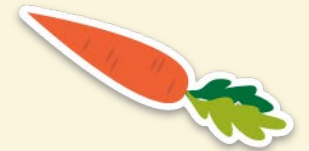
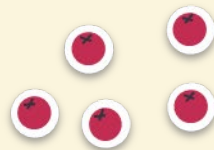




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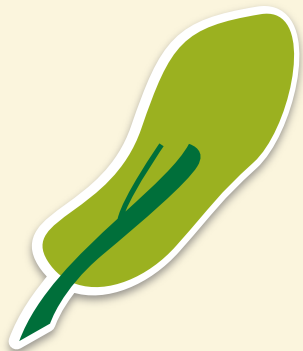


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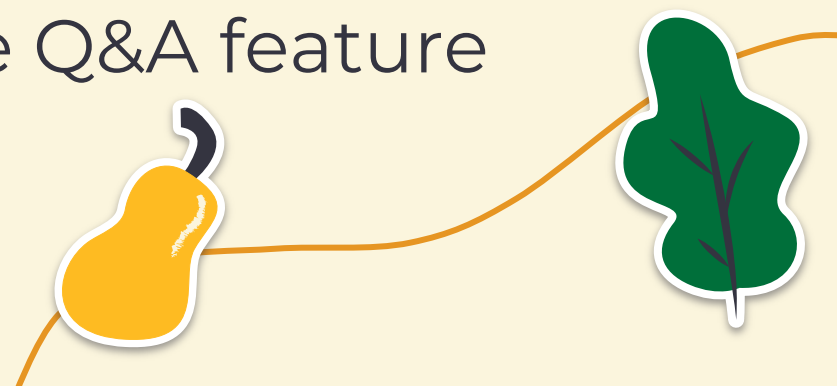
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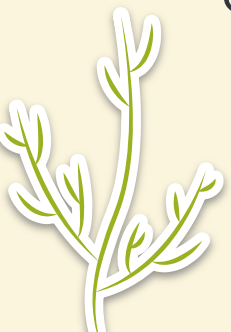






# Hi!

I'm Jessie Rosales, CACFP Branch  
Chief at the California Department  
of Social Services



# THANK YOU

to the CACFP—Stay Connected  
Webinar Production Team!



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## Ice Breaker

What is your go to comfort meal?

Let us know in the chat!



# LA County Parks & Rec



# Disaster Response: Actively Listen



## **CACFP Operators**

- Ask what support looks like



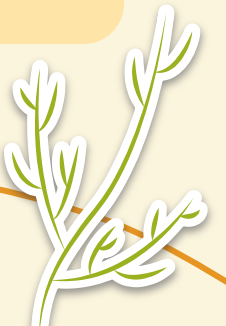
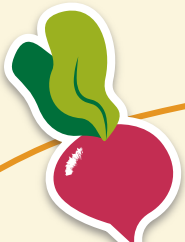
## **CACFP Roundtable**

- Facilitating Conversation



## **USDA Food & Nutrition Service**

- Explore what is possible; prepare for quick action

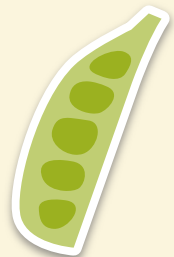






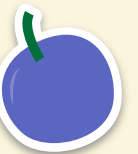
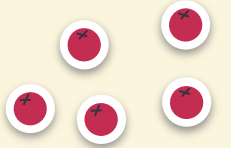
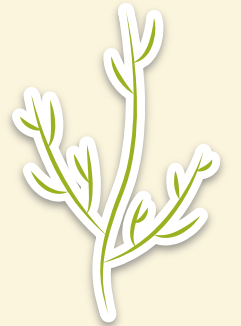
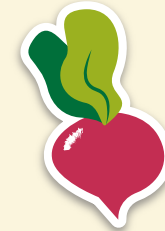
# Disaster Response: Take Action

- Identify existing flexibilities
- Write listservs and waivers
- Provide in-person support for operators
- Prepare our teams



# Agenda

- CACFP News
- Engagement and Equity Team Introduction
  - CACFP Partner Mapping & Engagement
  - CACFP Satisfaction Survey
  - CDSS Language Access Plan
- Engagement Activities Overview
- Q&A Forum with CACFP







# Celebrating the CACFP Community

## **Borrego Springs USD**

Award: Innovation in Nutrition Education

## **Fallbrook Union High School**

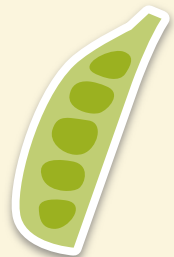
Award: Innovation in the Preparation of School Meals

## **Newman-Crows Landing USD**

Award: Innovation in the Preparation of School Meals & Innovative School Lunch Makeover

## **San Ysidro USD**

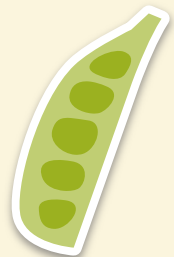
Award: Small and/or Rural School Food Authority Breakfast Trailblazer





# FARM 2 CACFP

- **Farm to CACFP Census** – several surveys for CACFP Operators to be offered in March and May. Please look for those announcements
- **Food and Farm Education Pilot Program** for CACFP Child Care Centers—starting June 2025
- **New USDA Funding:** Local Food for Schools and Child Care

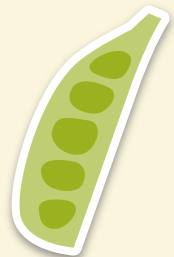
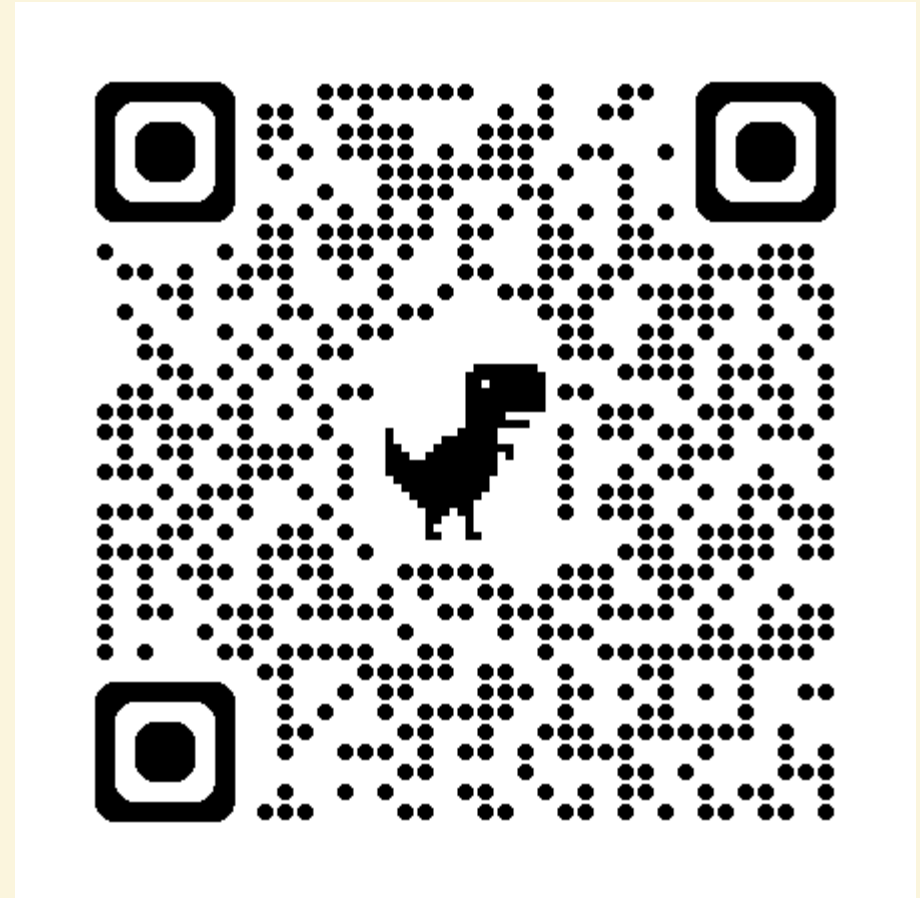




# Waiver Implementation

## Feedback Opportunity

- **Upcoming waiver releases:**
  - Non-congregate meal service during unanticipated school closures – impacting school food authorities operating at-risk afterschool sites
    - Community partner feedback session on February 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Non-congregate meal service during Ramadan



## Quarter Three Snapshot: A Look into the CACFP



The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) helps to serve hundreds of thousands of infants, children, and older adults each month! As California continues to grow the CACFP each year, let's look back at the accomplishments from April to June of 2024.

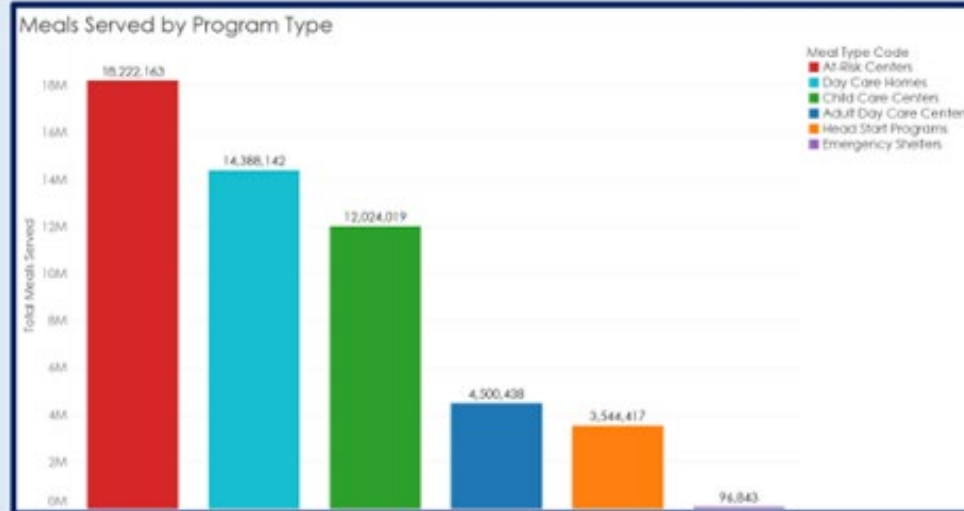
### Third Quarter Quick Facts

- 52,776,022 meals were served from April to June 2024.
- \$150,268,466 in meal reimbursements for program operators.
- 746,648 infants, children, and older adults received meals or snacks daily, on average.
- 23,614 total participating sites.

### Meals Served and Money Reimbursed

Program operators that participate in the CACFP are responsible for serving meals to participants, and the CACFP allows the operators to claim a portion of the meal cost, called a reimbursement.

### Total Meals Served by Program Type



An impressive 52,776,022 meals were served by CACFP participating sites in quarter three. Of these, the most common meal served was supper. At-Risk centers served the most meals, followed by Day Care Homes. While At-Risk centers mostly served suppers, Day Care Homes mostly served snacks.

# New CACFP Data Reports

- CACFP Data Snapshot
- CACFP Impact Report

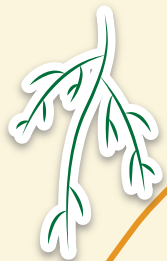


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# Meet the CACFP Engagement and Equity Unit

Presented by: Anne Wong





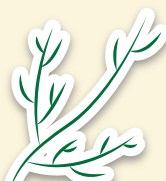
# The Engagement and Equity Unit

- Anne Wong, Engagement and Equity Manager
- Kaylie Nguyen, Strategic Communications Analyst
- Megan Williams, Partner Engagement Analyst
- Gustavo Roa, Equity Advancement Analyst
- Katie Klein, Equity Advancement Analyst



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Thank you!








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## Partner Mapping & Engagement

Presented by: Katie Klein



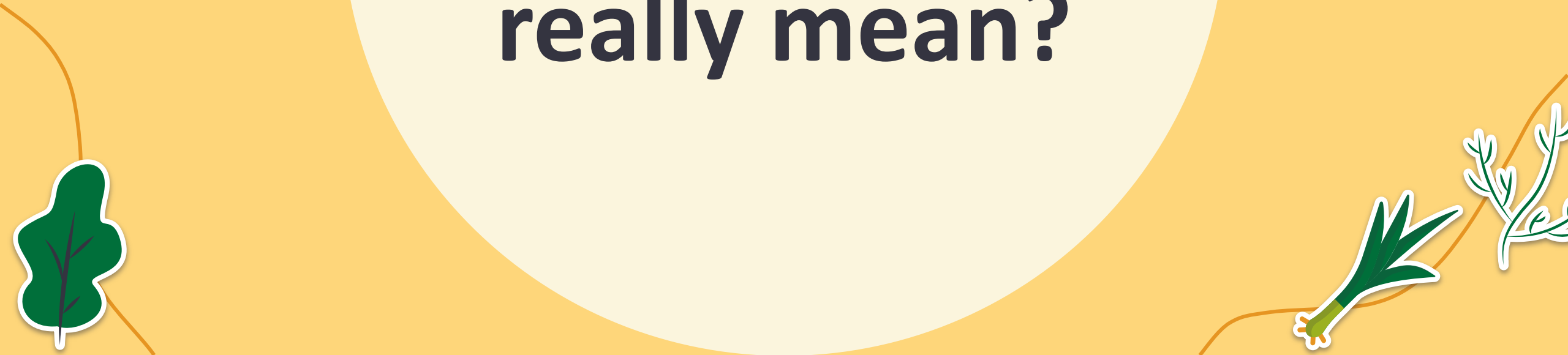
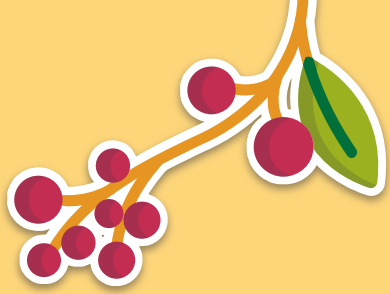
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## Partner Mapping and Engagement Main Points



- What does engagement really mean?
  - Spectrum of Engagement
- Partner Mapping
  - Identification of Partners
  - Purpose of Partner Mapping
- Feedback

**What does  
engagement  
really mean?**



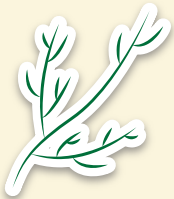
# Spectrum of Community Engagement to Ownership



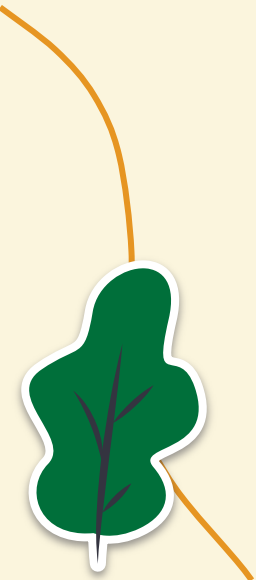
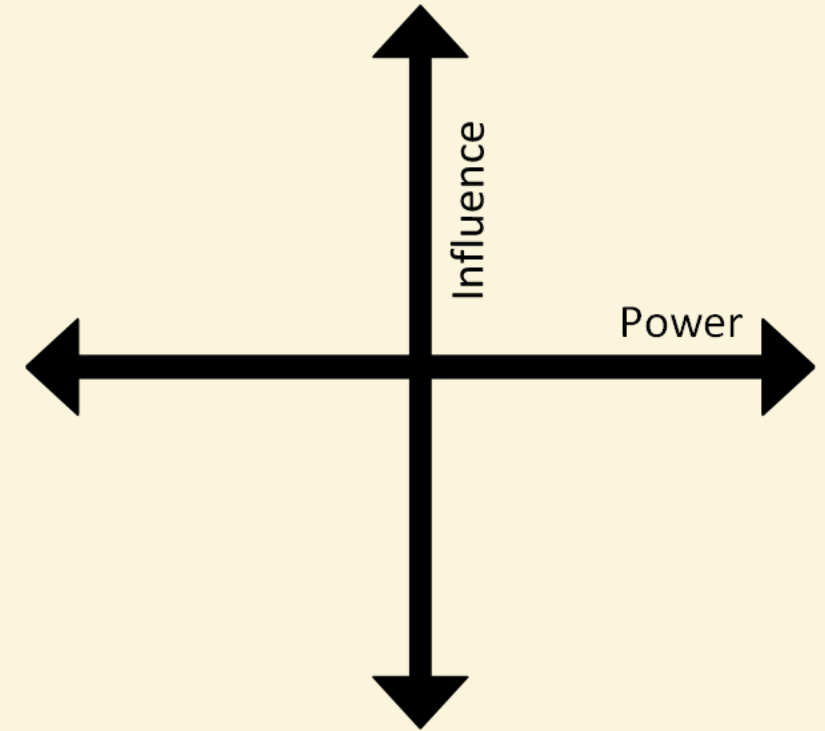
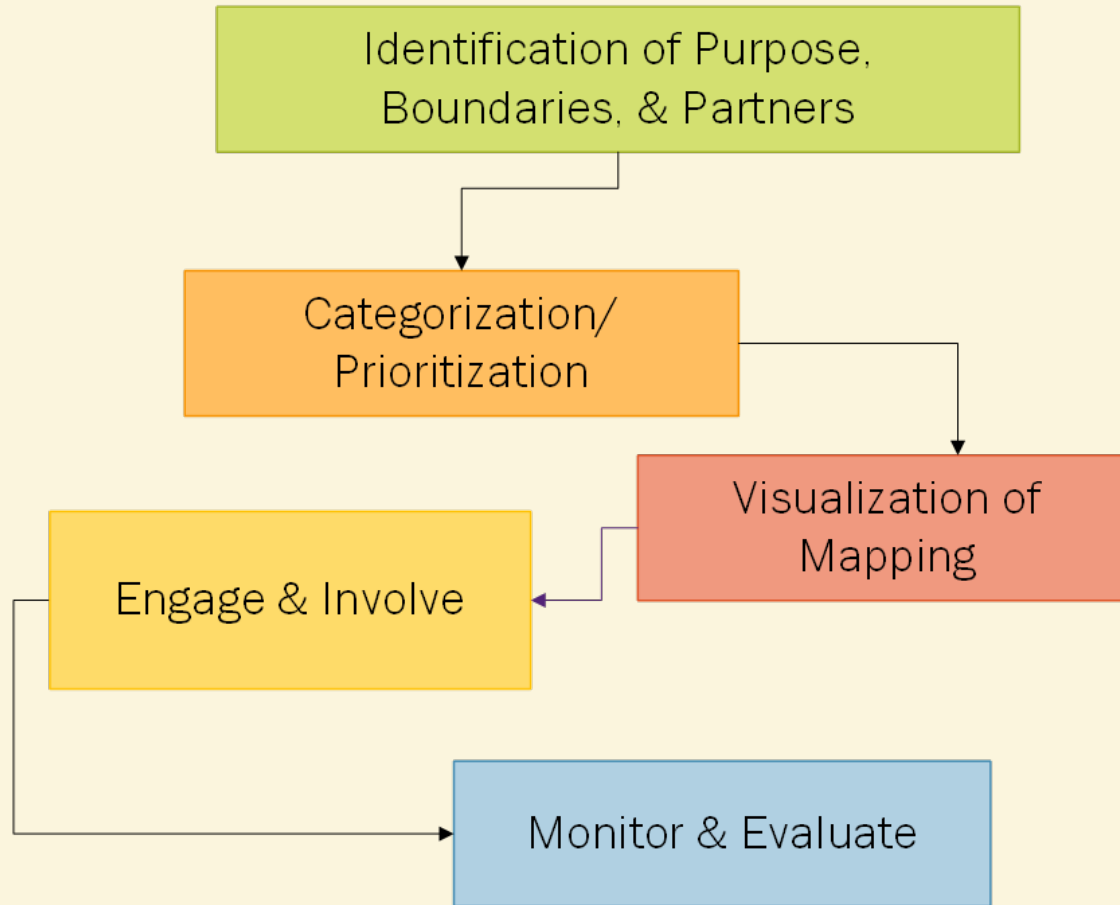


# Partner Mapping

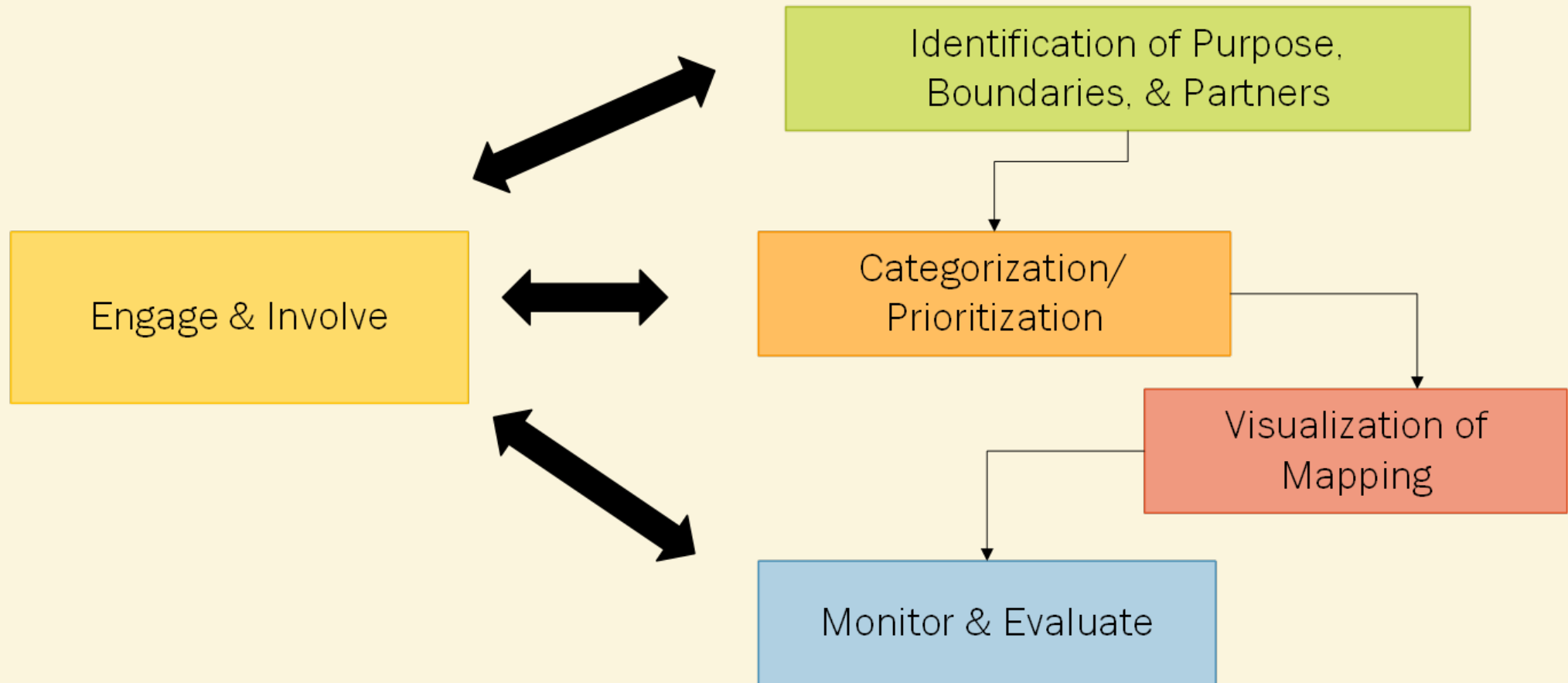
A process by which partners are identified, categorized, and visualized to convey their involvement/ roles/ power/ influence/ needs in relation to a project



# Conventional Partner Mapping



# Transformative Partner Mapping





# Purpose of Mapping

1

Establish  
Baseline Data

2

Enhance Operator  
Support

3

Decrease Admin  
Burden

4

Foster  
Relationships

5

Increase Meals  
Served





# Identification of Partners

- Identifying gaps in current list of partners
- Collecting information
- Determination of high-need, low-access regions

## Partner Engagement Feedback





# Salamat!

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## CACFP Satisfaction Survey

Presented by: Gustavo Roa

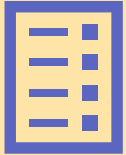




## CACFP Satisfaction Survey Main Points

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- Survey Background
    - Program Outcomes
    - Objectives
    - Development Timeline
  - Survey Information
    - CACFP Life Cycle
    - Feedback Areas
    - Logistics
  - Where can you take the survey?

# Survey Background



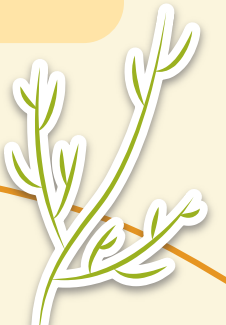
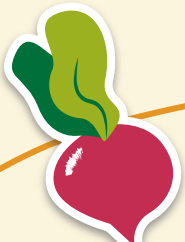
**CACFP Equity Plan**



**Establishment of the CACFP Equity Workgroup**



**Aim is to capture critical feedback from CACFP operators to inform program enhancements**





# Program Outcomes

## Equity

Equitable State  
Level Program  
Administration

## Reach

Expand reach  
to untapped  
communities

## Inclusivity

Reflect  
communities  
that CACFP  
serves

## Language Access

Increase access  
to threshold  
languages

# Survey Objectives

## Feedback

Gather feedback from CACFP participants

## Baseline Data

Develop a baseline with feedback data



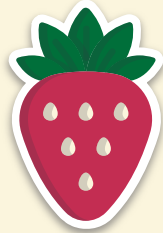
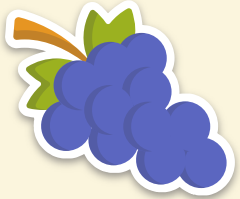
## Decision Making

Utilize data to inform program decisions

# Survey Development Timeline

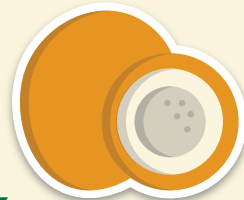
**Sept 2023 – April 2024**

Survey Development by  
CACFP Equity  
Workgroup



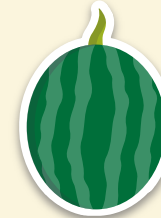
**May 2024 – June 2024**

Survey Testing by  
CACFP Branch



**July 2024 – Aug 2024**

Survey Pilot Testing  
with randomized  
operators



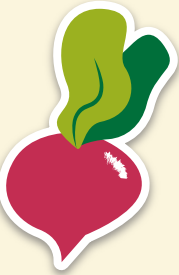
**Sept 2024 – Dec 2024**

Procedures, web  
pages, listserv  
development



**Jan 2025**

Survey is live



# Survey Information

Feedback Areas and Logistics





# CACFP Life Cycle

**Step 1:** Application and Program Policy

**Step 2:** Nutrition (including Menu Review) and Training

**Step 3:** Administrative Reviews

**Step 4:** Program Integrity

# Feedback Areas



**Application  
Process/Annual  
Updates**



**Admin Review  
Process/Program  
Compliance**



**Education  
& Training**



**Listservs &  
Bulletins**



**Web Pages**



**General  
Assistance**



**Civil  
Rights/Program  
Complaints  
Process**



**Other Service  
Area**




# Survey Logistics

- Survey is continuous and open to be taken at any time
- It takes only 5-10 minutes of your time to complete the survey

# How to Provide Feedback

You will find the survey through:

- [CDSS CACFP web page](#)
- Links in Signature Blocks
- At the end of presentations and webinars



The screenshot shows the CDSS CACFP website. The header includes the CDSS logo, navigation links (Benefits & Services, Information & Resources, Reporting, Data Portal, Careers With CDSS), and a search bar. The main content area is titled "Child and Adult Care Food Program" and includes a description of the program. Below this is a "Program Topics" section with a grid of 12 links: About CACFP, How To Apply, Resources, Fiscal & Reimbursements, Meal Patterns, Training, Civil Rights & Complaints, News, Events, & Webinars, Participants & Families, Administrative Review, Procurement, and COVID-19 Information. On the right side, there is a "Contact Us" section with the program's address, phone number, and email. Below this is a "Share your feedback!" section with a button that says "Share your feedback with the CACFP Branch" and "TAKE OUR SURVEY". A red circle highlights this button. At the bottom right, there is a "CACFP Listservs" section with a QR code and a "Quick Links" section.

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### Child and Adult Care Food Program

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a state and federally funded Child Nutrition Program designed to provide nutritious meals and snacks served to infants, children, and adults. CACFP providers are reimbursed for meals and snacks that are served. The goal of the program is to enhance participants health and well-being. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) CACFP Branch administers the program in California.

#### Program Topics

<a href="#">About CACFP</a>	<a href="#">How To Apply</a>	<a href="#">Resources</a>	<a href="#">Fiscal &amp; Reimbursements</a>
<a href="#">Meal Patterns</a>	<a href="#">Training</a>	<a href="#">Civil Rights &amp; Complaints</a>	<a href="#">News, Events, &amp; Webinars</a>
<a href="#">Participants &amp; Families</a>	<a href="#">Administrative Review</a>	<a href="#">Procurement</a>	<a href="#">COVID-19 Information</a>

#### Contact Us

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Sacramento, CA 95814  
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TAKE OUR SURVEY

#### CACFP Listservs

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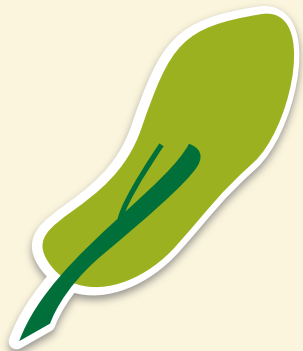
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We want to  
hear from you!





# Thank you to those who made this survey possible!

- CACFP Equity Workgroup
- Employee Focus Group
- Nutrition Administration and Support Unit
- Program Integrity Unit
- CACFP Leadership Team
- CDSS Research, Automation, and Data Division
- Operators that participated in the pilot testing





# Gracias!

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## CDSS Language Access Plan

Presented by: Kaylie Nguyen



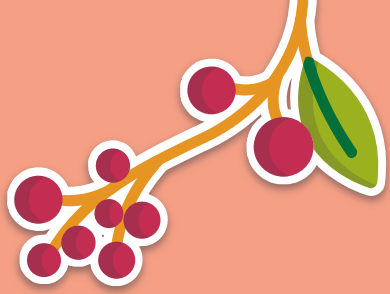


## CDSS Language Access Plan Main Points



- Language Access Overview
  - Background
  - Goals
  - Four-Factor Balancing Test
- Feedback

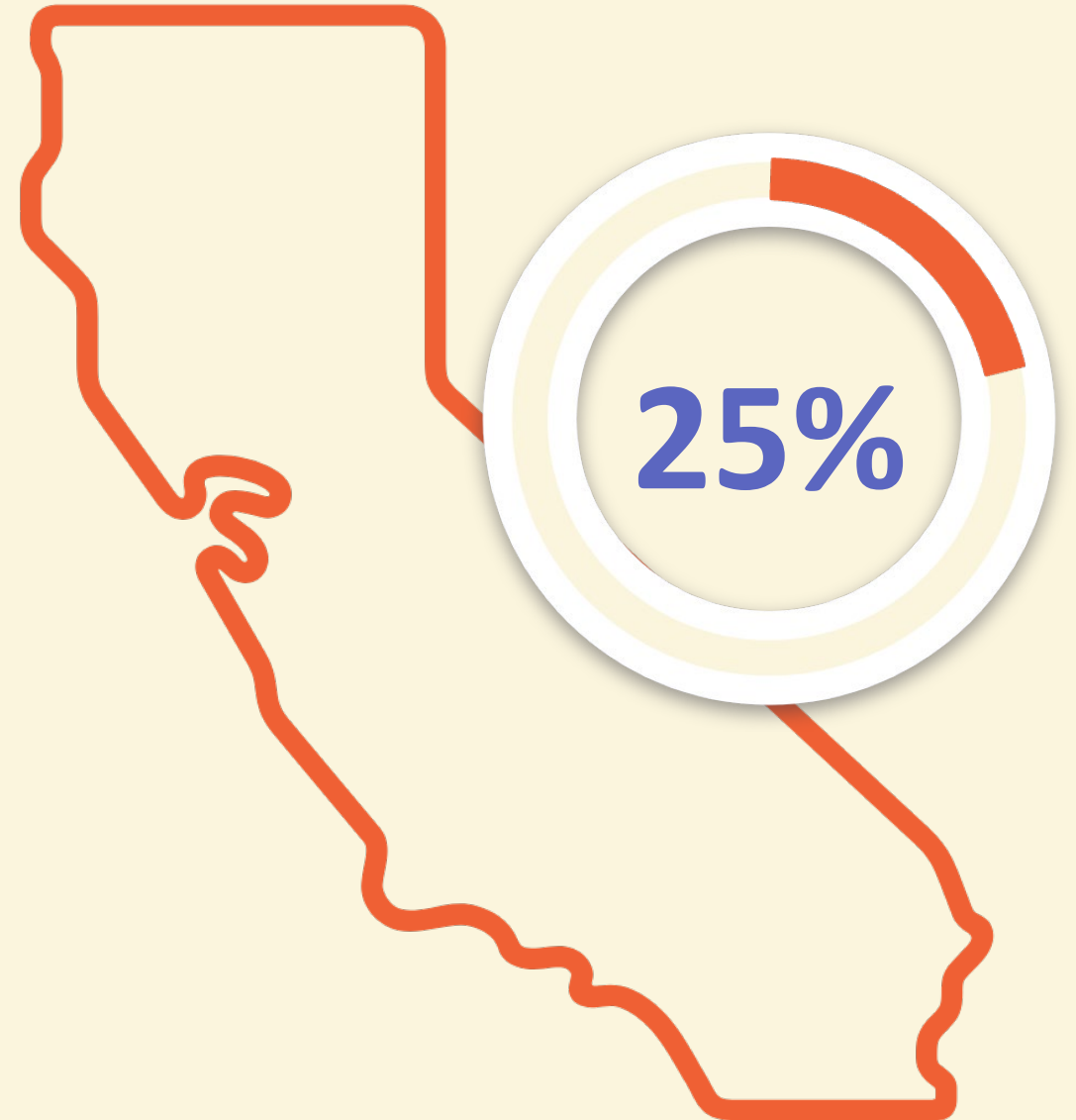
**What does  
language access  
mean?**





# Background

- Over 200 languages spoken in California
- 20% Californians have limited English proficiency (LEP)
- LEP definition:
  - Speak, read, write, or understand English “less than very well.”



# CDSS Language Access Timeline

**July 2023**

CDSS Language Access Workgroup convenes

**June 2024**

CDSS Language Access Plan finalized



**May 2023**

CalHHS adopts a Language Access Policy

**November 2023**

CACFP finalizes identification of vital documents

**November 2024**

CACFP vital documents in process of translation



# Language Access Goals



Provide  
meaningful  
access to info,  
programs,  
benefits, and  
services



To people with  
Limited English  
Proficiency (LEP)



Ensure language  
is not a barrier to  
access

# Four-Factor Balancing Test

## Proportion

Number or  
proportion of  
LEP served

## Frequency

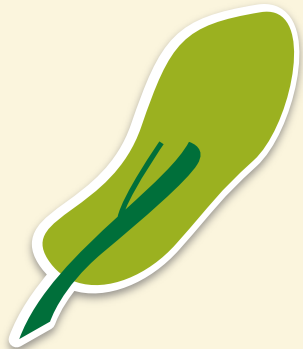
Frequency of  
contact with  
LEP individuals

## Importance

Importance of  
program or  
service

## Resources

Resources  
available to  
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# The Definition of “Vital”

CDSS considers the consequence to the program participant if the information in the document is not understood in a timely and accurate manner



# Top Five Threshold Languages



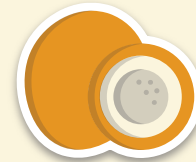
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## Language Access Feedback





# Cảm ơn!



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# CACFP Engagement Activities Overview

CACFP Trainings & Webinars

Partner Meetings

Conference Attendance

Communications





# CACFP Trainings



Meal Pattern  
Crediting  
Academy



CACFP 101

In Person and Virtual  
Trainings:

- CACFP 101
- Meal Pattern Crediting Academy
- Child Care Meal Quality Forums
- Child Care Nutrition and Physical Activity Forums



# CACFP Webinars



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CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
SOCIAL SERVICES

**CACFP**  
CHILD AND ADULT CARE  
FOOD PROGRAM

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**JULY 31  
2024 2-3:30 PM**

The purpose of the CACFP—Stay Connected quarterly webinar is to build partnership with the CACFP community and to promote excellence in the operation of the CACFP in California.


Join us to hear out about CDSS updates, CACFP policy support, and CACFP best practices!

## Webinars:

- CACFP—Stay Connected Quarterly Webinars
- Preschools SHINE Quarterly Webinar
- Farm to ECE Community of Practice




## **Farm to ECE Community of Practice Webinar - TONIGHT!**

- 
- Tonight at 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m
  - Farm to ECE programs support the health and wellbeing of young children in ECE settings through:
    - Exposure to local foods
    - Integrating nutrition and agriculture-based education
    - Providing hands-on learning in an edible garden



## **Farm to ECE Community of Practice Webinar - Overview**

- 
- State Agency Resources Share-out
  - Guest Speaker: Rachel Bymun, Family Child Care Owner of Luv Muffins Preschool and Child Care
  - Live Questions and Answers
  - Breakout Rooms



# Conference Attendance



CACFP Roundtable  
Conference



Black ECE Symposium



National Child Nutrition Conference



# Partner Meetings



## CACFP Roundtable Member Meetings



- Farm to CACFP Coalition Meetings
- California School Nutrition Association Public Policy & Legislation Meetings
- CDSS Childcare Development Division Contractor's Meetings



# Communications



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Dear Program Operator,

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is pleased to announce the 2024-25 CACFP (PY) 2024-25 CACFP is available on the [CDS](#)

- Listservs
- Social Media
- Texts
- Web Pages
- Outreach Flyers



## **Q&A Forum**

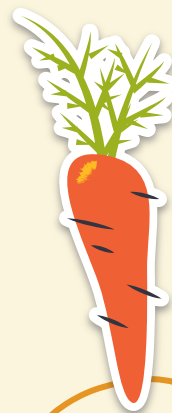
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Thank you!





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## Poll Question 3

Will you join us for our  
next webinar?





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CACFP—Stay  
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Webinar

April 30, 2025  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.





# Thank You!

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