



2021 Policy Agenda

The Capital Area Food Bank is deeply invested in helping the people we serve gain access to the food they need today while also empowering them to build paths out of food insecurity in the long term. Advocating for programs and policies that reduce hunger and poverty is an essential part of that work. Our 2021 policy agenda outlines the proposals we will advance in each jurisdiction this year to have the greatest positive impact for our clients.

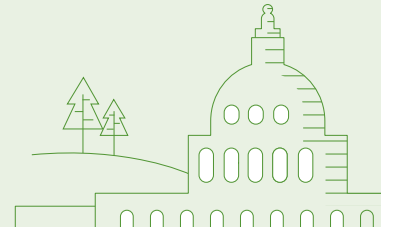
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL

- Increase the reach & impact of the SNAP benefit
- Incorporate food security measures into strategic & agency planning
- Enhance utilization of social welfare & income support programs
- Expand or create the Earned Income Tax Credit
- Pilot school meals programs to account for high cost of living



FEDERAL

- Increase the maximum SNAP benefit and expand eligibility
- Provide stimulus payments to groups excluded from the CARES Act
- Increase USDA commodity purchases to support TEFAP & CSFP
- Extend unemployment insurance benefit boost through duration of pandemic
- Expand WIC eligibility to age six



DC

- Repeal the Qualified Supermarket incentive
- Enforce & administer Breakfast After the Bell model
- Request the SNAP restaurant meals waiver & expand universe of online EBT retailers



STATE

MARYLAND

- Increase reach of the Maryland Meals for Achievement program
- Create the Maryland Agricultural Surplus System
- Implement the SNAP restaurant meals waiver

VIRGINIA

- Implement Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility
- Establish an agricultural surplus system & invest in the Grocery Investment Fund
- Modernize Medicaid to support new mothers & immigrants

LOCAL

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD

- Enhance transparency and data usage in the Stand Up & Deliver program
- Enlist all eligible schools in the Maryland Meals for Achievement program

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

- Enlist all eligible schools in the Maryland Meals for Achievement program
- Remove \$0.40 charge for reduced price school lunches

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VA

- Create a food commission
- Implement Breakfast After the Bell practice across school district

ALEXANDRIA, VA

- Create a food council

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA

- Subsidize adult meals at grab-n-go lunch sites

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA

- Instill a Health in All Policies governance paradigm

