



End Hunger Connecticut!’s (EHC!) mission is to eliminate hunger in the state through legislative and administrative advocacy, outreach, and public education. EHC! is a member organization open to all who are committed in working to find solution to end hunger.



Twelve federal food assistance programs are available to combat hunger. If these programs were strengthened and fully utilized, we could virtually end hunger in Connecticut.



End Hunger focuses advocacy and education efforts around the following nutrition programs, including:

Child and Adult Care Food Program The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is federally funded and provides reimbursement for meals and snacks served in child and adult daycare facilities as well as to children in emergency shelters.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, SNAP is the nation’s first defense against hunger. It provides more substantial nutrition assistance to children than all of the child nutrition programs combined.

National School Lunch Program Signed into law in 1946, the National School Lunch Program provides a federally funded reimbursement to public and private schools and childcare institutions for free and reduced price meals. Lunches served as a part of the National School Lunch Program must meet USDA healthy food guidelines.

School Breakfast Program (SBP) is a federally funded child nutrition program that started in 1986. SBP provides nutritious breakfast to student and better prepares them to learn and succeed at school.

Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) WIC is a federally funded nutrition program that helps pregnant women, new mothers and children age 5 and under stay healthy and eat well.

The **Nutrition Program for the Elderly** includes congregate meal sites (Community Cafes) and homebound meals (Meals on Wheels), which are federally funded and administered by the State of Connecticut, Elderly Services Division.

Summer Food Service Program This program was created to provide the benefits of school lunch and breakfast during the summer when school is not in session. The program is vastly underutilized.

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Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Emergency Food Assistance Program

Special Milk Program

Commodity Supplemental Food Program

Food Distribution on Indian Reservations