co-sponsor Sen. Gillibrand (D-NY) and Sen. Murkowski's (R-AK) 'Summer Meals Act,' a bi-partisan bill that ensures that low-income children have access to summer meals and simplifies the administration of the program for sponsors. (Capitol Switchboard: 202-224-3121)
- Rep. Don Young (R-AK) and Rep. Larsen (D-WA) are expected to introduce the House companion bill to the Summer Meals Act. Once the bill is dropped, we urge you to weigh in with your House Members. Be on the lookout for an action alert!

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3. Organize a Site Visit

FRAC's Site Visit Resources

[Site Visit Opportunities for Members of Congress](#)

[FRAC 101: CN Site Visit Guide](#)

[Model invitations and scheduling request](#)



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FRAC Resources

CNR Specific Resources:

- [Child Nutrition Reauthorization Primer](#)
- [FRAC's CNR Briefs](#)
- [School Breakfast Brief](#) with more to come!

FRAC Child Nutrition Reports:

- [Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation: Summer Nutrition Status Report](#)
- [School Breakfast Scorecard: 2012-2013 School Year](#)
- [Breakfast for Learning Brief](#)
- [Breakfast for Health Brief](#)



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