



2017 Policy Development Outreach Survey

Welcome!

CFPA is launching our 2017 policy development process and we need your input! Take this survey today and enter to win a \$100 gift card.

This annual survey helps us gather feedback about challenges and opportunities to improve the health and well-being of all Californians through improved access to nutritious, affordable food. The survey results inform CFPA's policy development and help guide our 2017 policy priorities.

This year's survey should take 15-20 minutes to complete. The questions are organized by topic so you can easily provide input on the areas most relevant to your work and experience and skip ahead through the survey as you choose. The survey topics are:

- *Food Security
- *CalFresh/SNAP
- *School Meal Programs
- *School Meal Enrollment
- *Afterschool & Summer Nutrition
- *Early Childhood Nutrition
- *Water Access

We'll be collecting responses until 5pm on Wednesday, September 7. All respondents will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift card.

Please feel free to share the survey with your colleagues and partners.

Thank you! We truly appreciate your time, thoughts and input.

Questions? Please contact Tracey Patterson at tracey@cfpa.net or 510.433.1122 ext. 101.



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* Let us know if we may contact you. Your contact information will never be released to the public.

- Yes, I am willing to discuss my survey responses further and be entered into the gift card drawing.
- No, I would only like to be entered into the gift card drawing.

* Please leave your contact information below. We'll only use this information to follow-up as indicated above.

Name:

Email:

Phone:

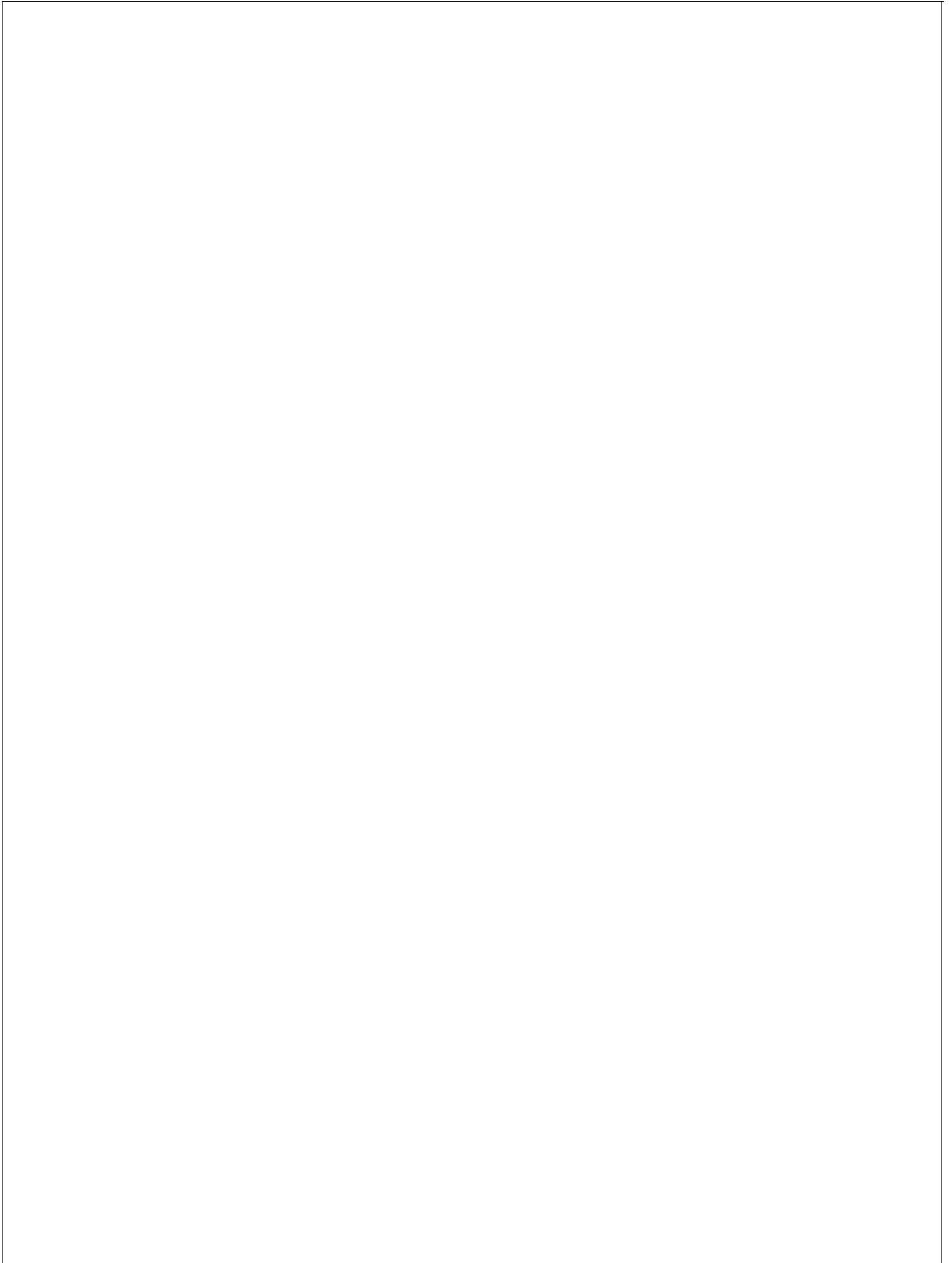
Organization:

County:

* Please tell us about your role. You may check all answers that apply.

- Advocate
- Community-Based Organization
- Community Leader or Activist
- Direct Service Provider
- Grantmaker
- Nutrition Program Participant (CalFresh, WIC, school meals, etc)
- Public Administrator/Government
- Researcher
- School District Employee

Other (please specify)





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Food Security

Would you like to answer survey questions about food security (reliable access to sufficient, affordable, nutritious food)?

Yes

No



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Food Security Questions

From your perspective, what are the biggest challenges to improving food security in California?

Research shows that different populations are disproportionately impacted by food insecurity. While there are intersections between these groups, is there one that you think needs more urgent attention from policy advocates? Check all that apply.

- Non-citizen immigrants
- People of color
- Single mothers and their children
- LGBTQ individuals
- Individuals with chronic disease
- Other (please specify)

What are the major barriers for Californians to access the full range of nutrition benefits for which they are eligible? (e.g., enrolling in CalFresh, WIC, and school meals)

Do you view 211 as a useful tool for connecting food-insecure Californians to CalFresh?

Yes

No

If no, what would make it more effective?

What can be done to ensure that 211 is:

Consistently effective at connecting the food-insecure to CalFresh throughout California

Utilized as a "go-to" referral for food resources, particularly CalFresh

What opportunities or solutions do you think should be pursued to improve food security in California?



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CalFresh/SNAP

Would you like to answer questions related to CalFresh/SNAP?

Yes

No



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CalFresh/SNAP Questions

From your perspective, what are the biggest challenges to improving participation in CalFresh?

What do you believe is preventing eligible households from:

Initiating a CalFresh application

Completing a CalFresh application

Maintaining CalFresh benefits

Which change would best ensure that clients applying for or renewing their Medi-Cal health coverage are also enrolled in CalFresh?

- Informing Medi-Cal applicants of the CalFresh monthly benefit amount they are eligible to receive (based on Medi-Cal application data)
- Opening and pre-populating a CalFresh application utilizing Medicaid info
- Identifying the remaining questions needed to complete a CalFresh app from the MediCal renewal, to allow a simplified CalFresh application
- Aligning certification periods for MediCal and CalFresh so that renewal is done together
- Other (please specify)

What specific challenges do the following populations face in accessing CalFresh in your community? What solutions might help?

Eligible Low-Income
Immigrants

Low-Income Seniors

Low-Income College
Students

What are your thoughts on allowing online grocery purchases for delivery with CalFresh? Choose the statement closest to your opinion.

- Interested in pilot testing online purchases for effectiveness in California
- Interested in pilot testing if it is limited to the elderly and those with disabilities
- We should work to allow online grocery shopping for all CalFresh recipients
- Seems like an interesting opportunity, but would prefer to see the results from testing in other states first
- I think there are too many drawbacks to online purchasing at this time
- Other (please specify)

Which of the following types of CalFresh data would be most useful for evaluating opportunities to improve program performance? Please rank each item from 1-6 with 1 being the most useful.

<input type="text"/>	Utilization rate by county	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="text"/>	Utilization rate by sub-county (e.g. census tract)	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="text"/>	Caseload demographic data (e.g. age, race/ethnicity)	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="text"/>	Enrollment in multiple programs (e.g. Medi-Cal/CalFresh, WIC/CalFresh)	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="text"/>	Case determination by application type (i.e. online, paper, in-person)	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="text"/>	Other types of data	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

What opportunities or solutions do you think should be pursued to improve the reach and/or benefits of CalFresh for low-income Californians?



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School Meal Programs

Would you like to answer questions about school meal programs?

Yes

No



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School Meal Program Questions

From your perspective, what are the biggest challenges to improving the quality and reach of school meal programs in California?

What do you believe are the main barriers to procuring and using more fresh, healthful food in school meals?

- Insufficient reimbursement/funding
- Lack of facilities and equipment to prepare food in-district
- Difficulties fully utilizing commodity entitlement (USDA Foods, DOD Fresh)
- Complications in bid protocol, food specifications, and contracts
- I'm not sure
- Other (please specify)

What do you think are the most important changes needed to improve school breakfast programs? Please rate the following options

	How Important?
Provide universally free school breakfast (i.e., breakfast free of charge to all students)	<input type="text"/>
Improve the nutritional quality of school breakfast	<input type="text"/>
Improve the taste & appeal of school breakfast	<input type="text"/>
Use alternative service times and locations such as after-the-bell breakfast	<input type="text"/>
Improve the promotion & marketing of school breakfast	<input type="text"/>
Increased buy-in/support from school administrators and other stakeholders	<input type="text"/>
Additional financial resources such as incentives, grants, or increased reimbursement for school breakfast	<input type="text"/>
A per-breakfast commodity entitlement	<input type="text"/>

Are you aware of any local policies or practices that have significantly improved school breakfast programs in your community? If so, please briefly describe.

Are you aware of any organizations (other than school nutrition services departments) that are effectively working to improve school breakfast programs in your community or in the state? If so, which organizations are doing this work?

If you are concerned about school meals and nutrition in public charter schools, which of these statements reflects your biggest concern?

- Charters are exempt from the state requirement to serve free meals to needy students
- Charters that don't participate in federal or state meal programs do not have any nutrition standards for food on campus
- Charters are not required to notify communities or enrolling families about the availability of school meals for students
- I am not very concerned about charter schools and school nutrition
- Other (please specify)

Are the school leaders in your community open to using LCFF funding (general funds) along with cafeteria funds to support school meal programs?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

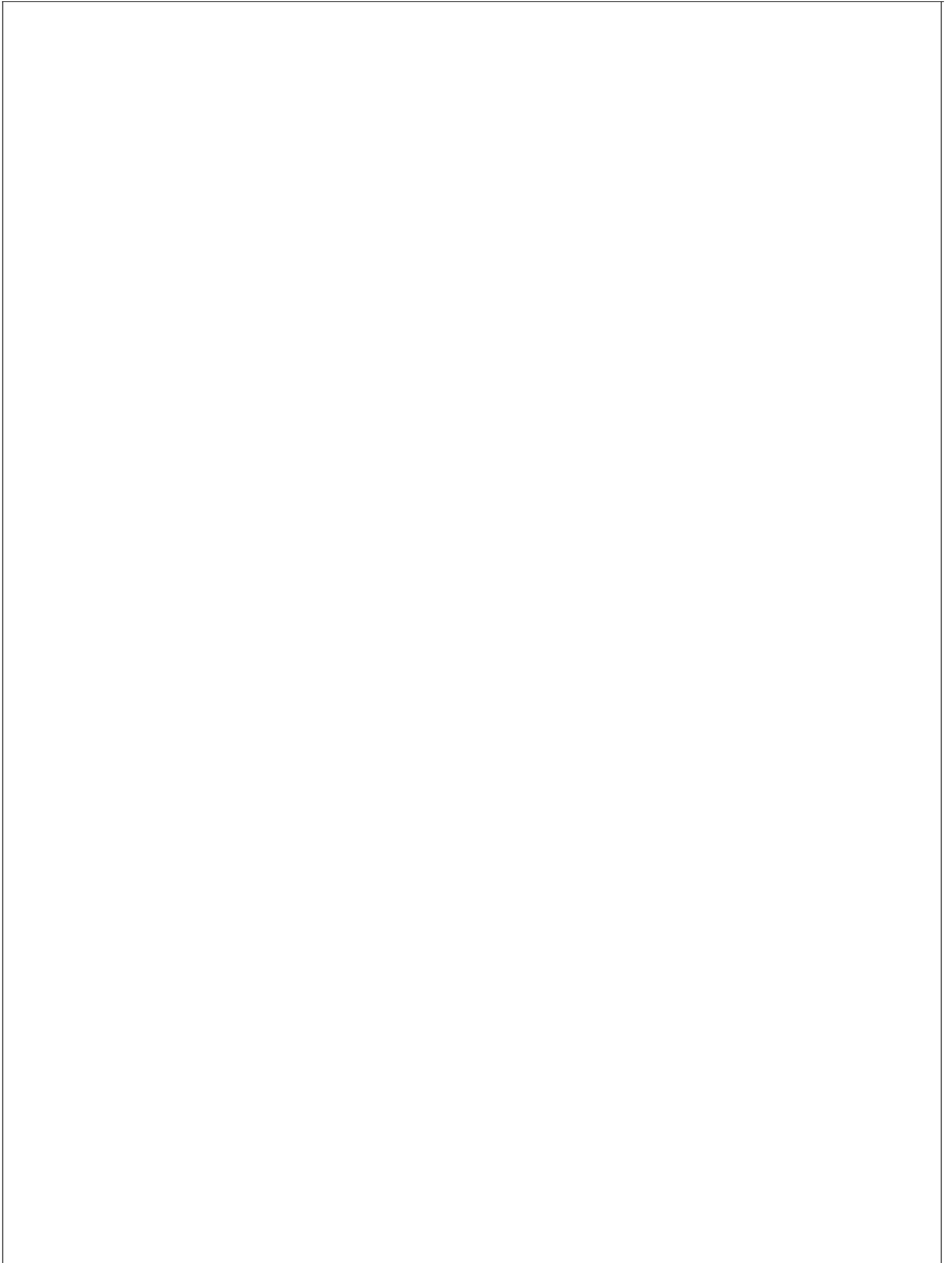
If no, please briefly describe their concerns or resistance to using LCFF funds for this purpose:

Which of the following tools would be useful to provide public information about student nutrition and school food environments? Please rate the following options.

	Potential Usefulness
Student Accountability Report Card (SARC)	<input type="text"/>
Local Control Accountability Plans	<input type="text"/>
School District Wellness Policies	<input type="text"/>
CDE's Administrative Review	<input type="text"/>

Other (please specify)

What opportunities or solutions do you think should be pursued to improve the quality and reach of school meal programs in California?





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School Meal Enrollment

Would you like to answer questions related to school meal enrollment?

Yes

No



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School Meal Enrollment Questions

From your perspective, what are the biggest challenges to effectively enrolling low-income students in school meal programs?

Are there particular populations of students that your local school district makes an extra effort to enroll in free or reduced-price school meals?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

If yes, who are these special populations and how are they best reached?

What are the major challenges that families/guardians face when attempting to enroll their children in school meals through (1) paper applications, or (2) online applications?

Have you heard of challenges with implementing school meal provisions (e.g. Provision 2, Community Eligibility) alongside the need to identify disadvantaged students for LCFF purposes?

Yes

No

Don't know

If yes, please describe the barriers and any solutions found:

What opportunities or solutions do you think should be pursued to improve school meal enrollment in California?



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Early Childhood Nutrition

Would you like to answer questions related to early childhood nutrition?

Yes

No



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Early Childhood Questions

From your perspective, what are the biggest challenges to improving the nutrition of low-income pregnant women?

From your perspective, what are the biggest challenges to improving the nutrition of young, low-income children (age 0-5)?

WIC is very successful at enrolling eligible pregnant women into the program, but participation often drops over time after the child is born. What do you think are the major challenges to retaining participants in the WIC program?

What are the major barriers for families trying to access the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)? Check all that apply.

- Knowledge of the Food Program and/or its value
- Knowledge of which providers offer the Food Program
- Availability of providers offering the Food Program

Other (please specify)

What opportunities or solutions do you think should be pursued to improve the nutrition of pregnant women and/or very young children?



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Summer and Afterschool Nutrition

Would you like to answer questions related to summer and afterschool nutrition?

Yes

No



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Summer and Afterschool Nutrition Questions

From your perspective, what are the biggest challenges to improving the reach and quality of out-of-school nutrition programs for school-aged children in California?

Are you aware of effective partnerships to improve expanded learning (e.g. summer and afterschool programs) that could increase access to nutritious food during out-of-school time? If so, please describe.

Two models of Summer EBT for Children have been tested by USDA, one based on SNAP/CalFresh and one based on WIC. If Summer EBT were to come to California, which model would you prefer?

- SNAP/CalFresh
- WIC
- No preference- I'm in favor of Summer EBT for Children in any way possible
- No preference- I do not think Summer EBT is a priority for California

If you have a preference, please explain why:

What actions or changes are most needed to improve the reach and quality of the summer meal programs?

What do you perceive as the major challenges for afterschool programs to provide a meal rather than a snack?

What opportunities or solutions do you think should be pursued to improve the reach and quality of out-of-school nutrition programs for school-aged children in California?



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Water Access & Quality

Would you like to answer questions related to drinking water access for low-income Californians?

Yes

No



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Water Access & Quality Questions

From your perspective, what are the biggest challenges to improving access to drinking water in California?

How important it is to you that:

	Very Important	Important	Neutral/No Opinion	Somewhat Important	Not Important	N/A
Ongoing State Budget investments to improve water access and water quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water purchases are subsidized for CalFresh recipients living in areas without safe, potable tap water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School water quality data is collected and made accessible by the state	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Data on access to drinking water is collected by schools and published via tools such as the School Accountability Report Card	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Free drinking water is readily accessible in parks, community settings, and high density transit corridors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Are there specific solutions you would like to see pursued to further incorporate water into the federal nutrition programs (e.g., SNAP/CalFresh, Child Adult Care Food Program, School Meals, WIC)?

Do you believe that current efforts to address water affordability and unsafe water, particularly in disadvantaged communities on small public water systems, have been effective?

Yes

No

If no, please share your concerns or potential solutions:

What opportunities or solutions do you think should be pursued to improve access to drinking water for low-income Californians?



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Partnerships and Communications

Would your organization be interested in partnering with CFPA on any particular issues or advocacy efforts?

Do you receive CFPA's regularly emailed Nutrition Action Alerts, which include legislative updates and advocacy information?

- Yes, I receive CFPA Nutrition Action Alerts
- No, I do not receive them- please add me to the list!
- No, I don't receive them and do not wish to be added to the list
- I used to subscribe to CFPA's Nutrition Action Alert, but I do not anymore

CFPA regularly releases legislative updates via our Nutrition Action Alert along with other periodic communications. How helpful are these updates and communications?

Not Very Helpful

Somewhat

Helpful

Very Helpful

N/A



Which CFPA services or products are most helpful in supporting your program efforts or advocacy goals?
(choose as many as apply)

- Developing policy proposals
- Providing policy expertise
- Sharing program knowledge & expertise
- Producing research & data analyses
- Distributing advocacy and educational materials
- Providing connections to other advocates, experts, & policymakers

Other (please specify)

Which CFPA service is **the most useful** to you?

- Developing policy proposals
- Providing policy expertise
- Sharing program knowledge & expertise
- Producing research & data analyses
- Distributing advocacy and educational materials
- Providing connections to other advocates, experts, & policymakers
- Other (please specify)

What else can CFPA do to better support and advance your programs or policy advocacy efforts?



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Did we miss anything?

Please share any additional comments you may have.

Thank you for completing CFPA's Policy Outreach Survey!

Your input will inform CFPA's policy development process and help us identify our 2017 policy priorities, which may include legislation, research, or administrative advocacy.

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