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AGENDA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD

7:30am - 8:15am

Check-In & Breakfast

North & West Foyers (Second Floor - East Building)

8:15am - 9:45am

Coming Together to Build a Better Summer - Welcome & Opening Plenary

Holiday Ballroom 4-6 (Second Floor - East Building)

REMARKS:

Courtney Smith

Senior Vice President

Program Research, Innovation, and Impact

Share Our Strength

Stacy Dean

Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition,
and Consumer Services

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Matt Lyons

Senior Director of Policy & Practice

American Public Human Services Administration (APHSA)

Centering Lived Expertise to Make Summer a Success - Panel Discussion

Attendees will hear from parents with lived expertise about the importance of summer nutrition programs as well as the barriers to program access. Panelists will highlight key opportunities for enhancing service delivery through partnership with community members, aiming toward our common goal to ensure every child has reliable access to nutritious meals during the summer.

MODERATORS:

Chloe Eberhardt

Senior Manager, Education & Training

Center for Best Practices

No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

Morgan McKinney

Project Associate, Process Innovation
American Public Human Services Association (APHSA)

PANELISTS:

Zahava (Zee) Zaidoff
Community Advocate

LeAnne Auginaush
Indigenous Parent Leader

Joshua Vaughn
Community Impact Council Strategic Consultant

9:45am - 10:00am

Break & Transition

10:00am - 11:00am

BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK 1

**Summer EBT Implementation Considerations
& Promising Practices for State, Territory,
and Tribal Agencies**

Holiday Ballroom 1-3 (Second Floor - East Building)

Join APHSA, Share Our Strength, and state agency leaders to hear key decision points and processes for state, territory, and Tribal agency staff implementing Summer EBT in 2024 and beyond. This session will include background on Summer EBT and then turn to a panel of representatives from SNAP and child nutrition agencies, who will share how they are planning and preparing for Summer EBT implementation.

SESSION LEADS:

Chloe Eberhardt
Senior Manager, Education & Training
Center for Best Practices
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

Chloe Green
Senior Policy Associate, Food and Nutrition Services
American Public Human Services Association (APHSA)

SPEAKERS:

Andrea Brayboy

Branch Chief, CalFresh & Nutrition
California Department of Social Services

Ashley Puffenbarger

Program Manager 1
West Virginia Department of Health and
Human Resources Bureau for Family Assistance

Katie Tully

Senior Manager, Fiscal Accountability Administration
California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division

Lorraine Ward

Director of Food Access and Nutrition
Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance

Using Caregiver Insights to Inform a Participant-Centered Non-Congregate Program

Peale (First Floor - East Building)

This session will present findings from interviews with caregivers participating in the summer non-congregate program. After hearing about caregivers' experiences with the non-congregate program in Summer 2023, attendees will participate in an innovation exercise intended to inspire attendees to think of new ways to ensure that non-congregate meal programs center the needs and desires of program participants.

SESSION LEAD:

Holly Donovan

Director, Program Innovation
Center for Best Practices
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

SPEAKERS:

Angela McKee Brown (*pre-recorded*)

Founder and CEO
Project Reflect

Lucy Flores

Design Strategist & Founder
Studio Magic Hour

11:00am - 11:15am

Break & Transition

11:15am - 12:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK 2

Lessons Learned and Looking Ahead: Family & School Perspectives on Pandemic EBT and Summer EBT

Holiday Ballroom 1-3 (Second Floor – East Building)

Join us for a presentation and conversation grounded in learnings from interviews with families and school staff who navigated Pandemic EBT. We will share key takeaways, provide an opportunity for discussion, and brainstorm together around how we can design and implement Summer EBT programs that respond to the concerns and suggestions raised.

SESSION LEAD:

Elyse Kovalsky

Senior Manager, Program Innovation
Center for Best Practices
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

Expanding Reach with Program Integrity – Rural, Non-Congregate Meals

Peale (First Floor – East Building)

This session will feature a panel discussion of state agency leaders from across the country who were able to support sponsors maximizing rural non-congregate meals while maintaining program integrity. The panelists will speak to their ability to address parent/guardian pick-up, multiple days of meals, access to congregate sites, and distribution models as they worked with sponsors to create their integrity plans.

SESSION LEAD:

Eleni Towns

Director, State Campaigns
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

SPEAKERS:

Marisa Kirk-Epstein

Director of Research, Data, and Policy Analysis
Center for Best Practices
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

Randa Meade

Training Coordinator and Program Specialist
Tennessee Department of Education

Samantha Mozdzierz

SFSP Manager
Michigan Department of Education

12:15pm - 2:15pm

Lunch Plenary – USDA Overview of the IFR for Summer EBT and Non-Congregate Summer Meal Service in Rural Areas

Holiday Ballroom 4-6 (Second Floor – East Building)

Programming will begin at 1:00pm.

The interim final rule (IFR) on Summer EBT and non-congregate summer meals in rural communities sets the framework for how these programs will work in 2024 and beyond. This presentation will provide attendees with a shared understanding of the requirements for each. USDA staff will summarize key provisions of the IFR, highlight areas where they seek comments to inform the final rule, and address questions from the audience.

SPEAKERS:

Cindy Long

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Additional USDA Staff

2:15pm - 2:30pm

Break & Transition

2:30pm - 3:30pm

BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK 3

Overcoming Technical Challenges with the Summer EBT Playbook

Holiday Ballroom 1-3 (Second Floor – East Building)

In this session, Code for America and No Kid Hungry will provide an overview of the Summer EBT Playbook: a comprehensive, free resource designed to help state, territory, and Tribal agency staff plan for and implement a human-centered Summer EBT program. We will focus on specific technical challenges identified through our primary research with government leaders from across 25 states and jurisdictions. From school data collection to customer support, we will walk through challenges and solutions, to help state, territory, and Tribal agency staffers feel empowered to tackle their Summer EBT implementation plans—regardless of where they are in the preparation process.

SESSION LEAD:

Regis Whaley

Senior Program Manager, Education & Training
Center for Best Practices
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

SPEAKERS:

Eleanor Davis

Director of Government Innovation, Safety Net
Code for America

Vince Dorie

Principal Data Scientist
Code for America

Danny Mintz

Associate Policy Director, Safety Net
Code for America

Collaborating Across Communities to Implement Strong Summer Meal Programs

Peale (First Floor - East Building)

As we work to expand this new program option in rural communities, it's more important than ever to collaborate and develop partnerships to identify eligible communities and new sponsors, and design programs that work best for each community. In this session, we'll discuss collaborating across state agencies, school districts, and community organizations to expand rural non-congregate summer meal programs. We'll discuss resources to help identify eligible communities and other tactics to engage and convene important stakeholders serving rural communities.

SESSION LEAD:

Eleni Towns

Director, State Campaigns
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

SPEAKERS:

Stephanie Loup

Executive Director of Child Nutrition
Louisiana Department of Education

Ashley Page-Bookhart

Program Coordinator
University of South Carolina SNAP-Ed

Marissa Spady

Senior Manager, State Campaigns
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

Carolyn Vega

Associate Director, Policy Analysis
Center for Best Practices
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

3:30pm - 3:45pm

Break

3:45pm - 5:00pm

**Summit Socializing: Let's Connect!
Networking Opportunity Open to All Attendees**

Peale (First Floor - East Building)

An optional opportunity to mingle with other summit-goers. This networking session will be organized by region, so you can meet up with others from your state or make new friends from far-flung places.

Summer EBT Advisory Group Meeting (Invitation Only)

Latrobe (First Floor - East Building)

Meeting of the No Kid Hungry and Center for Budget and Policy Priorities Summer EBT child nutrition agency advisory group.

Office Hours with Code for America - State, Territory, and Tribal Agency Staff

Ruth (First Floor - East Building)

Pre-scheduled meetings with Code for America staff to discuss data and technology considerations and best practices across the Summer EBT implementation lifecycle. If you are scheduled for an office hours appointment, please arrive at your designated time slot.

Note: The final office hours appointments are scheduled until 5:10pm.

Office Hours with USDA - State, Territory, and Tribal Agency Staff

Johnson (First Floor - East Building)

Pre-scheduled meetings between USDA staff and state, territory, and Tribal agency staff to provide program planning support and discuss specific challenges. If you are scheduled for an office hours appointment, please arrive at your designated time slot.

Note: The final office hours appointments are scheduled until 5:10pm.

5:00pm - 6:30pm

Reception

Diamond Tavern & First Floor East Building, Lobby B

An opportunity to relax, socialize, and network over hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH

7:30am - 8:15am

Breakfast

North & West Foyers (Second Floor - East Building)

8:15am - 9:30am

Opening Remarks

Holiday Ballroom 4-6 (Second Floor - East Building)

SPEAKER:

Billy Shore

Founder and Executive Chair
Share Our Strength

USDA's Summer EBT Outreach Toolkit Update

SPEAKER:

USDA Staff

Breakfast Plenary - One Tribe, One Mission: How Chickasaw Nation is Leading on Summer EBT and Summer Non-Congregate Meals

As we each consider how the possibilities unlocked by Summer EBT and non-congregate summer meals can play a role in our own communities, we have much to learn from what's been done to date. Join us for a conversation with leaders from Chickasaw Nation's Summer EBT and summer food programs to learn how they are building these programs as we look towards Summer 2024 and beyond. We'll discuss what's been critical to their success so far, where they've adjusted plans to meet the needs of families, what these new opportunities mean for their communities, and how the programs work together within Chickasaw Nation.

MODERATOR:

Elyse Kovalsky

Senior Manager, Program Innovation
Center for Best Practices
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

PANELISTS:

Tyra Shackelford

Summer EBT Manager
Chickasaw Nation

Hilary Brookins

Community Nutrition Manager
Chickasaw Nation

9:30am - 9:45am

Break & Transition

9:45am - 1:00pm

PEER & PARTNER CONVERSATIONS

Summer EBT - Closed-Door Session for State, Territory, and Tribal Agency Staff

Holiday Ballroom 1-3 (Second Floor - East Building)

State agencies, territories, and Indian Tribal Organizations play a critical role in the implementation of Summer EBT through their creation of state, territory, and Tribal agency plans and operation of the program. This interactive, closed-door session will offer state, territory, and Tribal agency staff the opportunity to discuss and workshop program, policy, and implementation questions and plans with peers. This interactive session will have ample time for peer-to-peer discussion, so we encourage you to attend ready to share innovative things you are working on and concrete questions for your peers. Primary focuses will include program administration & funding, data collection & verification, and communications & outreach. USDA staff will join for the last hour of the session to help provide answers to any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

A break is planned within this session.

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Chloe Eberhardt

Senior Manager, Education & Training
Center for Best Practices
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

Chloe Green

Senior Policy Associate, Food and Nutrition Services
American Public Human Services Association (APHSA)

Marisa Kirk-Epstein

Director of Research, Data, and Policy Analysis
Center for Best Practices
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

Regis Whaley

Senior Manager, Education & Training
Center for Best Practices
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

**Non-Congregate Summer Meals – Closed-Door Session
for State and Territory Agency Staff**

Johnson (First Floor – East Building)

State and territory agency staff will play a central role in the implementation of non-congregate summer meals in rural communities through their interpretation of the interim final rule and their management and administration plan. This interactive, closed-door session will offer staff the opportunity to discuss outstanding questions on the IFR and share ideas with peers. USDA staff will also join part of the session for discussion of specific topics, including identifying and conducting outreach in rural areas, monitoring, and integrity plans.

A break is planned within this session.

SESSION LEAD:**Carolyn Vega**

Associate Director, Policy Analysis
Center for Best Practices
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

**Lessons Learned and Promising Practices for
Non-Congregate Meal Operations – Session
for Sponsors & Partners**

Peale (First Floor – East Building)

Implementing a successful rural non-congregate summer meal program requires detailed planning and challenging logistics. Join us as we share and workshop promising practices to ensure non-congregate meals best serve our rural families. We'll discuss service models, transportation, staffing, menu options, and other considerations for how to design a non-congregate summer meal program. As we prepare for Summer 2024, come prepared to share and learn from other sponsors

and advocates about their lessons learned and most successful tips to reach as many children as possible.

A break is planned within this session.

SESSION LEADS:

Eleni Towns

Director, State Campaigns
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

Marissa Spady

Senior Manager, State Campaigns
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

SPEAKERS:

Beth Brewster

Supervisor of Food Services
Founder Chesapeake Culinary Center, MD
Caroline County Public Schools

Jamie Briedenbach

Program Manager
Missoula Food Bank & Community Center, MT

Kristen Collins

Co-founder & Executive Director
Colorado Food Cluster, CO

Shannon Amos

Vice President, Agency Programs
Children's Hunger Alliance, OH

Peggy Hamby

Director of Food and Nutrition
Morgan County School Nutrition, TN

Lynsi Barnhill

Nutrition Services Director
Paducah Public Schools, KY

Constance Moore

Sr. Food Compliance Officer
Nutrition Services YMCA of Memphis and the Mid-South, TN

Jasmine Zandi

Out of School Programs Director
Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, AR

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Lunch Plenary & Closing Remarks

Holiday Ballroom 4-6 (Second Floor - East Building)

Programming will begin at 1:45pm.

A Young Adult Perspective on Summer Meals – Panel Discussion

Young people are at the heart of our work with child nutrition. Hear from students that have played a role in summer meals programs across the country, as they share their experiences participating and implementing the program. We will get the student perspective and insights into what makes a program successful and inclusive of youth.

MODERATOR:

Riya Rahman

Senior Manager, Youth Engagement and Empowerment
No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

PANELISTS:

Ryan Phi

Summer 2023 No Kid Hungry Youth Ambassador
Hunger Intervention Program

Jada Curd

Alumni
Burke County Public Schools

Talie Stowell

Summer 2023 No Kid Hungry Youth Ambassador
Gallatin Valley Food Bank

CLOSING REMARKS:

Chuck Scofield

Executive Vice President
Share Our Strength

2:30pm

Summit Adjourns

3:00pm-6:00pm

Summer Celebration Event

Holiday Ballroom 1-3 (Second Floor - East Building)

We will toast to the work being done across the country to close the summer meals gap. Hear from elected officials and non-profit leaders, then enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

SPEAKERS

SHANNON AMOS *(she/her)*

Vice President, Agency Programs, Children’s Hunger Alliance

Shannon is the Vice President of Agency Programs for Children’s Hunger Alliance, a statewide agency focused on reducing childhood food insecurity in Ohio. Shannon provides oversight and leadership for all agency programmatic work including sponsorship of the USDA’s Child and Adult Care Food Program to provide healthy meals and snacks for after school sites, child care centers, and family child care homes; USDA Summer Food Service Program for food access during summer months; expanding children’s access to food through school breakfast expansion; and nutrition education in these settings. Shannon holds a B.A. in Child and Family Community Services and an M.F.C.S. in Human Development and Family Studies with a nutrition focus from Bowling Green State University.

LEANNE AUGINAUSH

Indigenous Parent Leader

LeAnne is a strong-willed indigenous parent leader from a small reservation in Minnesota. She views herself as a mother to all children who need one and currently cares for over 20 kids who affectionately call her “Mom”. In addition to serving as a leader in her community, LeAnne also extends her expertise and advocacy to the Coordinating SNAP & Nutrition Supports program. This program—a strategic partnership between Share Our Strength and the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA)—aims to align SNAP with other federal, state, and local nutrition supports to reduce hunger among children and families. In this initiative, LeAnne serves as a Strategic Consultant on APHSA’s Community Impact Council—a team of six individuals with lived expertise navigating the public benefits system that guides the program.

LYNSI BARNHILL *(she/her)*

Nutrition Services Director Paducah Public Schools, KY

Lynsi is the Nutrition Services Director at Paducah Public Schools in Paducah, Kentucky. With 13 years of experience in child nutrition, she finds inspiration from collaborating with fellow No Kid Hungry cohort members as an alumna. Lynsi is the co-founder of the School and Transition Assistance for Youth (STAY) program, dedicated to eliminating barriers and promoting nutrition security for families. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Western Kentucky and the Washington Street Warming Center. Additionally, Lynsi actively contributes to No Kid Hungry's Mayor's Alliance to End Childhood Hunger and serves as voluntary faculty for the University of Kentucky's Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition Supervised Practice Program.

ANDREA BRAYBOY

Branch Chief, CalFresh & Nutrition California Department of Social Services

Andrea Brayboy currently serves as the CalFresh & Nutrition Branch Chief for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), where she maintains oversight and policy responsibility of the CalFresh program. She joined the CDSS, CalFresh and Nutrition Branch in October 2022. Her priority is supporting the development of program policies and procedures through an equity lens and leading strategic planning to increase and improve program access for all Californians. Prior to joining CDSS, Andrea joined the County of San Bernardino as an Eligibility Worker and was eventually promoted to become the Lead Program Specialist for San Bernardino County where she led the team with a focus on providing CalFresh access to underserved and remote communities. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from California State University, San Bernardino and a Master of Business Administration from William Woods University, Fulton Missouri. She enjoys the "almost" empty nester life with her husband as their two sons attend college away from home.

BETH BREWSTER

Supervisor of Food Services, Caroline County Public Schools Founder, Chesapeake Culinary Center

Beth completed her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. She has been in the hospitality industry for over 40 years. In 2005, she founded the non-profit Chesapeake Culinary Center whose mission is healthy, economically stable families through job training, youth education, and economic development. She has been a Food Service Supervisor for Caroline County Public Schools since 2011. She is a strong proponent of farm to tray and tray to farm in the school system and addressing poverty in her community. Beth lives in Denton, MD.

JAMIE BRIEDENBACH *(she/her)*

Program Manager Missoula Food Bank & Community Center, MT

Jamie is the program manager for Missoula Food Bank & Community Center, where she has served since 2016. She oversees nutrition programs aimed at youth and seniors, as well as five satellite pantries. The food bank's senior nutrition programs consist of a federally funded program, Commodities Supplemental Food Program, and the Fresh Food Box Program. Breidenbach was instrumental in designing the Fresh Food Box Program, which delivers perishable food items to senior's homes. Missoula Food Bank & Community Center's child nutrition programs provide after school meals for kids through the Child and Adult Care Food Program. By partnering with local organizations, like the Boys & Girls Club of Missoula County and Missoula Parks and Recreation, the food bank is also one of Montana's largest sponsors of the Summer Food Service Program. The food bank's EmPower Pack Program puts food in the backpacks of kids for the weekends. Breidenbach holds a bachelor's degree in recreation management from the University of Montana, and enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and three children.

HILARY BROOKINS, MPH *(she/her)*

Community Nutrition Manager The Chickasaw Nation

Hilary is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. Hilary holds a Master of Public Health degree and a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and Native American Studies degree from the University of Oklahoma. Hilary has a passion for improving the health, life, and environment of all people and has experience in varying roles of public health. As the Community Nutrition Manager at The Chickasaw Nation, Hilary manages child nutrition programs such as the Child and Adult Care Food Program At-Risk, the Summer Food Service Program, the Farm to School program, the School Food Pantry program, and the Mealtime Blessings program.

ANGELA L. MCKEE-BROWN *(she/her)*

Founder and CEO Project Reflect

Angela is the Founder and CEO of Project Reflect, a food systems design lab that develops and builds meaningful, just, and joyful food experiences with communities. Prior to launching the lab, she served as the Executive Director with The Edible Schoolyard Project, a non-profit dedicated to designing hands-on educational experiences in the garden, kitchen, and cafeteria that connect children to food, nature, and each other. Angela has also served as the Director of Innovation and Strategy with San Francisco Unified School District's Future Dining Experience where she and her team leveraged private funding and the support of a \$20 million bond to redesign the school food system of San Francisco. She is a 2024 Mimi and Peter E. Haas Distinguished Visitor with the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford University and has also served as a 2016-2017 Stanford University d.school Civic Innovation Fellow. Angela holds a Master's in Food Studies from NYU, and lives in Oakland, California with her wife, Annemarie.

KRISTEN COLLINS *(she/her)*

Co-founder & Executive Director Colorado Food Cluster

Kristen is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Colorado Food Cluster. She is dedicated to elevating economic mobility through innovative solutions to societal issues. With a Master's in International Studies from the University of Denver and a Bachelor's in Political Science from California State University San Marcos, Kristen is a committed policy professional. Her wealth of professional experience in education, workforce, and nutrition policy has enabled her to identify opportunities for innovation and flexibilities in the law that can be used to improve outcomes for beneficiaries.

JADA CURD *(she/her)*

Alumni, Burke County Public School Student, Vanderbilt University

Jada is a first-year undergraduate student at Vanderbilt University, where she is double majoring in Economics and Public Policy. Before attending Vanderbilt, Jada was a passionate advocate for educational policy. Jada has garnered both state and national championship titles in public speaking and uses her platform to advocate for the needs of under-resourced communities. Alongside being a student, Jada also currently serves as an ambassador for the non-profit organization Thrive Scholars, which facilitates college and career access for low-income, high-achieving minorities, furthering her work in granting opportunity access to under-resourced communities.

ELEANOR DAVIS, MPH *(she/her)*

Director of Government Innovation, Safety Net Code for America

Eleanor is the Director of Government Innovation on the Safety Net team at Code for America, partnering with government agencies to support the adoption of best practices in human-centered digital benefit delivery. She joined Code for America from Futures Without Violence, a national public health and social justice nonprofit dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence. There she worked for 6 years on the Public Education Campaigns & Programs team, developing public-facing initiatives that support the ability of frontline providers and advocates to more effectively respond to and prevent violence and trauma. Eleanor is a graduate of the University of Chicago, and received a Masters in Public Health from UC Berkeley.

STACY DEAN

Deputy Under Secretary USDA

Stacy Dean was appointed by President Biden to serve as the Deputy Under Secretary for USDA's Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services where she works to advance the President's agenda on increasing nutrition assistance for struggling families and individuals as well as tackling systemic racism and barriers to opportunity that have denied so many the chance to get ahead. Prior to joining President Biden's Team at USDA, Dean served as the Vice President for Food Assistance Policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP). She directed CBPP's food assistance team, which published frequent reports on how federal nutrition programs affect families and communities and developed policies to improve them. Dean earned her B.A. and Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of Michigan.

VINCE DORIE, PHD *(he/him)*

Principal Data Scientist Code for America

Vince is a principal data scientist at Code for America (CfA), where he brought data systems expertise to the research and development of the Summer EBT Playbook. He has worked at CfA on a number of SNAP related engagements, most notably the LLM-based AI chat agent used by the client success team for GetCalFresh, CfA's California SNAP application platform. Prior to joining Code for America, he was a research scientist developing Bayesian non-parametric methods for causal inference. He holds a doctorate in statistics from Columbia University, training under Andrew Gelman.

HOLLY DONOVAN *(she/her)*

Director, Program Innovation No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

Holly leads Share Our Strength's Program Innovation team. The Program Innovation team focuses on next horizon strategies that center participant experience. The Program Innovation team designs strategies that meet the needs of families facing economic insecurity and works to improve the user experience of federal nutrition programs. Prior to joining Share Our Strength, Holly conducted sociological research and taught at Boston University. She also taught middle school in the South Bronx as a Teach for America corps member and worked at a NYC nonprofit focused on ending homelessness. Holly has a Ph.D. in Sociology from Boston University and a B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis.

CHLOE EBERHARDT *(she/her)*

Senior Manager, Education & Training No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

Chloe is responsible for supporting a growing body of work on SNAP, Summer EBT, and benefits integration. She identifies and shares best practices in expanding access to federal nutrition assistance programs, develops tools and resources that facilitate program improvement and access, and fosters systems change efforts and cross-state learning. Prior to joining Share Our Strength, Chloe worked as a Policy Advocate with Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon ensuring SNAP access and leading policy and legislative initiatives addressing the root causes of hunger. Before her time with Hunger-Free Oregon, she was a community organizer in rural Oregon focused on local food systems efforts. Chloe has a B.A in International Political Economy from Fordham University.

LUCY FLORES *(she/her)*

Founder & Design Strategist Studio Magic Hour

Lucy is a design strategist and the founder of Studio Magic Hour, a collaborative design studio dedicated to advancing equity in the food system. She has led design projects, facilitated workshops, and coached in-house design and innovation teams at organizations including the California Academy of Sciences, the Fair Food Network, Hopelab, The Nature Conservancy, Plant Futures, Share Our Strength, and the Southern Poverty Law Center. Previously, she helped launch and lead innovation initiatives at FoodCorps, a national nonprofit committed to cultivating joy, health, and justice for kids through nutritious food, in partnership with schools and community. She is a former Equitable Design Fellow at Hopelab, a School of Graphic Design Advisory Board member, and a member of the Design Justice Network, Equity Army, and AIGA.

CHLOE GREEN, MPH *(she/her)*

Senior Policy Associate, Food and Nutrition Services American Public Human Services Association

Chloe Green is the Senior Policy Associate for Food and Nutrition Services at the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) where she leads the organization's SNAP and nutrition policy portfolio, including Summer EBT. Within this role, she facilitates the American Association of SNAP Directors (AASD) and works with partners across the country to helping to move toward a more modern, effective, and customer-centered SNAP program. She has previously been a Bloomberg Fellow in Food Systems for Health, a Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellow, and a Wisconsin Idea Fellow. She holds degrees in Dietetics and Community and Environmental Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a Master of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

PEGGY HAMBY

Director of Food and Nutrition Morgan County School Nutrition, TN

Peggy Hamby is from Rural East Tennessee where she has been Morgan County Food Service Director for the past 19 years of 7 schools. She has just been awarded the 2024 District Supervisor for Morgan County. Previously, she was a Human Ecology Teacher and earned her Master in Leadership. She served as TN School Nutrition State President in 2022-23. Her district has received several national awards including USDA Healthier District of School Gold Award of Distinction, Turnip the Beet, USDA Farm to School Grants, reception of Save the Children, and No Kid Hungry Grants. She is better known in her district as "Gus the Bus Lady", the feeding and literacy bus.

ELYSE KOVALSKY *(she/her)*

Senior Manager, Program Innovation **No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength**

Elyse brings the voices of families and children facing food insecurity to the strategic work of Share Our Strength. Using the principles of human-centered design and qualitative research methodologies, she works closely with families and partner organizations to identify and test innovative models in key programmatic areas. Prior to joining Share Our Strength, Elyse conducted research with families facing housing insecurity and home foreclosure in California's Central Valley, studying economic decision-making and the implications for parents and children. Throughout her career, she has researched and managed programs at the intersections of health, housing, and economic insecurity. She has worked in various roles, including managing a quality improvement initiative for community health clinics in her work with the California Primary Care Association and advocating for stronger financial protections for American families with Americans for Financial Reform. Elyse has a Ph.D. in Sociology from Northwestern University and a B.A. in Public and International Affairs from Princeton University.

MARISA KIRK-EPSTEIN *(she/her)*

Director, Research, Data, and Policy Analysis **Center for Best Practices** **No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength**

Marisa oversees the Center's research initiatives and the development of resources and analysis to support No Kid Hungry's advocacy work. Prior to joining Share Our Strength in 2015, Marisa worked for over five years in the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, Child Nutrition Division where she developed policy for the Summer Food Service Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. During that time, she was the project manager for the summer demonstration projects that tested innovative ways to feed low-income children during the summer. Marisa has a Master of Social Work from Columbia University and a bachelor degree in Psychology and Philosophy from the University of Washington. Marisa is originally from Hawaii, but no longer eats spam.

CINDY LONG

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service U.S. Department of Agriculture

Cindy was appointed as Administrator of USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) on September 13, 2021. Ms. Long previously served as the Deputy Administrator for FNS Child Nutrition Programs. She was responsible for all aspects of federal administration of the child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. In this role she has led FNS' implementation of the most significant restructuring of these programs in a decade. Ms. Long has also served FNS in other roles, including leadership of FNS regional offices and research and analysis initiatives in support of domestic nutrition assistance programs. She has vast experience in budget and appropriations issues, including several years with the Office of Management and Budget. She also has extensive experience in the private and nonprofit sectors. Ms. Long has an MPA in public policy and economics from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs, and a BA in economics from the University of Notre Dame. She has received numerous recognitions and awards, including multiple USDA Honor Awards.

STEPHANIE LOUP, MPH, RD, LDN (*she/her*)

Executive Director, Child Nutrition Programs Louisiana Department of Education

Stephanie is the Executive Director of Child Nutrition Programs at the Louisiana Department of Education. She holds a bachelor's degree in Sports Medicine and received her Registered Dietitian credentials and Master's in Public Health from the University of Minnesota. There, she specialized in maternal and child nutrition and local food systems. She oversees the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, the Summer Food Service Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Programs. She, her husband and two daughters own a small produce farm in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana where they provide local vegetables to the community.

MATT LYONS

Senior Director, Policy & Practice American Public Human Services Association

Matt is the Senior Director of Policy & Practice with the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA). In his role, Matt leads APHSA's influence strategies, advancing policy change across federal human services systems and driving state and local practice and process improvement reforms. Matt brings to APHSA extensive experience across an array of people-serving public systems, having led state- and local-level policy design and implementation within public benefits, housing, health, and workforce development programs. Matt brings his passion for tackling the finer points of policy details together with a clear North Star for equitable, community-centered systems to drive towards transformative change in human services.

MORGAN MCKINNEY *(she/her)*

Project Associate, Process Innovation American Public Human Services Association

Morgan is a Project Associate for Process Innovation at the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA). In her role, she works with state and local human service agencies to implement initiatives that lead to customer-centered, equitable business process improvements in coordination with aligned community and public sector partners. In her work, Morgan develops and implements strategies to authentically engage people with lived expertise in program design and evaluation. She is also the program manager for the Coordinating SNAP & Nutrition Supports program which seeks to align SNAP with other federal, state, and local nutrition supports to reduce hunger for children and families. In this capacity, she provides technical assistance to agencies and generates content and deliverables that align with program objectives.

RANDA MEADE MS, MPH, RDN *(she/her)*

Professional Development and Summer Feeding Specialist Tennessee Department of Education School Nutrition Program

Randa has significantly contributed to the implementation of vital nutrition initiatives. A self-proclaimed policy nerd, she serves as a subject matter expert for the team on all things summer feeding. Randa oversaw the implementation of Tennessee's rural non-congregate option for Summer 2023. She spearheaded Tennessee School Nutrition's emergency feeding operations in response to COVID-19, an effort that earned her the Governor's Excellence in Service Award in Fall 2020. Randa earned her Bachelor of Science in Dietetics from James Madison University and furthered her expertise with a Master of Science in Public Health Nutrition and a Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management from the University of Tennessee. She is also a registered dietitian.

CONSTANCE E. MOORE, MBA, MA, CCNP *(she/her)*

Sr. Food Compliance Officer, Nutrition Services YMCA of Memphis and the Mid-South

Constance is an experienced Child Nutrition Programs professional. With over 10 years of policy knowledge with the State of Tennessee government, Constance currently serves as Senior Food Compliance Officer for the YMCA of Memphis and the Mid-South. In her current role, Constance oversees CACFP and SFSP across several counties in Tennessee and Mississippi as well as the Y on the Fly program. Constance holds an MBA and MA in Information Technology Management from Webster University.

DANNY MINTZ, PHD *(he/him)*

Associate Policy Director, Safety Net Code for America

Danny is the Associate Director of Safety Net Policy at Code for America, where he works to improve access to public benefits. Prior to joining Code for America, Danny was Director of Safety Net Policy at the Louisiana Budget Project, where he worked to secure better access and more adequate benefits for SNAP, P-EBT, TANF, WIC, and Medicaid recipients, and school meal participants in Louisiana. Previously, Danny directed the interdisciplinary Food Studies Program and served as an instructor of English at Loyola University New Orleans. Danny holds a Ph.D. in English Language and Literature from the University of Michigan and a B.A. in English from Carleton College (Northfield, MN).

SAMANTHA MOZDIERZ, MSA, RDN, SNS *(she/her)*

SFSP Manager **Michigan Department of Education**

Samantha is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a Major in Dietetics and a Master's in Administration. She has worked with child nutrition programs for over 14 years. Samantha is the SFSP Manager with the Michigan Department of Education. Prior to joining the Michigan Department of Education, Samantha worked as a Food Service Director in local school districts within Southeast Michigan.

ASHLEY PAGE BOOKHART, MSW *(she/her)*

SNAP-Ed Program Coordinator **Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina**

Ashley is a Program Coordinator for the University of South Carolina's SNAP-Ed team. She works with food policy councils, nonprofits and libraries providing technical assistance on food system policy, system and environmental change. Through her work with local food policy councils in South Carolina, positive strides have been made to enhance the summer meals program. University of South Carolina SNAP-Ed has been a proud partner of No Kid Hungry since 2021.

RYAN PHI *(he/him)*

2023 No Kid Hungry Youth Ambassador **Hunger Intervention Program**

Ryan is currently a second-year student at the University of Washington majoring in economics with double minors in public policy and data science. He is a first-generation Vietnamese American interested in community work and driving positive social change through action. Ryan is passionate about discovering the intersection between economic theory, and the analysis of data as a means to understand socioeconomic issues prevalent across communities in the United States and abroad. Ryan was a No Kid Hungry Summer Youth Ambassador in summer 2023, where he worked at Hunger Intervention Program, a nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating food insecurity through its meal services and advocacy located in Seattle, Washington. He previously worked at Hunger Intervention Program as a high school summer intern, and Summer Activities Coordinator. His term with No Kid Hungry marked his third consecutive summer with Hunger Intervention Program where he reprised his role as Summer Activities Coordinator.

ASHLEY PUFFENBARGER

Program Manager I West Virginia Bureau for Family Assistance Policy

Ashley has a B.S. in Public Service Administration and Industrial Relations. Ashley has served the state of West Virginia in Family Assistance for over a decade. Ashley is most proud of the work she did during the COVID-19 pandemic for SNAP and the creation and implementation of P-EBT. In her free time, Ashley serves her local community as a girl scout leader and a little league coach. She is married with four children.

RIYA RAHMAN *(she/her)*

Senior Manager, Youth Engagement & Empowerment No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

Riya leads the youth engagement and empowerment work within the organization, working to increase equity and inclusion of youth voices within our No Kid Hungry campaign. With almost a decade of experience in the anti-hunger space at the national, state, and local levels, she has worked with organizations and school districts across the country to advance child nutrition programs. Riya has a master's from Tufts University and a bachelor's from Baylor University.

TYRA SHACKLEFORD *(she/her)*

Summer EBT Manager Chickasaw Nation

Tyra has served the Chickasaw Nation for 14 years and currently serves as the Summer EBT for children program manager. Since Tyra became manager in 2016, the program has expanded to serve approximately 47,000 students in 181 school districts within the Chickasaw Nation and Choctaw Nation tribal jurisdiction, as well as school districts in four counties just outside tribal boundaries. Tyra obtained a Master's in Business Administration from Oklahoma City University. She worked on the Chickasaw Healthy Eating Environments Research Study (CHEERS), an NIH-funded study aimed to improve Body Mass Index and blood pressure control among Native American adults with uncontrolled hypertension. This multi-level randomized trial, guided by a community-based participatory research orientation, was co-created by tribal and university partners, and was implemented within the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma. She and fellow speaker Hilary Brookins are listed as authors on A Food Box Intervention to Reduce Blood Pressure in Native American Adults With Hypertension: The CHEERS Study.

BILLY SHORE *(he/him)*

Founder and Executive Chair Share Our Strength

Billy founded Share Our Strength, the parent organization for the No Kid Hungry campaign, in 1984 with his sister Debbie. Billy has led the organization in raising more than \$1 billion to fight hunger and poverty and has won the support of national leaders in business, government, health, education, sports, and entertainment. Billy is also the chair of Community Wealth Partners, Share Our Strength's for-profit consulting firm which provides strategic consulting to help leaders and communities solve social problems. In addition to his work with Share Our Strength, Billy is a leading voice in the national conversation on hunger and poverty. He is the author of four books focused on social change, including "Revolution of the Heart" (Riverhead Press, 1995), "The Cathedral Within" (Random House, 1999), "The Light of Conscience" (Random House, 2004) and most recently, "The Imaginations of Unreasonable Men" (Public Affairs, 2010). He also hosts Add Passion and Stir, a weekly podcast that brings together high-profile chefs and change-makers to talk about the central role food plays in social justice.

COURTNEY SMITH *(she/her)*

Senior Vice President, Program Research, Innovation And Impact Share Our Strength

Courtney oversees the No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices, which identifies and promotes adoption of effective strategies, policies, and programs that center the needs of families and communities facing food and economic insecurity. She has extensive experience working to improve government programs and social policies. Before joining Share Our Strength in 2008, Courtney held research, consulting, and technical assistance positions at the National Governors Association, Berkeley Policy Associates, the Literacy Assistance Center of New York City, and the Program to Educate the Girl in Guatemala. Courtney has a master's in public policy from the University of California at Berkeley and bachelor's in English literature and women's studies from Grinnell College.

MARISSA SPADY, MS, RD *(she/her)*

Senior Manager **No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength**

Marissa is a registered dietitian and a Senior Manager for the No Kid Hungry campaign, covering both Tennessee and South Carolina. Over the last 7 years, Marissa has supported school nutrition departments and community-based organizations to build relationships and advocacy around the federal child nutrition programs, ensuring as many children as possible have access to these meals. Marissa obtained her undergraduate degree in dietetics from James Madison University and her master's in clinical nutrition from East Tennessee State University. Marissa worked briefly as a clinical dietitian before finding her passion in education and advocacy. Through her role at No Kid Hungry, Marissa continues to connect partners and programs, while improving accessibility and wellness aspects of nutrition for all children.

TALIE STOWELL *(she/her)*

2023 No Kid Hungry Youth Ambassador **Gallatin Valley Food Bank**

Talie is a student at Montana State University, studying nutrition and dietetics. In summer 2023, she worked as a No Kid Hungry Youth Ambassador with the Gallatin Valley Food Bank on their summer meals program. Her interest in anti-hunger work began from seeing a local organization address food insecurity in her community.

ELENI TOWNS *(she/her)*

Director **No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength**

Eleni is a Director of the No Kid Hungry State Campaigns at Share Our Strength. The campaign aims to end child hunger by increasing participation in the federal nutrition programs. In this capacity, Eleni leads a team working in more than 20 states to strengthen the school and summer meal programs. Previously, Eleni led the organization's state work in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, working with state agencies, school districts, and nonprofit partners. Prior to Share Our Strength, Eleni has worked as a policy analyst at Feeding America and the Center for American Progress.

KATIE TULLY *(she/her)*

Senior Manager, Fiscal Accountability Administration California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division

In Katie's regular role, she manages oversight of School Nutrition Programs procurement, contracts, and allowable costs. However, her responsibilities have grown to include P-EBT and Summer EBT administration for the California Department of Education in partnership with the California Department of Social Services. Katie is a proud public servant that is guided by the mission to expand and protect access to nutritious food. Prior to working at the California Department of Education, Katie worked as a government auditor where she acquired skills to uphold program integrity and affect public policy. Katie has a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and a minor in accounting from Sacramento State University. Katie spends her spare time hiking with her dogs, cooking, and worrying about her young adult children that are away at college.

JOSHUA VAUGHN *(he/him)*

Strategic Consultant Community Impact Council

Joshua is a dynamic HR professional at Connecticut Community Care, renowned for his commitment to community welfare and development. His profound involvement in community initiatives is reflected through his leadership in organizations like the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood Parent Cabinet, and the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society. With an MBA in Human Resources Management and a Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies from the University of Bridgeport, Joshua combines his academic prowess with a deep passion for social impact. His background includes roles in human services and the medical field, showcasing his versatile skillset and ability to interact with diverse groups. Joshua's dedication to community engagement extends beyond his professional duties, highlighting his role as a catalyst for positive change and inclusive growth within the community.

CAROLYN VEGA, MPH, RD *(she/her)*

Associate Director, Policy Analysis No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

Carolyn Vega leads the development of Share Our Strength's state and federal policy priorities, provides analysis of policy opportunities, and supports the government relations team. She joined Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign in 2015 and initially worked to expand access to the Afterschool Meals Program before focusing on policy beginning in 2020. Prior to that, she was a CACFP Specialist for the DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education and a National Nutrition Policy Fellow at the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC). Carolyn, a Registered Dietitian, holds a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from Ohio State University and a Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

LORRAINE WARD *(she/her)*

Director, Food Access and Nutrition Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance

Lorraine is the Director of Food Access and Nutrition with MA Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA). In her current role, she manages contracts with about 100 community organizations across the commonwealth that work with families to gain access to SNAP benefits. Additionally, she oversees an 8.3 million SNAP Nutrition Education program working with organizations to provide SNAP-Ed programming in MA. During the pandemic, she was part of the team that led the P-EBT program in collaboration with MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), reaching half a million students. Currently, Lorraine is spearheading the rollout of Restaurant Meal Program (RMP) and Summer EBT in MA.

REGIS WHALEY *(he/him)*

Senior Manager, Education & Training No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

Regis is responsible for identifying best practices and providing technical assistance to support our student eligibility work as well as overseeing projects related to our school meals modernization work. Prior to joining Share Our Strength in 2023, Regis worked for seven years at Three Square Food Bank, serving in numerous roles to build the organization's capacity to leverage data, technology, and policy to reduce hunger and food insecurity in Southern Nevada. He holds a B.A. in Psychology and a Master of Public Health from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He is currently a Bloomberg Fellow, completing his Doctor of Public Health degree at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

ZAHAVA (ZEE) ZAIDOFF, MRAS, CCDS *(she/her)*

Community Advocate

Zahava “Zee” lives in Hawaii county with her husband and teenage child. She holds several certifications including Masters Level Registered Addiction Specialist and Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Specialist. Working with the LGBTQIA+ community, fighting for disability rights, creating an equitable and just federal and state benefits system, removing stigma from the behavioral health narratives, and focusing on youth suicide prevention are main focuses of Zee’s advocacy and education work. Zee believes that authentic conversations and sharing of life experiences is the critical and missing piece in our systems, and that lived expertise must be elevated if lasting change is to be attained.

JASMINE ZANDI *(she/her)*

Out of School Programs Director Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance

Jasmine works with the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance as Out of School Programs Director with the No Kid Hungry campaign. In this role, Jasmine works closely with churches, community centers, libraries, and other community organizations to increase participation in federal meal programs for kids and teens through access to grants and technical support. Prior to this, Jasmine coordinated a citywide antihunger campaign through the local library system. Jasmine is currently pursuing her master’s in public service from the Clinton School’s online program and expects to graduate this spring. Much of her academic pursuits seek innovative ways to alleviate barriers to food and nutrition services across the state. In 2023, Jasmine was recognized for her work in nonprofits with an Arkansas Business “20 in their Twenties” award.



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