

Equitable Access in the Child Nutrition Programs Project

What Is the Equitable Access in Child Nutrition Programs Project?

In November 2022, the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) entered into a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service to support and conduct research activities that identify barriers to equitable access in the Child Nutrition Programs, as well as strategies to help overcome these barriers.

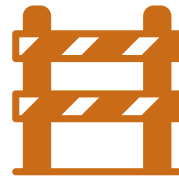
Through this project, FRAC will:

- 1. HOLD LISTENING SESSIONS** with school meals, out-of-school time meals, and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) stakeholder groups to determine priority areas of research;
- 2. PROVIDE COMPETITIVE SUBGRANTS** to fund organizations to conduct research projects over a 24-month period;
- 3. DEVELOP A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE** for subgrantees and provide programmatic and evaluation technical assistance; and
- 4. DISSEMINATE UPDATES**, findings, and project data throughout the project.

EQUITABLE ACCESS PROJECT GOALS

The Child Nutrition Programs — which include the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, CACFP, and Summer Food Service Program/Seamless Summer Option — provide nutritious meals at no or low cost to children across the country. Despite their many benefits, these programs may be underutilized by, or unevenly available to, eligible participants, especially historically and currently marginalized and underserved communities.

This project will provide subgrants to fund research activities that:



IDENTIFY BARRIERS that participants may face when accessing or attempting to access the Child Nutrition Programs.



IDENTIFY STRATEGIES that can address barriers to participation and equitable service delivery in the Child Nutrition Programs.



GENERATE EVIDENCE OF EFFICACY of interventions and policies that improve access and/or equitable service delivery within the Child Nutrition Programs.

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