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### **Child Nutrition Reauthorization Quick Facts**

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#### **What is Child Nutrition Reauthorization?**

Every 5 years, Congress reexamines the laws that govern child nutrition programs. There are three laws that govern the Child Nutrition Programs:

- The Richard B Russell National School Lunch Act
- The Child Nutrition Act of 1966
- The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004. Public Law 108-265 (which amended both the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act).

Collectively these laws are referred to as the Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill, or “CNR”.

#### **Which federal nutrition programs are part of CNR?**

- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)
- Special Milk Program

#### **What happened in the last reauthorization?**

There were a number of significant changes made in the 2010 reauthorization including:

- The expansion of afterschool suppers nationwide.
- Elimination of caps on the number of sites and children nonprofit sponsors can serve through the Summer Food Service Program.
- Simplified enrollment for low-income children in school meal programs.
- Strengthening of nutrition standards for school meals and food sold in schools.
- Strengthening of nutrition standards for Child and Adult Care Food Program.

#### **Summer Meals Act**

In preparation for Child Nutrition Reauthorization, Senator Murkowski and Congressman Young have introduced bipartisan legislation to improve the efficiency of summer meals. These companion bills – H.R. 5012 and S. 2527 - will reduce administrative burden, strengthen

programs, make the implementation of programs more efficient, and provide access to more hungry children in need. This Act will allow improvements to some of the logistical, cost, administrative, and eligibility barriers that keep children, especially those in rural areas (as is much of Alaska), from receiving the benefits of programs. It will also encourage more agencies to sponsor these programs once the inefficiencies and red tape are corrected.

To learn more about how to get involved with the advocacy efforts, such as adding your organization to the Summer Meals Act Sign-On Support Letter, email Mary Sullivan, Director of Advocacy and Agency Relations at [msullivan@foodbankofalaska.org](mailto:msullivan@foodbankofalaska.org).

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