Child Nutrition Reauthorization

Congress will be working this fall on Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR), which approves funding and sets regulation for programs such as CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program), SFSP (Summer Food Service Program) and the National School Breakfast and Lunch programs. The Feeding America network worked with programs to develop our three legislative priorities for CNR:

1. Streamline regulations for CACFP and SFSP to eliminate red tape and make it easier and less burdensome for community providers to run both programs

2. Create a summer EBT program to provide eligible families who live in rural areas or areas ineligible for open sites with a grocery card to enable them to replace the meals their children would have received at school

3. Allow a non-congregate meal option in certain circumstances so community providers can reach kids who can’t access program sites

Marker legislation has been introduced in the Senate and is co-sponsored by a number of Senators, including Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown. This legislation, the Hunger Free Summer for Kids Act, includes two of the three priorities – Summer EBT and the non-congregate meal option. The third priority, streamlining CACFP and SFSP, was introduced and is the center piece of another marker bill, the Summer Meals Act.

Demonstrating strong support for the Hunger Free Summer for Kids Act is critical to making sure that Summer EBT and non-congregate models are included in the House and Senate CNR packages, and we need your help! Please sign on to the letter of support at this link, https://goo.gl/rKvagM, and contact your legislators to express your support for these bills.

For more information about Child Nutrition Reauthorization, contact Colleen Benson, Senior Manager, Government and Foundation Relations, at cbenson@acrfb.org.

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By 2025, the Foodbank and our network, in collaboration with other charitable and governmental partners, will provide access to 41 million meals, meeting the need in our service area by providing enough food for everyone struggling with hunger.

The vision of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank is a thriving community free of hunger.

The mission of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank is to lead a collaborative network that empowers people to experience healthy and hunger-free lives. We distribute food to feed people and we advocate, engage and convene our community in the fight to end hunger.

Foodbank leadership, and members of the strategic planning committee, shared highlights of the organization’s new strategic plan at the Network Summit on Friday, August 7. This plan is the result of the most comprehensive planning process in the history of the organization. Casting our sights 10 years into the future with a bold and ambitious goal to provide enough food for everyone in our service area, the work begins with a new vision and mission statements, as well as a new 5-year plan that focuses on 4 strategic goal areas.

### Strategic Goal Areas

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To achieve this plan, we have to act locally and coordinate regionally. Innovate locally and lead nationally. We are looking at meals need in communities. We are working to build the capacity of meal providers. And we are working to leverage our scale to enhance the health and collective well-being of our region. We look forward to joining you as partners at the table, working in every place, together to re-forge old bonds, create new alliances, and organize around our work with renewed purpose.

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**Pathways for Community Voices**

The Foodbank was recently awarded the Fund for Shared Insight Pathways for Community Voices pilot grant. This grant assists in planning for and building a sustainable system to create client feedback loops among the Foodbank, partner agency programs and clients. This opportunity was competitive, and only two foodbanks in the country received this grant.

Over the course of the next two years, the Foodbank will work directly with member agency programs, clients, Feeding America and the Urban Institute to create scalable models by which organizations can incorporate client voice and feedback into their operations and processes. The pilot will allow us to:

- Engage using community-based participatory research principles
- Experiment with varied methods and share lessons learned with a community of practice among our Foodbank and partner agencies
- Create meaningful programmatic changes based on client feedback
- Adopt structural changes that ensure the client voice continues to inform decision-making after the conclusion of the pilots

Our work will begin this fall, at which time we will begin visiting member agencies and holding client focus groups. We look forward to sharing what we learn from this pilot program with our clients and our network of member agencies.

If you have questions about the Pathways for Community Voices project, please contact Jill Oldham, Director of Programs and Member Services, at 330.777.7574 or joldham@acrfb.org.

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