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Build Back Better includes critical investments in child nutrition that would help to alleviate hunger for the youngest Tennesseans.
Support it today!

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HUNGRY AT HOME IN TENNESSEE

Tennessee Children Need Nutritious Food in Summer

Families across Tennessee report difficulty feeding children without access to P-EBT, or free school meals, during the summer. A mother from Memphis, TN shared her family’s experience with nutrition assistance programs during the pandemic. She has a 10-year-old boy and a 15-year-old boy who both have an auto immune disease. She described how hard it has been feeding her children, especially during summer, while trying to keep them safe from COVID-19. [Read more here...](#)

You Can Help Feed Tennessee Families

Child food insecurity in Tennessee has reached critical levels. During the pandemic, 31% of children reported not having enough food to eat during the week. You can help feed Tennessee children by helping us connect families to lifesaving food resources. Help feed children across our state by [donating today!](#)



CHILD NUTRITION

USDA Will Update School Nutrition Standards

The USDA announced an update to school nutrition standards starting in school year 2022-2023. Improved nutrition standards will primarily focus on changes to whole grain, milk, and sodium intake standards that will allow school meal providers to serve nutritionally sound meals to children. For more information, [click here](#).

USDA Announces Boost for School Meals

Schools will receive a 22% funding boost this year to help provide nutritiously sound meals to children across the country. This boost in funding will help schools compensate for inflation and increased operational costs by providing an extra \$.25 per meal. [For more information, click here](#).

Join our New Parents Fighting Hunger Group!

Help us end child hunger in Tennessee and join the Parents Fighting Hunger group! Parents and guardians across Tennessee are welcome and will join forces to strengthen and elevate the importance of the nutrition assistance programs, like SNAP, school meals, P-EBT and WIC. [Fill out this survey for more information](#).

P-EBT

P-EBT Pending Approval from USDA

P-EBT is not yet available for the 2021-2022 school year. Children who miss school and school meals due to COVID-19 for 5 consecutive days or longer and are enrolled in free or reduced price school meals may be eligible once P-EBT is available.

We do not yet have information on when P-EBT will be available to eligible children in Tennessee. [Follow us on social media](#) and [sign up for our email alerts](#) to receive up-to-date information.

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Reminder: Maximum Allotment Ended in Tennessee

The pandemic maximum allotment for Tennessee SNAP participants ended as of January 1, 2022. Benefit amounts will now be determined based on income and resources like they were before the pandemic. If you or someone you know needs assistance with food because of a lower benefit amount, food banks and pantries are open across Tennessee. [Find one near you by using this link.](#)

Disaster SNAP Available for 12 Counties

Were you affected by the storms in Tennessee on December 10 and 11, 2022? You may be eligible for Disaster SNAP. Benefits are available for Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Gibson, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Obion, Stewart, Sumner, Weakley, and Wilson counties. For more information, and to apply, [click here](#). You must apply within the application window: Monday, February 14, 2022, to Friday, February 18, 2022.

Replacement SNAP for Lost Food Due to Ice Storm

Were you affected by the ice storms last week in the Memphis area and lost food due to power outages? You may be eligible for replacement SNAP to replace your lost groceries. [Click here for more information.](#)

Lost SNAP During the Pandemic? Fill out our survey!

Families across Tennessee are reporting issues staying on the SNAP program as the pandemic continues to deepen the food insecurity crisis in our state. If you lost your SNAP benefits, or if you work with folks who have fallen off, [please complete this survey.](#)

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Extra Money for Fruits and Vegetables

WIC families, remember to use your extra money for fruits and vegetables! The higher WIC benefit for fruits and vegetable is available through March 30, 2022. If you are pregnant, or breastfeeding, you can receive as much as \$43 or \$47 respectively to buy more fruits and vegetables. Children are eligible for \$24 in benefits. [Click here for more information.](#)

WIC Fruit and Vegetable Benefit Amounts

Category	Temporary CVB Amount
Child	\$24
Pregnant and Postpartum	\$43
Breastfeeding	\$47
Exclusively Breastfeeding with multiples	\$70.50

If you haven't received the higher amount you are eligible for, call your local WIC department now. [Find your WIC office here.](#) If they can't help call **1-800-DIAL-WIC** for assistance.

Applying for WIC During COVID

WIC offices remain closed for in-person visits, and appointments are being conducted by phone. Contact your [local office](#) to schedule an appointment. Ask questions or apply at 1-800-DIAL-WIC.

Davidson County Mobile WIC Clinics Reopen

WIC Mobile clinics are reopening in Nashville to serve clients who can't make it to WIC offices for certification appointments starting this month! [For more information, and to locate the clinic nearest you, click here.](#)

ADVOCACY UPDATES

Sign-on Letters to Support

Contact your legislators today to strengthen and increase accessibility to the nutrition assistance programs so that no Tennessean goes without food.

Support Extending More WIC Money for Moms to Buy Fruits and Vegetables! Pre-pandemic WIC benefits gave moms less than \$11/mo. to buy fruits and vegetables. With the benefit increase, mothers and children now receive \$24 - \$70/mo. to purchase healthy foods and stimulate local economies; set to expires on March 30 if Congress does not support an extension. [Urge Congress to extend the WIC fruit and vegetable \\$\\$s through September 30 so TN moms & children can afford healthy food.](#)

Build Back Better([H.R. 5376](#)) **must include Child Nutrition Provisions!** Tennessee children and schools need support healthy meals during the school year and P-EBT for children during the pandemic. [Support Build Back Better today!](#) [For more information, click here.](#)

Bills to Support

Urge your members of congress to support these bills today! [Find your representative here.](#)

Access to Healthy Foods for Young Children Act of 2021 ([S.1270](#))– Strengthens and expands the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) by allowing for another meal or snack, expanding eligibility, and increasing reimbursement rates for sponsors and providers.

Closing the Meal Gap Act of 2021 ([S.2192/H.R.4077](#))– Increases SNAP benefits, expands SNAP to include U.S. territories, and eliminates eligibility restrictions like time-limits.

Improving Access to Nutrition Act ([H.R. 175](#))– Eliminates 3-month time limit for SNAP and provides flexibilities for people seeking work while participating in SNAP.

Enhanced Access to SNAP Act ([S. 2515/H.R. 1919](#))– Provides flexibilities for low-income college students to access SNAP.

Military Hunger Prevention Act ([S.1488](#)) – Would create a basic needs allowance to help low-income military families put food on the table.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

SNAP Access Call (Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 10:00 am CT) – This is a monthly call to discuss SNAP advocacy, casework best practices, and nutrition program updates. E-mail aluttrell@tnjustice.org for more information and for the link to register.

Rural Hunger in TN (Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 2:00pm CT) – Join us for a conversation on the state of rural hunger and the unique barriers people face while trying to access food in rural communities. [Register today!](#)

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