

2016

CALIFORNIA HUNGER ACTION COALITION

# CHAC Policy Agenda



*The California Hunger Action Coalition believes access to adequate, nutritious and safe food is a fundamental human right. In 2015, CHAC will address poverty and hunger among low-income Californians by focusing on the following priorities:*

## It's time to address poverty & hunger in the state budget

- + Raise **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** above poverty level and restore the state COLA.
- + Restore the **CalWORKs COLA**
- + Eliminate the **CalWORKs Maximum Family Grant** rule.
- + Guarantee that low-income California students have access to breakfast by including “**After The Bell**” options during the school day.

## Provide nourishing food

- + Invest in the statewide fund for **nutrition incentives**, created by AB 1321 (Ting), to expand benefits for healthier food purchases.
- + Implement an **EBT water supplement** for families in areas with no potable water.
- + Strengthen the **State Emergency Food Assistance Program**.
- + Pass AB 1577 (Eggman) to renew **tax credits** for donations of healthy food to food banks.
- + Implement **summer EBT** in remote areas with no access to summer food for children.
- + Require **public charter petitions** to address the provision of free or reduced price school meals for low-income students.

