



Greater Chicago Food Depository

Public Policy & Summer Meals

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Federal Budget: The White House's FY 2018 budget released on May 23rd includes proposals that call for:

- A **cut of \$193 billion** from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) over the next 10 years.
- A reduction in support for food banks by cutting The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) by **\$27 million**, a crucial source of food for communities nationwide.

The House Budget Committee Chairwoman Diane Black (R-TN) has indicated that there will be cuts to SNAP and other entitlement programs as a way to pay for tax reform in a FY18 House Budget Resolution.

On Thursday, June 22nd the Senate released its version of the AHCA called the “Better Care” bill. The bill makes deep cuts in Medicaid and ends the law’s mandate that most Americans have health insurance.

The Senate Bill kicks 22 million off healthcare coverage by 2026

- Ends the Medicaid expansion.
- Drastically cuts and caps the entire Medicaid program – putting coverage at risk for millions of Illinoisans, largely people with disabilities, seniors, and families with children.
- Would raise premiums and deductibles for millions of Americans who buy coverage in the individual marketplace by slashing tax credits and eliminating cost-sharing assistance. Older people would see especially large increases in costs.
- Will gut consumer protections, leaving people with pre-existing conditions without access to needed health care.

Food Assistance for Hungry Students in Vocational Programs (HB 3211)

- **Background:** Rising cost of higher education and scarce financial aid impacts many students and 48 percent of college students report experiencing food insecurity.
- **Legislation:** This bill will ensure SNAP eligibility for low-income adults pursuing a “Perkins Pathway” career and technical education (CTE) certificate or degree at a community college.
- **Potential Impact:** Over 40,000 students could become eligible for SNAP.
- **Update:** *Bill passed out of the Illinois House with a 85-25 vote, and out of the Senate with a 50-1-1 vote. It now awaits the Governor’s signature.*

ABAWD stands for **Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents**.

- An ABAWD is a person between the ages of 18 and 49 who has no dependents and is not disabled.

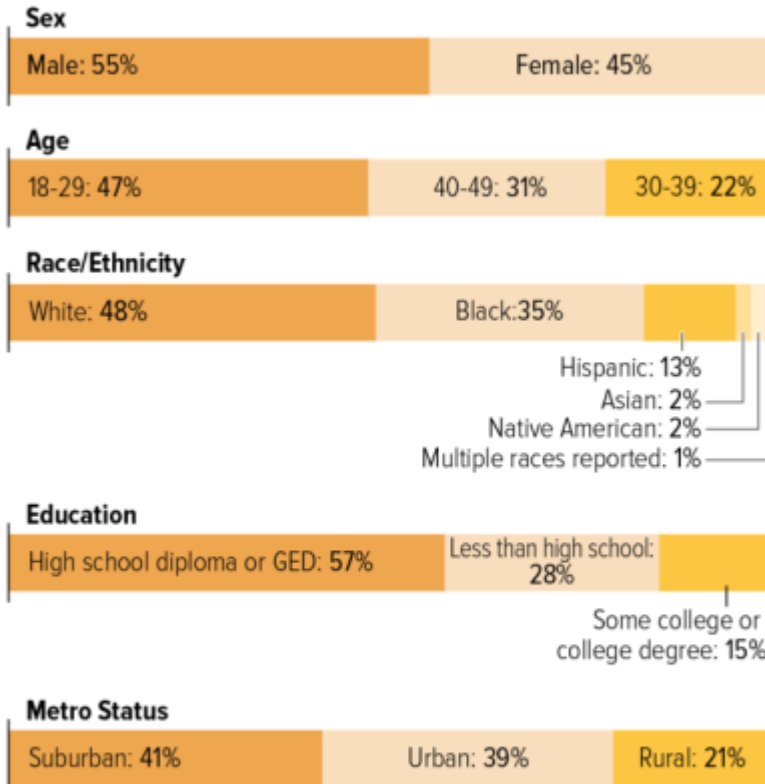
The time limit – a unique and harsh federal policy

- Eligible for SNAP only three months of a three year period unless working or in school 80 hours per month (avg. of 20 hrs. / week)
- Exempt if pregnant, disabled, and/or already work full-time
- Currently 260,000 in Illinois that would be impacted by this policy

Why does Illinois not currently have a time limit?

- States can choose to waive the time limit when unemployment is high or when there are not enough jobs available.
- Illinois has qualified and applied for a waiver since 2009; continues to have a statewide waiver through December 31, 2017.
- In 2018, all of Illinois but DuPage County should qualify for the waiver.
- States have begun to re-impose the time limit as the economy improves: 22 states implemented in January of 2016 and a few more reintroduced a time limit in January of this year.

Adults Subject to SNAP Time Limit Don't Fit a Single Profile



Note: The figures above differ from those in Bolen et al. (2016). To better characterize the individuals most likely to lose benefits, Bolen et al. excluded individuals with earnings equal to at least 20 hours a week at the federal minimum wage. The figures above include those individuals to better describe the total group of childless adults potentially subject to the SNAP time limit.

Source: CBPP analysis of 2014 SNAP household characteristics data and March 2015 Current Population Survey (CPS) (for metro status only).

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STATE POLICY UPDATE: STATE BUDGET IMPASSE



Legislators have just two more days of a special session to pass a budget before a new fiscal year begins on **Saturday, July 1st**.

There's still no concrete plan to pay back the bill backlog (**\$15 billion**). The state is currently paying **12% interest** on those bills.

If a deal isn't reached by June 30th, Illinois will wind up without a budget for a third year in a row -- the **longest stalemate ever** endured by a U.S. state.

If there is no budget in place by June 30th:

- The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced that all construction work **will stop**.
- The Illinois lottery will **get dropped** by Powerball and the Mega Millions game.
- Credit ratings agencies have said they'll downgrade the state's worst-in-the-nation rating down to "**junk status**."
- Illinois will no longer have enough money coming in to **cover expenses** mandated by court orders (by August).

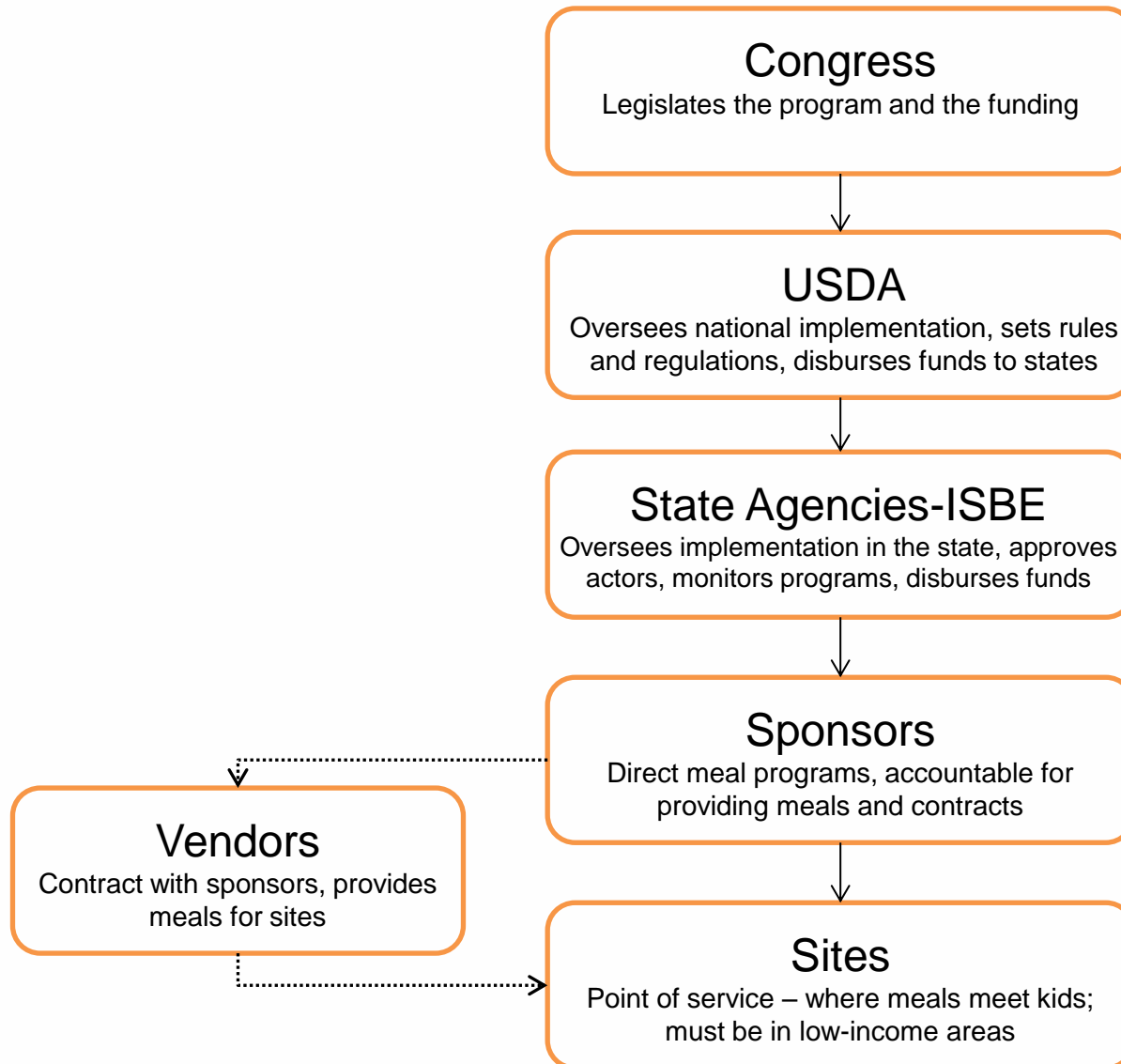
The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a **federally-funded, locally-sponsored program of the USDA** that allows children to access nutritious meals free of charge when school is out. Schools also have the option of serving summer meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Seamless Summer Option (SSO).

Ages 0-18

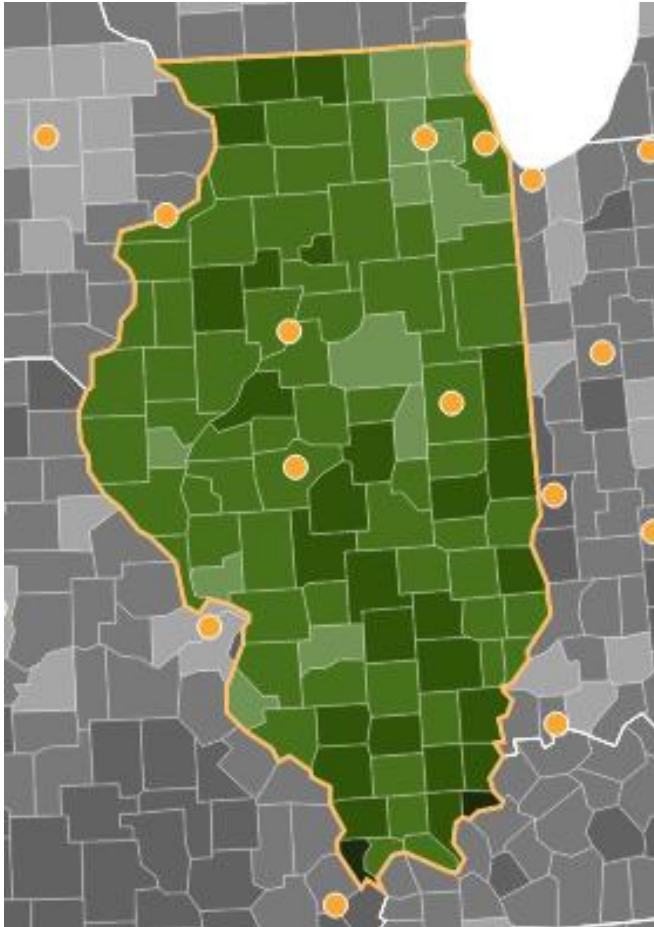
Congregate Meal Requirement

*In Illinois **SFSP** is known as the Summer Meals Program*

OUT OF SCHOOL MEALS SYSTEM



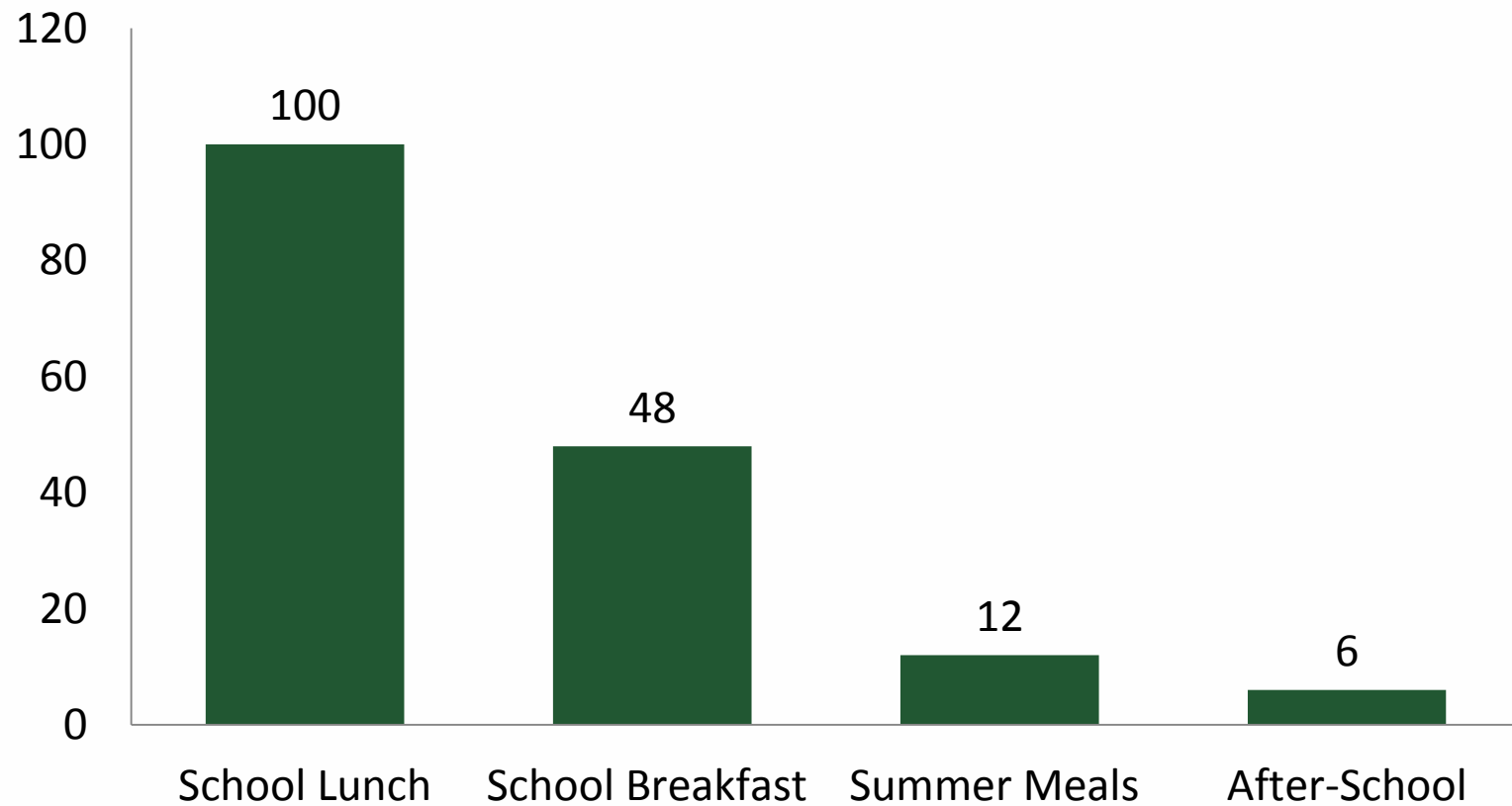
FOOD INSECURITY IN ILLINOIS



Feeding America [Map the Meal Gap 2017](#)

- 1,506,060 people food insecure
– 11.7% - 1 in 9
- 513,270 children food insecure
– 17.3% - 1 in 6
- 68% eligible for free or reduced-price meals

2015-2016 Participation in Child Nutrition Programs in Illinois



*This chart shows the ratio of students in Illinois receiving meals as compared to 100 students who receive a free or reduced-price lunch.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING: THE NEED



- Quality food is essential for children to learn, grow, and play.
- Unfortunately, nearly 1 in 5 children in Cook County are at risk of hunger.
- This struggle affects families with children of all ages, from very young infants to teenagers soon to enter adulthood.
- Despite this need only 75% of the Cook County eligible children participated in their school's free or reduced price lunch program, only 40% of those eligible students accessed school breakfast and only 16% used a summer lunch program in 2015.



Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

- Available to School Food Authorities (SFAs), government entities, and nonprofit organizations
- Option to provide meals directly or contract for meals with a food vendor
- Simplified meal pattern
- Highest per-meal reimbursement of any Child Nutrition Program

Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

- Available to School Food Authorities (SFAs)
- Extension of NSLP online agreement
- NSLP/SBP rules apply for meal service
- Meals served are reimbursed at the NSLP/SBP 'free rates'

ELIGIBILITY & REIMBURSEMENT



Two pathways to eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. School free and reduced data (50 percent or more of enrolled students)2. Census tract/block group data	
Reimbursement by Meal Type	<p><u>SFSP</u></p> <p>Breakfast: \$2.14/2.19 Lunch: \$3.77/3.83 Snack: \$.89/.91 Supper: Lunch rate</p> <p><u>Differential:</u> Vended v. rural/self-prep</p>	<p><u>NSLP Seamless Summer Option (SSO)</u></p> <p>All meals are reimbursed at the applicable NSLP 'free' rate.</p>

TYPES OF SUMMER MEALS SITES (SFSP & SSO)



Site Type	Definition	Conditions of eligibility
Open	All children 18 and under eat for free and all meals are reimbursable; no individual income eligibility information required.	Site must operate at a school (or in the service area of a school) where <u>a)</u> 50% or more of the students are eligible for free/reduced-price meals OR <u>b)</u> in an area that is documented as low-income based on approved census tract data.
Closed Enrolled	All children 18 and under who are enrolled in a program eat for free, all meals are reimbursable.	50% or more of the children <i>enrolled at the site</i> qualify for free/reduced-price meals.
Camp	Only enrolled children 18 and under who qualify for free/reduced-price meals eat for free, and only their meals are reimbursable.	<50% of the children enrolled at the site qualify for free/reduced-price meals; activities are offered between each meal service during the day

- Meal types: breakfast, lunch, supper, and snack
- Open and closed enrolled sites: can serve up to two (2) meals/day (any combination of two meals except lunch and supper)
- Camp sites: can be approved to serve 3 meals/day



NOURISHING THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY



- We partner with schools and community organizations all year to meet children where they are at and ensure that children in our community have the healthy food they need through four main programs:
 - **Summer Meals** – Summer Meals Food Service Program (SFSP) - Federal Program
 - **Afterschool Meals** - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) - Federal Program
 - **School Breakfast Meals** - Federal School Meals Program
 - **School Based Food Pantries** - Healthy Kids Market - GCFD Funded Program



SUMMER MEALS: PARTNERSHIPS



The summer program aims to reach children in convenient neighborhood sites such as libraries, parks and community centers, ensuring their access to nutritious food. In the Summer of 2016:

- 560,000 meals distributed
- 278 total summer feeding sites
 - 36 Chicago Housing Authority sites
 - 22 Chicago Public Library sites
 - 24 GCFD Lunch Bus sites
 - 3 Cook County Health and Hospitals System sites



SUUMMER MEALS: LEVERAGING THE LUNCH BUS



center for BEST PRACTICES



GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

- Utilize volunteers and AmeriCorps members
- Stops include: libraries, parks, churches and community organizations
- In summer 2016, the Lunch Bus served 36,684 meals
- In summer 2016, the Lunch Bus expanded to 4 routes and 24 stops
- Check out www.chicagosfoodbank.org/summer-lunch-bus/ for the 2017 routes!





FREE SUMMER MEALS

The Greater Chicago Food Depository's Summer Lunch Bus travels to locations throughout the North Side of the city each weekday to serve nutritious meals to children and teens.

June 26 to September 1 • Monday through Friday
(Except July 4)

Site Name	Address	Community Area	Time
Dood Sheehar	3795 S. Halsted Ave.	South Lawndale	10:40 to 11:00 a.m.
Little Village Library	2311 S. Kedzie Ave.	South Lawndale	11:45 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
Henry Leichter Library	115 S. Pulaski Rd.	West Garfield Park	12:50 to 12:55 p.m.
Richard M. Daley Library	733 N. Kedzie Ave.	Harold Park	1:10 to 1:30 p.m.
Austin Branch Library	5815 W. Rose Ave.	Austin	1:55 to 2:05 p.m.
West Belmont Library	3104 N. Hennepin Ave.	Belmont-Cragin	2:45 to 3:05 p.m.

All meals must be eaten on-site • Anyone 18 and under

For more information, please contact the Food Depository at 773-247-3863 x4080



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HOW CAN YOU HELP? START A SITE.



Become a summer meal site:

- Contact the Program's team at the Food Depository for more information (programs@gcfd.org or 773-247-3663 Ext. 4050)
- Visit the Food Depository's website and complete an application (www.chicagosfoodbank.org/SFSP17)



HOW CAN YOU HELP? CREATE AWARENESS.



Connect children, teens and families to summer meal sites near you:

- Text FOODIL or COMIDASIL to 877877;
- Call 800-359-2163;
- Visit summermealsillinois.org OR
- Download the Range mobile app by Caravan Studios and enter your location

Become knowledgeable about summer meals:

- Visit summermealsillinois.org

Promote the program:

- Post summer meals post cards
- Have summer meals flyers available

SUMMER MEALS
COMIDAS DE VERANO

ALL CHILDREN 18 AND UNDER.
Available to all families.

TODOS LOS NIÑOS DE 18 AÑOS Y MENOS.
Disponible para todas las familias.

FREE! GRATIS!

FREE HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS SUMMER MEALS are available for children (18 and under) when school is out. Find a site close to you. Call or text the numbers below.
COMIDAS DE VERANO SALUDABLES Y NUTRITIVAS GRATIS se ofrecen para niños y jóvenes menores de 18 años cuando termina la escuela. Para encontrar un lugar con comidas de verano más cercano a usted, llame o envíe a los números siguientes.

CALL/LLAME (800) 359-2163
TEXT FoodIL TO 877877 ENVÍE ComidasIL A 877877
or visit SummerMealsIllinois.org

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