



Building a Coalition

A strong network of partnership can be built by uniting a wide range of public and private partners towards a common goal of anti-hunger efforts. Anti-hunger advocacy organizations, food banks, after-school associations, community centers, local businesses and other State and local organizations are a few examples. Building a coalition of organizations with a like-minded focus helps facilitate access to healthy food for children and teens.

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Partnerships that Work

Colfax Community Network (CCN), Colorado

In a two-mile stretch of Colfax Avenue in Denver, an estimated 15,000 children are eligible for free summer meals. Several organizations recognized the need and created the CCN partnership to feed children in this neighborhood.

<http://colfaxcommunitynetwork.org/>

Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force

The Oregon Department of Education works through the Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force, which conducts outreach to promote the State's "1-800" number that refers callers to local Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sites. They also partnered to organize a video conference with the Governor to promote summer food and afterschool suppers and snacks.

<https://www.oregonhunger.org/oregon-hunger-task-force>

California Summer Meal Coalition

A statewide network of 25 partner agencies, including school districts, food banks, food policy advocates, and YMCAs, united to increase access to summer meal programs. The Coalition has also joined forces with the California Library Association to operate summer sites.

<http://www.summermealcoalition.org/>



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Summer Meals Toolkit

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Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance

Businesses, churches, food banks and other organizations formed the Alliance with a common mission of fighting hunger in Arkansas. The Alliance has also joined forces with the Governor's office to help Arkansas achieve remarkable growth in summer meals.

<http://www.arhungeralliance.org/>

End Child Hunger in Alabama

Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey, Auburn University Athletic Director Jay Jacobs, and PGA golfer Jason Dufner announced a partnership between Auburn University's Athletics Department and Hunger Solutions Institute to fight hunger in Alabama. The End Child Hunger in Alabama task force brings together key State leaders representing both the public and private sectors. As part of this partnership, Auburn University athletes volunteer at SFSP sites to serve meals and interact with kids.

<http://www.endchildhungeral.org/index.php>

Resources

Share Our Strength

Building a Coalition to End Childhood Hunger in your Community

This resource compiles important lessons learned from No Kid Hungry campaigns and best practices in the field of collaboration. It guides community leaders and organizations working to end childhood hunger in their community, providing strategies for starting coalitions, tips for working collaboratively, and examples of what has worked for others.

<http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/statelocal-campaigns/building-coalition-end-childhood-hunger-your-community>

No Kid Hungry Summer Collaborative Planning Toolkit

This tool helps coalitions build and strengthen relationships among the many groups serving kids, identify barriers for participation and expansion on the ground, uncover new ideas and opportunities, align resources around the most promising strategies, and strengthen results through shared efforts.

<http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/no-kid-hungry-summer-collaborative-planning-toolkit>





California Summer Meal Coalition

Leveraging County Nutrition Action Plans (CNAP) to Keep Kids Healthy When School's Out: A Guide for Local Health Departments and Community Partners

SNAP-Ed-funded health departments have an unprecedented opportunity to increase participation in local summer meal programs. Here is a resource for planning a summer strategy with local health departments and other community partners.

<http://www.summermealcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/CNAP-Guide-to-Summer-Meals.pdf>

For Additional Information

Review these ideas and adopt the strategies that seem reasonable to you and achievable for your Program. For additional questions, sponsors and the general public should contact their State agency for help. State agencies should contact their FNS Regional Office.

List of FNS Regional Offices: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns-regional-offices>

List of State Agencies: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Contacts/StateDirectory.htm>

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