



State of Iowa 2025 Policy Priorities

- **Ensure Iowa's annual participation in the Summer EBT (SUN Bucks) program**
- **Make improvements to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**
 - Raise income eligibility for SNAP to 200% of the federal poverty level
 - Reduce barriers in the application and recertification process through state options, such as repealing the asset test and participating in the Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP)
 - Provide state investment in the Double Up Food Bucks (DUFEB) program to incentivize the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables by SNAP participants
 - Ensure benefit adequacy through a state-funded \$50 minimum benefit
- **Provide Healthy School Meals for All in Iowa**
 - Increase access to free, high-quality school meals for K-12 students in Iowa
 - Support investment in school kitchen infrastructure and staff upskilling
- **Build on the success of the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Pilot Project**
 - Increase local purchasing matching funds to food banks and schools, and expand efforts to include food pantries, early child care centers, senior centers, and other emergency feeding organizations
- Support legislative efforts and collaborate with key partners to address the intersectional root cause issues of hunger and poverty such as housing, childcare, and wages

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