

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:



**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?



Community Services & Public Safety

Schools



Faith and CBOs

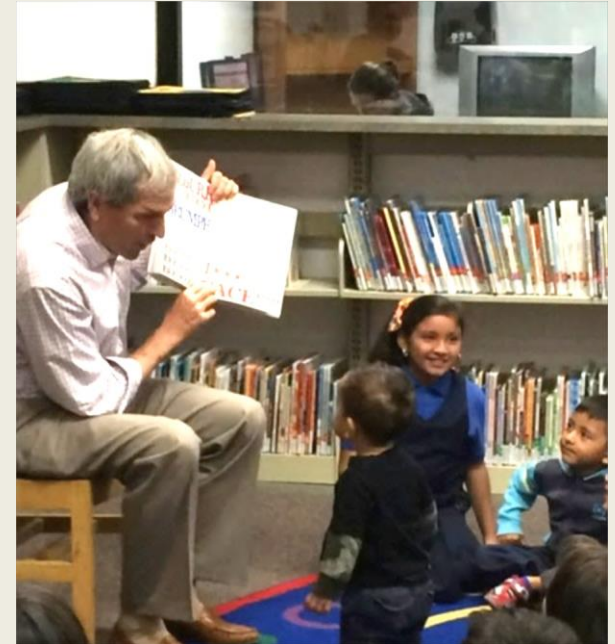


Public health & local ag.



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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