

MONTANA PARTNERSHIP TO
END CHILDHOOD HUNGER



WHY THIS MATTERS

Providing children with access to healthy, balanced meals has shown:



Improved academic achievement and higher test scores



Improved cognitive development and reduced rates of sickness and chronic disease



Better concentration, more energy, and fewer behavioral challenges

OUR PARTNERS



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1 IN 5 children live in households that struggle with hunger
SOURCE: Feeding America



42% of all SNAP recipients are children
SOURCE: USDA



OVER 50% of Montana's 56 counties contain areas considered food deserts
SOURCE: USDA













END CHILDHOOD HUNGER BY 2025

The Montana Partnership to End Childhood Hunger is a dedicated group of community advocates, representatives from public and private food programs, healthcare professionals, and legislators



Our mission is to: eliminate childhood hunger through building awareness, maximizing community resources, and supporting policy advocacy



STEP	GOAL	2010 BASELINE → PROGRESS MADE	2017 BENCHMARK	
1 	Provide a nutrient-rich breakfast for all school children	Increase the number of School Breakfast Programs 83.0% → 83.6%	92%	
		Increase number of Free and Reduced Price (FRP) students participating in the School Breakfast Program 30.5% → 32.0%	37%	
		Offer universal free breakfast and other expanded options such as Breakfast In the Classroom and Grab-N-Go 15% SCHOOLS → 20% SCHOOLS	25% SCHOOLS	
2 	Provide nutrient-rich meals for children during out-of-school times	Provide meals through the Montana Food Bank Network Backpack Program 22 SCHOOLS → 87 SCHOOLS	100 SCHOOLS	
		Increase access to School Pantry programs 0 SCHOOLS → 33 SCHOOLS	50 SCHOOLS	
		Initiate, expand and sustain food programs through Boys & Girls Clubs 6 CLUBS SERVE SUPPER → 9 CLUBS SERVE SUPPER	All that have summer camp will offer breakfast, lunch and snack	
3 	Expand the reach of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	Increase the number of SFSP sites 167 SITES → 192 SITES	210 SITES	
		Increase participation at SFSP sites 6,663 KIDS → 8,518 KIDS	12,150 KIDS	
4 	Support nutrient-rich snacks and meals in afterschool programs and childcare centers	Increase number of institutions participating in Child and Adult Care Food Programs (CACFP) 129 PROGRAMS → 138 PROGRAMS	150 PROGRAMS	
		Increase number of After School Meal Programs 11 PROGRAMS → 20 PROGRAMS	30 PROGRAMS	
5 	Guarantee that all eligible families have access to public food programs	Maximize participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Afterschool Snacks, and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)	SNAP 75% → 75% PARTICIPATED WIC 20,274 → 19,209 PARTICIPATED FDPIR 2,568 → 3,147 MONTHLY PARTICIPANTS NSLP 70% → 71% PARTICIPATED AFTERSCHOOL SNACKS 204 → 265 SCHOOLS OFFERED FFVP 110 → 163 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED	78% PARTICIPATE 20,500 PARTICIPATE 3,300 MONTHLY PARTICIPANTS 78% PARTICIPATE 335 SCHOOLS 180 SCHOOLS
	6 	Improve access to healthy, affordable, locally grown food	Increase number of school gardens in Montana 38 SCHOOLS → 18 DISTRICTS	35% OF DISTRICTS with Farm to School programs will have a school garden
			Increase the number of Farm to School programs 40 DISTRICTS → 67 DISTRICTS	85 DISTRICTS
			Make farmers markets more accessible to SNAP recipients 8 MARKETS → 16 MARKETS	20 MARKETS
	7 	Promote healthy eating for pregnant women and breastfeeding support for new mothers and babies	Work with community groups to promote breastfeeding 82% BREASTFED → 91% BREASTFED	94% OF BABIES EVER BREASTFED
			Increase the number of public work sites informed of and observing Montana public employer breastfeeding policy UNKNOWN # OF WORK SITES → INCREASED OUTREACH	50% WORK SITES
		Increase participation of WIC eligible pregnant women 25.7% PARTICIPATED → 27.4% PARTICIPATED	30% PARTICIPATE	
		Increase the number of birthing hospitals designated and/or enrolled in the Baby-Friendly certification process 1 HOSPITAL → 2 HOSPITALS DESIGNATED	15 HOSPITALS DESIGNATED/ENROLLED	
8 	Improve adequacy and quality of food distributed through the emergency food system	Expand distribution levels among emergency food providers as needed to meet the demand for food 13.2 MILLION MEALS → 14 MILLION MEALS	16 MILLION MEALS	
		Increase availability of nutrition education resources for agencies of the Montana Food Bank Network PROVIDE RECIPES BIMONTHLY → PROVIDE RECIPES BIMONTHLY + EDUCATION	CONNECT AGENCIES WITH 4 NEW RESOURCES ANNUALLY + BIMONTHLY RECIPES	
		Improve access to fresh produce and dairy by increasing retail food donations to Montana Food Bank Network partner agencies 3.6 MIL. LBS DONATED AT 45 STORES → 4.4 MIL. LBS DONATED AT 47 STORES	4.9 MIL. LBS DONATED / 56 STORES	
9 	Offer nutrition education to children and families on making smart food choices and active lifestyles	Ensure that teaching nutrition and dietary behavior remains a priority in Montana schools 99.5% OF SCHOOLS INCLUDED COURSES → 97.8% OF SCHOOLS INCLUDED COURSES	100% OF SCHOOLS	
		Increase access to and participation in SNAP-Ed and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) 19 COUNTIES 6 RESERVATIONS → 19 COUNTIES 6 RESERVATIONS	19 COUNTIES 7 RESERVATIONS	
		Promote fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, legumes, nutrition education and physical activity in schools through the Healthy School Award Program 17 SCHOOLS → 106 SCHOOLS	130 SCHOOLS	
10 	Increase opportunities for financial education for families experiencing or at risk of hunger	Establish partnerships between service providers and financial educators to facilitate financial literacy training opportunities throughout the state NO DATA ON EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS → CONNECTING EDUCATORS TO FOOD PANTRIES IN 2 COMMUNITIES	4 COMMUNITIES WILL HOST FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAININGS	