Summer Meals: Promising Practices to Increase Participation

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The California Summer Meal Coalition

A cross-discipline network of state and local leaders dedicated to combating food insecurity and improving the health of California's kids by increasing access to USDA summer meal programs. The Coalition is a program of the Institute for Local Government (ILG). ILG is the non-profit research and education affiliate of:

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CSDA

California Special Districts Association

Districts Stronger Together

Opportunities for Partnership

- Making progress in CA: +10%
- Needs to sustain progress:
  - Activities, programming
  - Transportation
  - Outreach
  - Food Quality
- Opportunities for all agencies to be a part of addressing above while supporting own agency's goals

What's the connection?

Schools

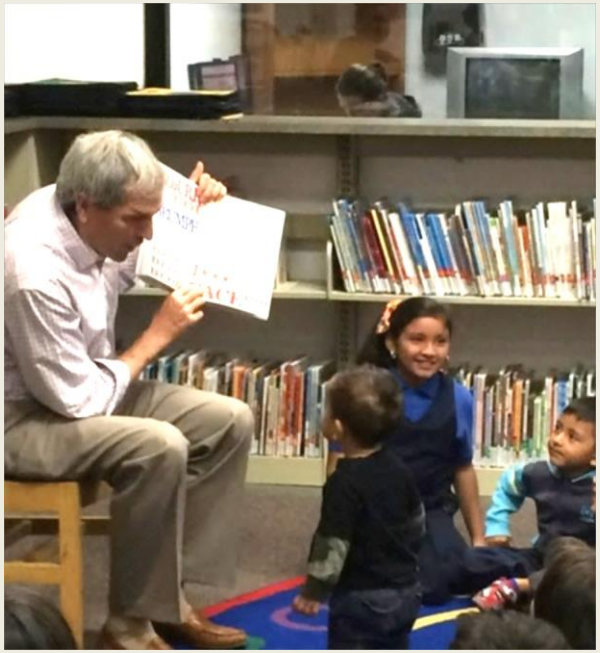
Faith and CBOs

Community Services & Public Safety

Public health & local ag.

CLA: Lunch @ the Library

- Partnership with California Library Association (CLA)
  - Established public libraries as summer meal sites
  - Partnered with summer reading, literacy and STEM, other library services
  - Generated community-wide collaborations with a range of agencies



- 2013: 17 libraries → 22,000 meals
- 2014: 65 libraries → 88,000 meals
- 2015: 100 libraries → 140,000 meals

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