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Gartner Peer Insights "Voice of the Customer" Meeting Solutions Overall Ratings
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Zoom Video Communications	Customer's Choice 2018	Leader	n=686	4.69
Highfive Technologies			n=30	4.40
Lifesize			n=30	4.40
LogMeIn	Customer's Choice 2018	Challenger	n=163	4.36
Teamviewer			n=42	4.33
BlueJeans Network	Customer's Choice 2018	Visionary	n=57	4.32
Google	Customer's Choice 2018	Challenger	n=131	4.27
Cisco	Customer's Choice 2018	Leader	n=380	4.21
Microsoft		Leader	n=293	4.16
Adobe		Challenger	n=72	4.14

Note: Vendors with greater than 25 reviews on Gartner Peer Insights in the past one year as of January 31, 2018 are represented in this graphic. Gartner Peer Insights Customers' Choice announced on February 13, 2018. Gartner Magic Quadrant for Meeting Solutions published on September 18, 2017. Number of reviews and ratings as of January 31, 2018. ©2018 Gartner Inc. All rights reserved.

Source: Gartner Peer Insights (January 31, 2018)

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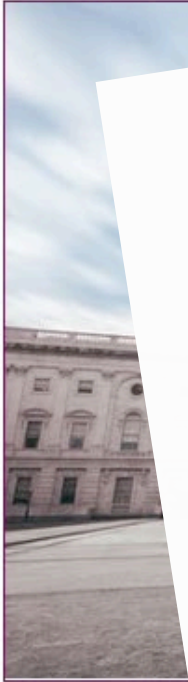
- Welcome – Paula James, CCFP Roundtable & CocoKids
- Updates from CDE, Kim Frinzell
- Updates from USDA, Jesus Mendoza
- Live Q&A
- State of Child Care – Keisha Nzewi, CA Child Care R&R Network
- Updates from the Hill – Geri Henchy, FRAC

PAULA JAMES, CCFP ROUNDTABLE & COCOKIDS



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August 13, 2020

Brandon Lipps
Deputy Undersecretary
United States Department of Agriculture
Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services

Dear Deputy Undersecretary Lipps:

The COVID-19 pandemic underscores the essential nature of our child care system and the importance of protecting the health and safety of young children and staff in child care settings and the viability of child care programs. The number one obligation of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) organizations is the health and safety of children, staff, and their families. Thank you for the waivers and flexibilities put in place and extended since the pandemic began. There are, however, two priorities that USDA must address: 1) ensuring continued viability for CACFP sponsors who are providing for the child care families' nutritional needs while school campuses are closed, and 2) emergency costs for child care providers and sponsoring organizations during COVID-19. Details and recommendations that will support these priorities are outlined below. By addressing these items, USDA will reduce hunger, protect our communities, and ensure the sustainability of the CACFP through COVID-19 and beyond.

1. **Ensure continued viability for CACFP sponsors who are providing for the child care families' nutritional needs while school campuses are closed.**

We urge USDA to ensure children in child care settings continue receiving CACFP meals from their providers while schools are not allowing children to be onsite. USDA must clarify that, while traditional schools may be "in session" by providing virtual learning programs, children should continue to have access to CACFP meals where they are physically in care.

- **The program that provides care for the child should receive the meal reimbursement.**
 - While many K-12 schools have plans for virtual learning activities throughout the week, many parents are seeking full day care solutions for their children so they can return or continue to work during the school year.
 - These child care programs are responsible to feed and care for children during the full day, in addition to supporting children with their school activities.

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While we anticipate that USDA will eventually provide a waiver and allow for the utilization of virtual and desk reviews, however we can no longer wait and need to take immediate steps to secure the safety of all the participants in the CACFP.

We, the undersigned organizations, will conduct and document all required monitoring via virtual visits effective immediately and continue through December 31, 2020. At that time we will review the latest recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), our local public health departments, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and child care licensing to determine recommendations, and if safe, procedures to be used in person visits.

Provides access to nutritious free and reduced-price meals to millions of food insecure children across the country. Many of these children live in communities that are experiencing compound effects of this pandemic. California child care workforce are predominately low wage earners and women of color who are disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. We do not want to exacerbate those conditions by our staff at these sites.



July 24, 2020

Brandon Lipps
Deputy Undersecretary
United States Department of Agriculture
Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services
Sent Via Email: Brandon.Lipps@fns.usda.gov

Re: **Urgent Concerns – CACFP Site Visits during a Pandemic**

Dear Deputy Undersecretary Brandon Lipps,

As Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) organizations we will not put children, families, child care providers and our staff at risk by conducting onsite CACFP monitoring visits. It is our responsibility to ensure the CACFP operates responsibly and adheres to public health recommendations and mandates to support a healthy and safe environment for children and their caregivers during this time of a pandemic. In California, the Department of Social Services, Child Care Licensing Division is following guidelines established by the CDC, limiting who goes in and out of child care facilities and conducting virtual licensing reviews of the CACFP. California has been rolling back reopening of the state as COVID-19 positive cases continue to rise and is on the brink of a total shutdown.

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ROUNDTABLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMOTE VISITS

September 16, 2020

Kim Frinzell
Director of Nutrition Services Division
California Department of Education
1430 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5901

RE: Recommendations for Successful Remote Visits in CACFP during the Pandemic

Dear Kim and CACFP team,

Over the past month, the CCFP Roundtable convened the Remote Visit Protocol Workgroup made up of CACFP experts in the community to discuss the opportunities, challenges, and protocols involved in off-site reviews based on the COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #39 (Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Care Food Program). The goal of the Workgroup is to ensure clarity and agreement between local CACFP Program Operators (Program Operators), CACFP Sponsoring Organizations (Sponsors), and the California Department of Education (CDE) about the processes put in place while operating under aforementioned Nationwide Waivers.

The Remote Visit Protocol Workgroup prioritized equity and integrity within the CACFP. We acknowledge the diversity across local Program Operators and extensively discussed how that may affect access to technology. We believe our recommendations uphold the integrity of the CACFP without creating barriers – especially during a time when access to the meals provided through the CACFP are of the utmost importance to the families receiving the meals.

Listed below are four recommendations developed by the Workgroup, grounded in policy and practice, that will ensure streamlined and practical processes for remote visits, while still upholding integrity of the program.

1. Establish simple and clear definitions of offsite reviews.
2. Allow CACFP Sponsors to use an anticipatory timeframe for unannounced visits with local Program Operators.
3. Establish clear and fair protocols for obtaining signatures on monitoring forms during the pandemic.
4. Do not make changes to current documentation form requirements for Remote visits.



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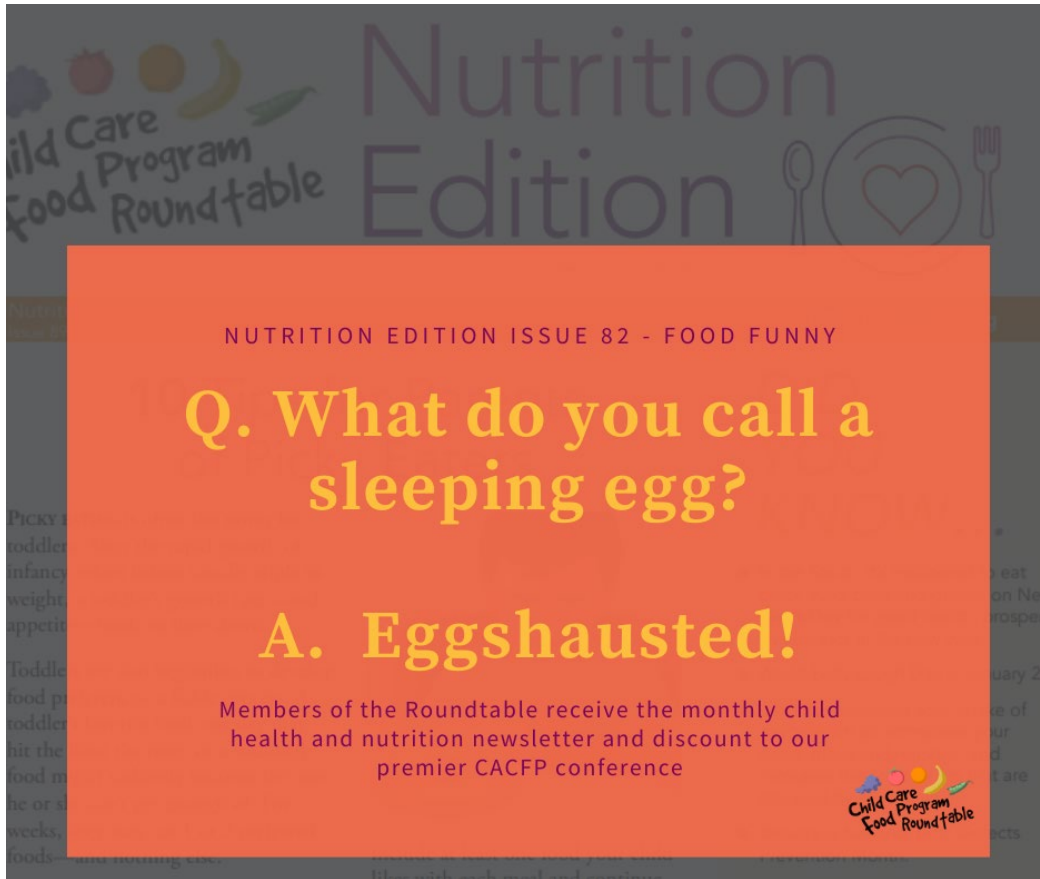


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Monthly Nutrition Editions for Roundtable members



NUTRITION EDITION ISSUE 82 - FOOD FUNNY

Q. What do you call a sleeping egg?

A. Eggshausted!

Members of the Roundtable receive the monthly child health and nutrition newsletter and discount to our premier CACFP conference

Child Care Food Roundtable

The image shows a promotional graphic for a nutrition edition. It features a dark background with faint icons of a plate, fork, and spoon, and the text 'Nutrition Edition' in a large, light font. A central orange box contains the text 'NUTRITION EDITION ISSUE 82 - FOOD FUNNY' and a Q&A section. The Q&A asks 'Q. What do you call a sleeping egg?' and answers 'A. Eggshausted!'. Below the Q&A, it says 'Members of the Roundtable receive the monthly child health and nutrition newsletter and discount to our premier CACFP conference'. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'Child Care Food Roundtable' with colorful icons of a fork, spoon, and plate.



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The image shows the header of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) website. It includes a 'Skip to Content' link, the 'CA.GOV' logo, the CDSS logo, and the text 'Department of Social Services'. There is a search bar and a language selection dropdown menu. Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links to 'Information Resources Guide', 'Letters/Regulations', 'Forms/Brochures', 'Fiscal/Financial', and 'Data Portal'. A 'Disaster Services Branch' link is also present.

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Child Care Transition

The Early Childhood Development Act of 2020

The State of California is committed to building and strengthening an equitable, comprehensive, quality, and affordable child care and development system for the children and families in our state. In support of this goal, the Budget Act of Fiscal Year 2020-21 transfers the following child care and development programs to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS):

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/calworks-child-care/child-care-transition>

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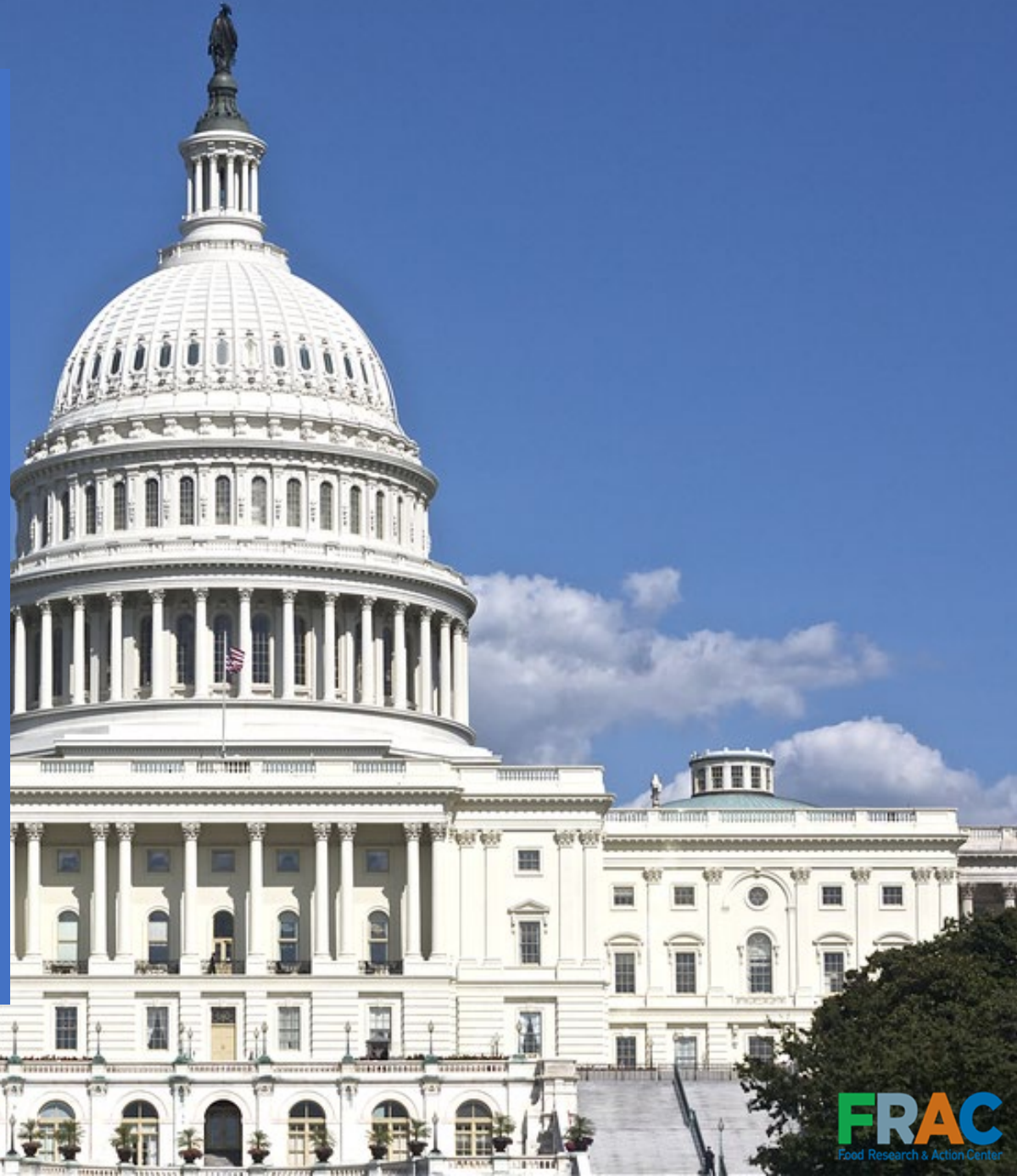
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Update

September 17, 2020

CACFP Advocacy Goal:

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





Ongoing Essential Workers Child Care & Reopening Child Care

Back to Virtual School



Child Care for School-Aged Children


Virtual School: Education Gap



FOOD INSECURITY AND COVID-19

More than 1 in 5 Black and Latinx adults with children reported in July that they sometimes or often did not have enough to eat.







Not Enough to Eat: COVID-19 Deepens America's Hunger Crisis

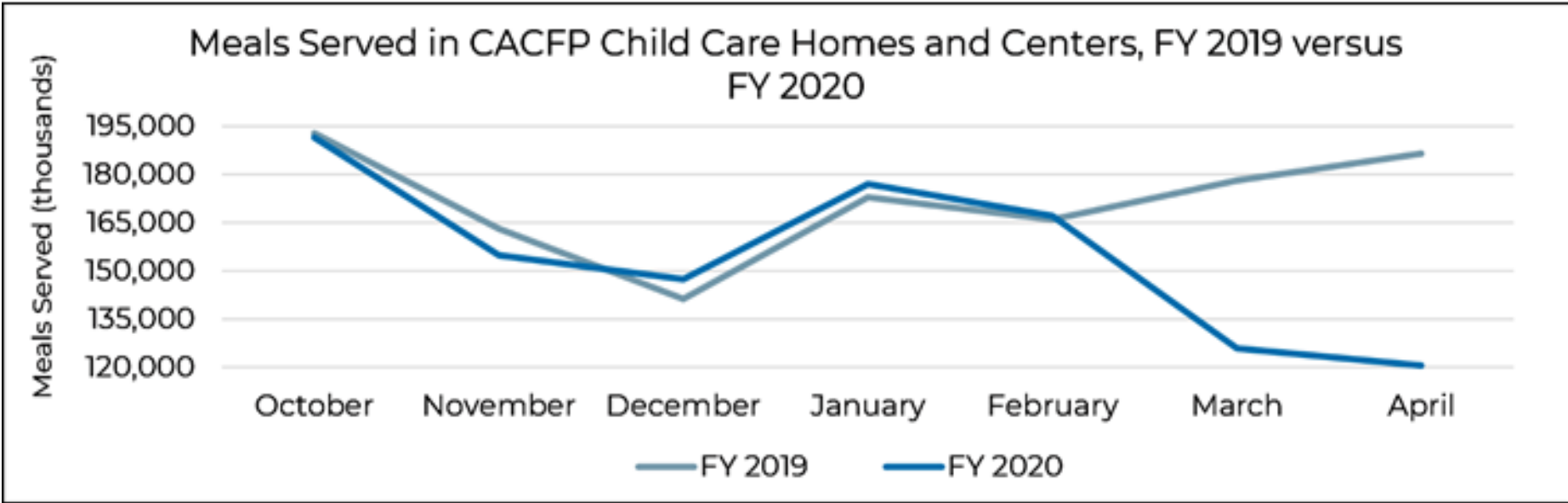


FOOD INSECURITY IS
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The Child and Adult Care Food Program

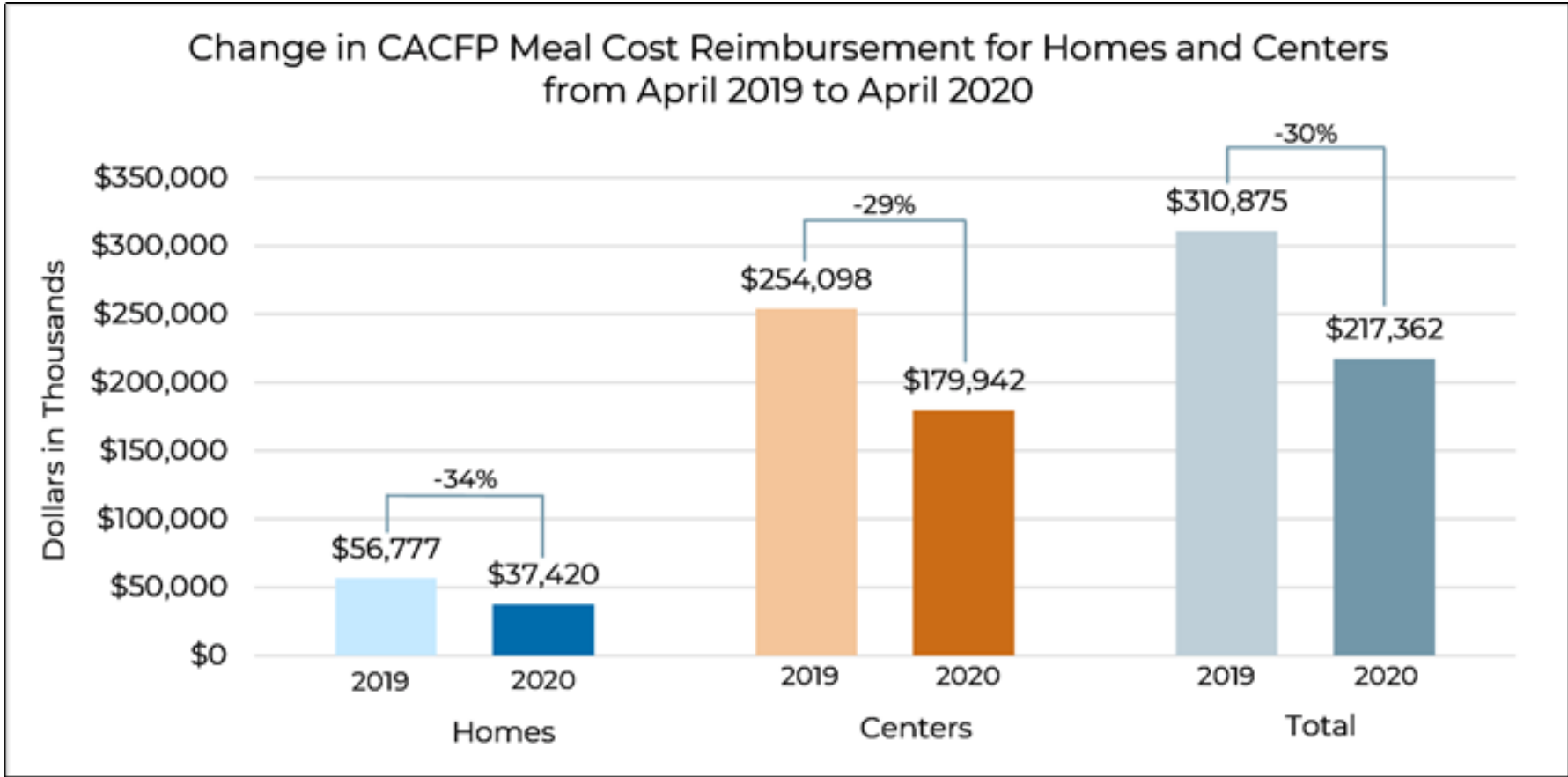


 Reduce food insecurity	 Alleviate poverty
 Improve nutrition & health outcomes	 Protect against obesity
 Boost learning and development	 Support economic stability



FRAC
Katie Jacobs

Data Source: USDA



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Katie Jacobs

Data Source: USDA

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.


Congress

Budget

Economic
Stimulus Bill



The Budget: Is There Going to be a
Government Shutdown?

A black, glossy handbag with a gold-colored clasp and handle is centered in the image. The background is a repeating pattern of US dollar bills, creating a sense of wealth and finance. The handbag is the focal point, symbolizing the concept of paying bills.

It is Congress's Job to Pay The Bills



What is Happening Now?

The Government Will Continue:

- Congress is late passing a budget for the next fiscal year but..
- Congress will pass a continuing resolution (short term payment plan) -- Bipartisan Agreement –
- The could be a vehicle for needed improvements or not



Economic Stimulus Bills:

The House passed
an excellent bill.

The Senate needs
to do the same!



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



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.



Webinar: **CACFP Policies and Practices to Support and Sustain Child Care Providers and Families**

Friday, September 18, 1:00 p.m. Eastern (12:00 p.m. Central, 11:00 a.m. Mountain, 10:00 a.m. Pacific)

Join USDA, Child Care Aware, Quality Care for Children, and FRAC to learn about:

- USDA policy and practice updates related to serving preschool and school-age children during COVID-19;
- How CACFP can serve school-age children during COVID-19; and
- Waivers for monitoring visits and other issues during COVID-19 - expectations and best practices.

<https://info.childcareaware.org/cacfp-policy-and-practice-updates-during-covid-19?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=3c0d98b7-6be1-4ac5-a8e0-22544aa669e5>



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