

SPECIAL COVID-19 & CACFP TOWN HALL

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AGENDA

- Updates from the Hill – Geri Henchy, Food Research and Action Center
- Update from USDA – WRO – Jesus Mendoza, USDA-WRO
- Update from CDE-NSD – Sean Hardin, Joseph Cormack
- COVID-19 and the Family Child Care and Sponsor Experience – Laura Diaz, Family Child Care Provider; Violet Oquendo, Nutrition Program Outreach Specialist, Options for Learning; Terry Talavera, Child Care Services Operations/Food Programs Division Director
- COVID-19 Center and Sponsor Experience – Genevieve Pyeatt, Director of Nutrition and Health Education, Continuing Development, Inc.
- COVID-19 Supply Chains and Meal Production, Delivery and Service During COVID-19 – Kristine Smith, Senior Director of Nutrition Services, Neighborhood House and Association



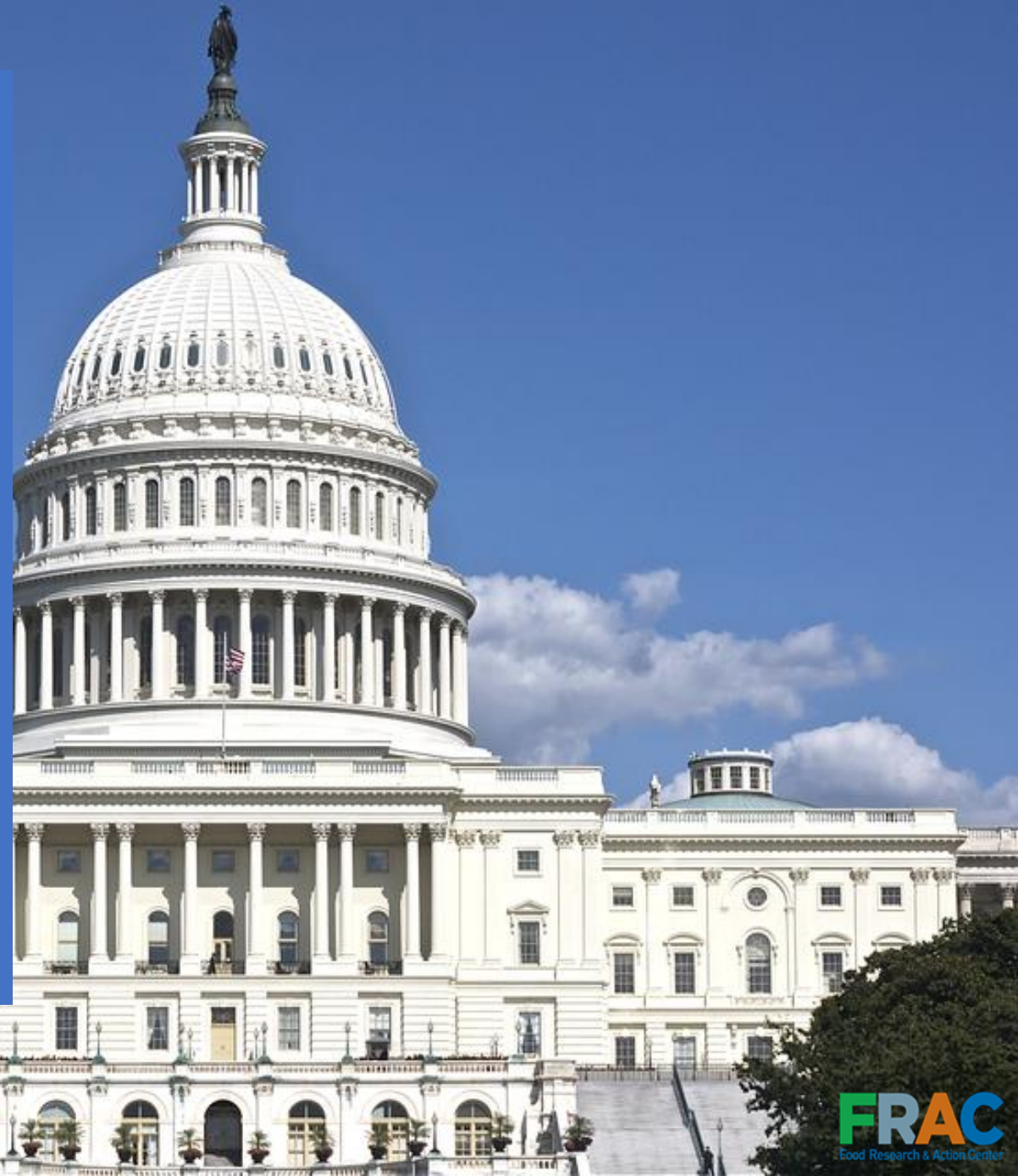
Child & Adult Care Food Program

Washington Update: Economic Stimulus Bills

July 15, 2020

CACFP
Advocacy
Goal:

Facilitate the success of CACFP in supporting families, child care providers, and sponsoring organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic



FOOD INSECURITY AND COVID-19

Surveys and polls conducted during COVID-19 show alarming rates of food insecurity across the United States:

- One in five adults are experiencing food insecurity – 23 percent of all households, and
- For individuals with children, the food insecurity rate is 34 percent.

*Source: Food Insecurity Triples for Families with Children During COVID-19 Pandemic:
Institute for Policy Research - Northwestern University*

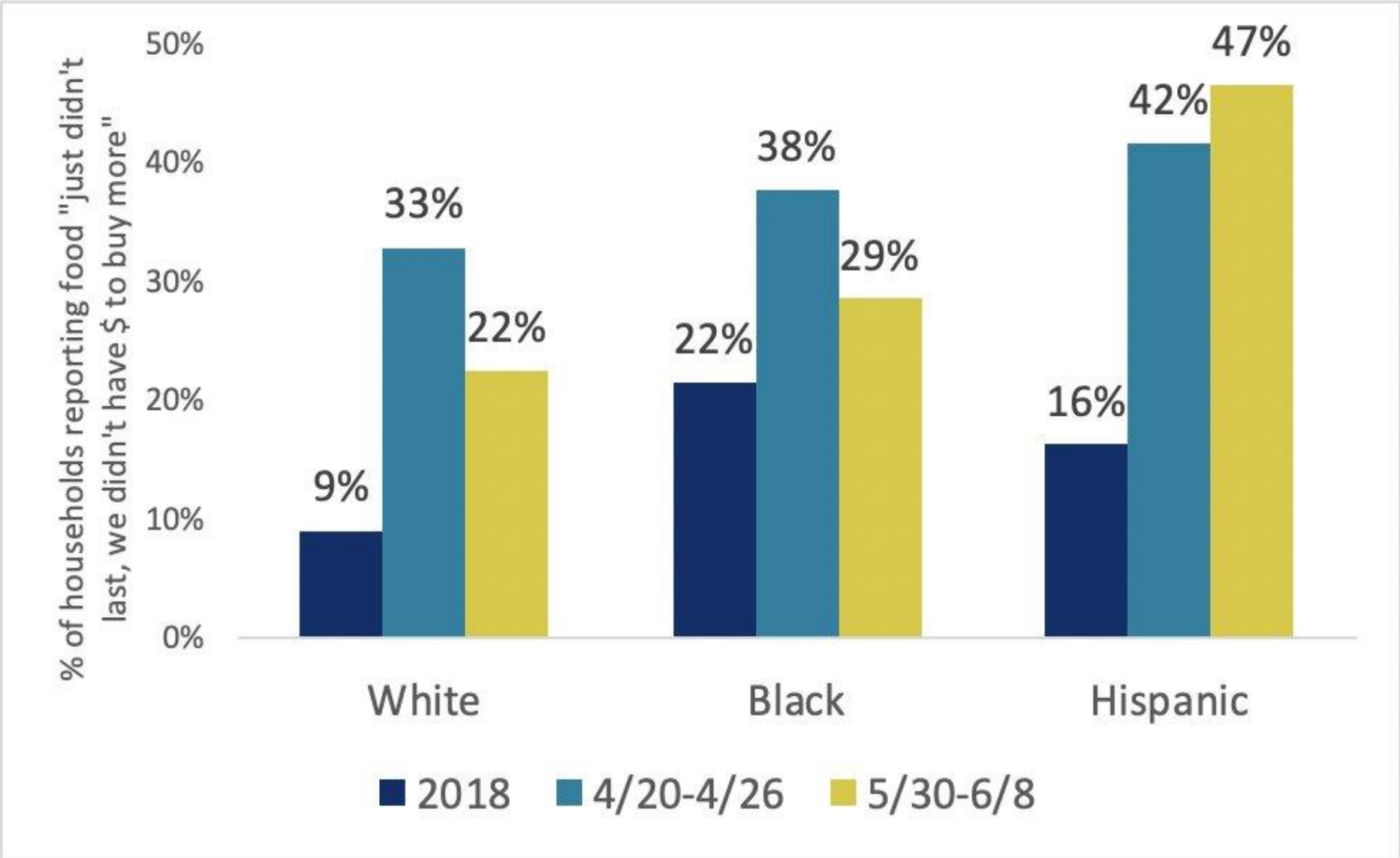
CORONAVIRUS

Stark racial disparities emerge as families struggle to get enough food

The pandemic has left Black and Hispanic households much worse off than white families.



COVID-19 EXPOSES LONG-TIME DISPARITIES IN FOOD SECURITY



Source: Food Insecurity During COVID-19 in Households with Children: Results by Racial and Ethnic Groups: Institute for Policy Research - Northwestern University

THE IMPACT

Food insecurity is associated with a range of serious consequences for health, well-being, development & learning



FOOD INSECURITY & HEALTH CONSEQUENCES FOR CHILDREN

Poor overall health

Low birth weight

Some birth defects

Iron deficiency anemia

Asthma

Poor oral health







Developmental risk

Mental health and behavioral problems

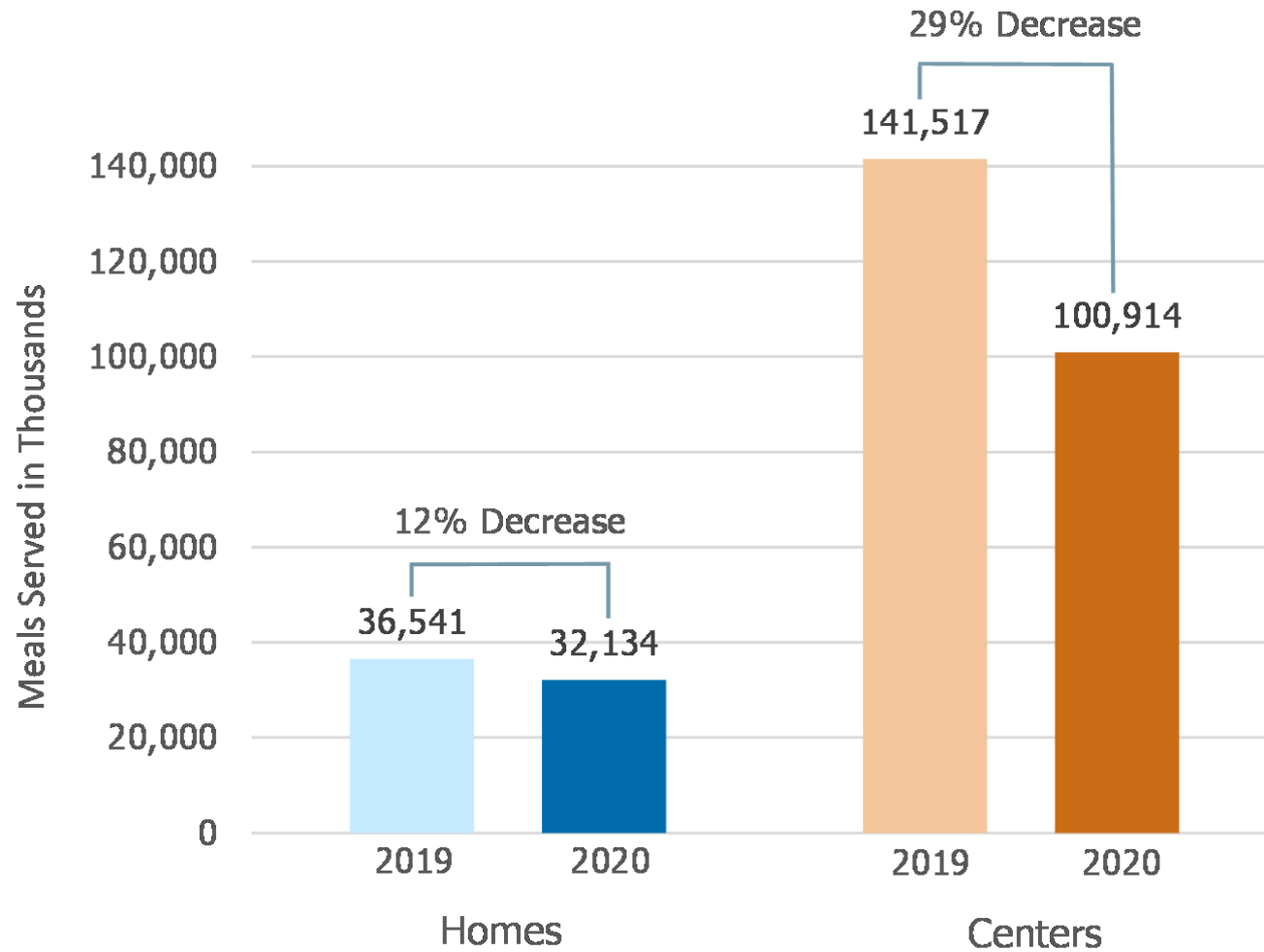
Poor educational outcomes

The Child and Adult Care Food Program

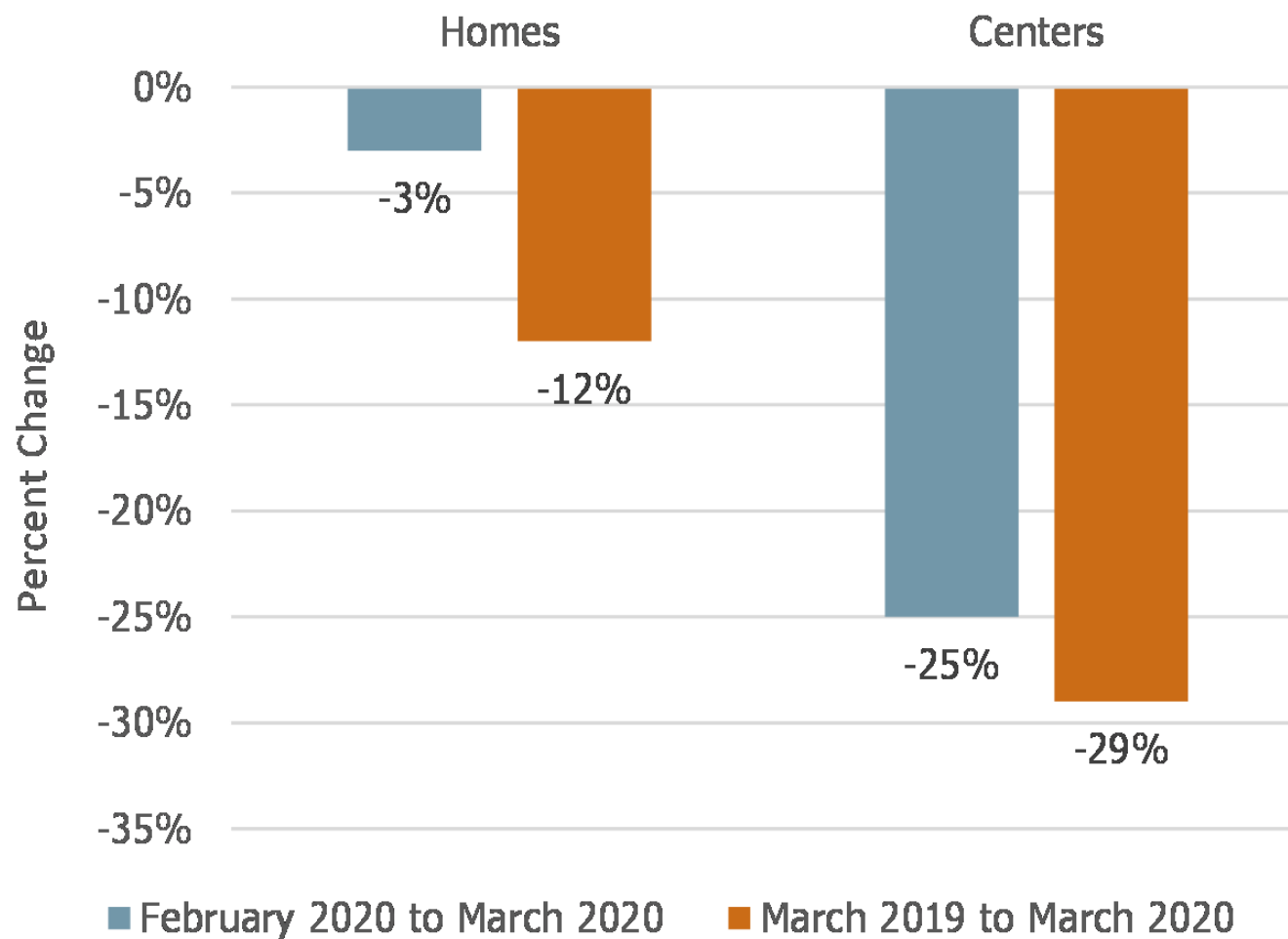


 Reduce food insecurity	 Alleviate poverty
 Improve nutrition & health outcomes	 Protect against obesity
 Boost learning and development	 Support economic stability

Change in CACFP Meals Served by Outlet Type from March 2019 to March 2020



Percent Change in CACFP Meals Served from February 2020 to March 2020 and from March 2019 to March 2020, by Outlet Type



COVID-19 Impact on CACFP

Reduction in the number of CACFP Meals & Snacks Served to Children

- Families rely on CACFP meals & snacks
- The loss increases the strain on family budgets
- In some cases the loss may contribute to:
 - Food insecurity &
 - Fewer healthy meals for children at home

Reduction in CACFP Reimbursements to Child Care Providers & Sponsors

- Providers rely on CACFP reimbursements to support fixed costs, as well as, food costs
- The loss contributes to budget deficits in already overburdened child care budgets

SURVEY



CACFP &
COVID-19
Survey

The survey was conducted in collaboration with the National CACFP Sponsors Association, National CACFP Forum, CCFP Roundtable and FRAC.



Economic Stimulus Bills:

House passed a bill.

Work on the next stimulus bill will begin again in the Senate this coming Monday when Congress comes back from recess.

There will be only 3 weeks to act.



The 2nd Stimulus Bill

The Families First Coronavirus
Response Act

CACFP Provisions: USDA Waivers

Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act

The HEROES Act:

- Boosts funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by \$10 billion and child nutrition programs by \$3 billion,
- Makes improvements to SNAP, CACFP, school meals, WIC, and other food programs, and
- Offers additional investments designed to address hardship and provide much needed economic stimulus now.

FRAC's bill summary: <https://frac.org/wp-content/uploads/FRACs-Analysis-of-House-C4-HEROES-Act.pdf>

HEROES Act

Three key SNAP priorities:

- Boost SNAP maximum benefits by 15 percent (provision expires September 30, 2021),
- Increase minimum monthly SNAP benefit from \$16 to \$30, and
- Suspend certain SNAP administrative rules that would terminate or weaken benefits.

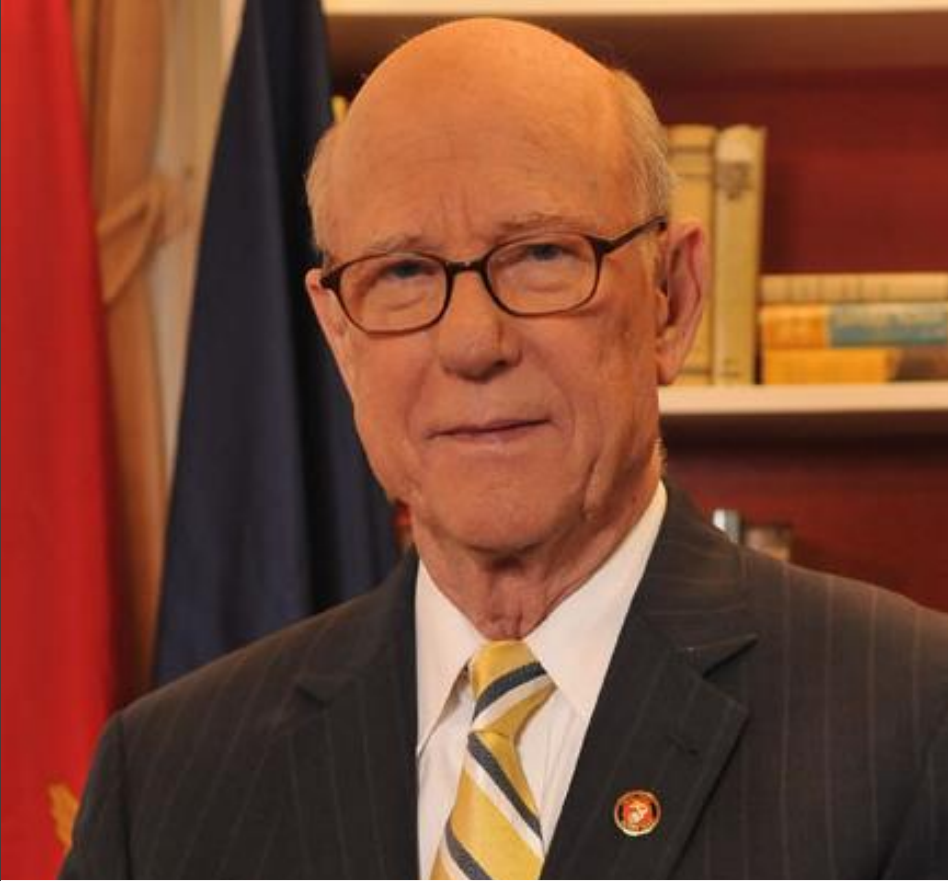


The HEROES Act

- Provides emergency funding to Child and Adult Care Food Program sponsors, centers, homes, and afterschool programs to help cover operating cost deficits created by shutdowns and a shift in services during COVID-19
- The formula will replace 55 percent of the reimbursement funding lost each claiming month for March 2020 through June 2020
- For example, for sponsoring organizations of homes:
(55%) [(reimbursement the same month the year before e.g. June 2019) minus (reimbursement from the claim month e.g. June 2020)] = additional payment for the month

Extends Pandemic EBT
to children under 6





Senator Roberts
Kansas (R)



Senator Stabenow
Michigan (D)

Senate

Opportunities for Action:

- Urge the Senate to retain the critical provisions of the HEROES Act that will provide assistance to struggling individuals and families.
- Message: The relief provided in the HEROES Act is urgently needed and cannot come soon enough.
- Share what you know about families, CACFP, your sponsorship, child care center or home.
- Send a letter, make a call, make sure your voice is heard.





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CA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION



CDE requested waivers: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/lr/cnpwaiver.asp>

COVID-19 – FAMILY CHILD CARE AND CACFP SPONSOR EXPERIENCE

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Check-In



Temp Check



Front Door Sign



Handwashing

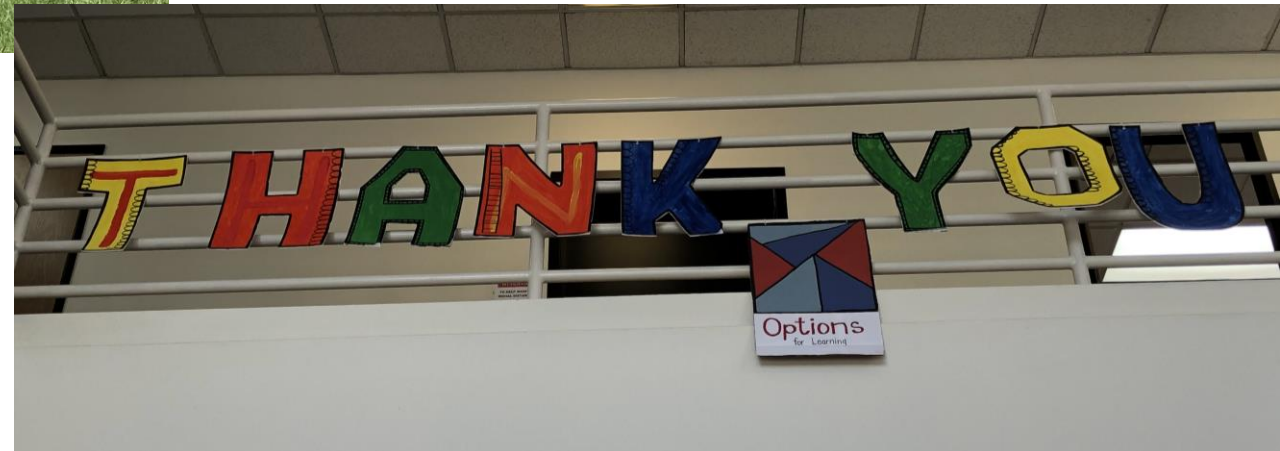


Socially Distanced Learning



Masks

COVID-19 – FAMILY CHILD CARE AND CACFP SPONSOR APPRECIATION



COVID-19 – CENTER AND SPONSOR EXPERIENCE

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Meal Service During COVID- 19



NHA Nutrition Services



Neighborhood House Association

One of San Diego's largest non profit organizations

850+ employees

25+ social services programs, including Head Start & ADHC

\$100M operating budget

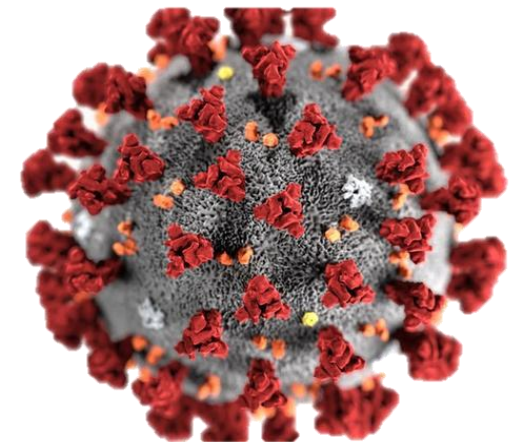


Nutrition Services

- 26 employees
 - RD/Sr. Director
 - Catering Manager
 - Food Service Manager
 - Sr. Fiscal Analyst
 - Nutrition Services Coordinator
 - Lead Driver
 - Program Assistant
 - Culinary Team
 - Driver Team
- 6,000 breakfasts, lunches, and snacks daily
- Fleet of 13 delivery trucks -> 300 miles daily
- Catering
- Sublease kitchen for small businesses

COVID-19

- Nutrition Services designated as an essential service
 - All 26 employees remained on paid, regular hours status
- Instituted 6 key meal distribution sites at Head Start/Senior Center locations
- Under various CACFP waivers, provided daily meal packs of breakfast, lunch, and snack daily
- Promised leadership we would reinvent, reconfigure, and redesign



Changes

- Novelty of the entire Coronavirus situation (~5 months)
- Basic COVID-19 precautions
- Layers of COVID-19 changes and regulations
- Daily and sometimes hourly changes
- Delivery Drivers -> Distributed meals directly to families
- Redesigning meal packaging and associated paperwork
- Major loss of revenue

Staying Afloat

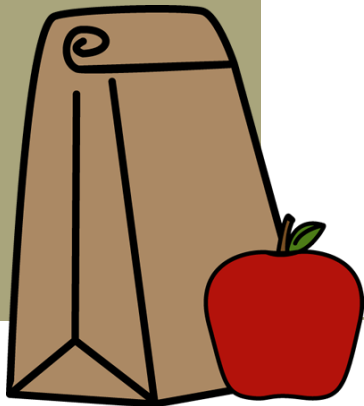
- Grant writing
- Seeking out people to feed
 - Hospital Heroes
 - Homeless
 - Sites that experienced their kitchens closing but needed meal service
- Meal distribution at key locations using multiple waivers
- Distributed over 70,000 meals during COVID-19

Next School Year

- NHA Head Start expects to operate at 40% attendance
 - Loss of revenue from \$3.5M to \$1.4M
- ADHC has not plans to reopen at this time
- Unsure which contracted sites will operate and at what capacity
- Facing potential furloughs



Meal Service Options



Type	Pros	Cons
Bulk Meals Center staff will pre-portion meals onto plates and serve children	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost-effective• Good meal quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time consuming for center staff
Individualized We will pre-portion meals into individualized, sealed trays	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simple to serve at site	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labor intensive for us• Expensive• Meal quality reduced

Future Plans

- Stay tuned for future COVID-19 changes
- Continue brainstorming ways to reconfigure
- Advocate for CACFP funds (HEROES Act)
- Prepare for reopening when possible



Have a seat at the table!



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Thank you!