National Collaborative for Infants & Toddlers and the National WIC Association

9/25/23

The Honorable Patty Murray	The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair	Vice Chair
Appropriations Committee	Appropriations Committee
U.S. Senate	U.S. Senate
The Honorable Kay Granger	The Honorable Rosa De Lauro
Chair	Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee	Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives	U.S. House of Representatives

Re: Participation Estimates, The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chair Granger, and Ranking Member DeLauro,

Since 1974, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) has strengthened food security, improved diet quality, and supported a strong start in life for America's youth. Recent data show WIC participation exceeding previous projections as more families are accessing WIC's vital nutrition services. In recognition of WIC's health benefits and increasing participation, the more than 600 undersigned national, state, and local organizations representing maternal and child health organizations, family support advocates, and research partners respectfully urge Congress to include sufficient resources in a short-term Continuing Resolution to ensure that WIC can continue providing all eligible women, infants, and children who seek to participate with the full, science-based nutrition benefit. We also call on Congress to fully fund WIC for fiscal year 2024 to sustain current benefits and increasing participation.

WIC Improves Participants' Health

WIC has a proven track record of reducing hunger, improving diet quality, and preventing disease. WIC participants are four times more likely to be food secure than eligible non-participants; enrollment during pregnancy is associated with a decreased risk of household food insecurity after birth.¹ When introduced in 2009, WIC's fruit and vegetable cash value benefit (CVB) increased fresh fruit consumption by 28.6 percent, frozen vegetable consumption by 27.8 percent, and fresh vegetable consumption by 17.5 percent.² The CVB bump passed by Congress in 2021 and extended on a bipartisan basis in subsequent appropriations legislation further increased fruit and vegetable consumption by an average of ¼ cup per day.³ WIC alleviates food insecurity and nutrition insecurity significantly, reducing the risk

¹ Insolera, N., Cohen, A., & Wolfson, J. A. (2022). SNAP and WIC Participation During Childhood and Food Security in Adulthood, 1984-2019. *American Journal of Public Health*, *112*(10), 1498–1506. <u>https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2022.306967</u>

² Andreyeva, T., & Luedicke, J. (2015). Incentivizing fruit and vegetable purchases among participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children. *Public Health Nutrition*, *18*(1), 33–41. <u>https://doi.org/10.1017/S1368980014000512</u>

³ Ritchie L, Lee D, Felix C, Sallack L, Chauvenet C, Machel G, Whaley SE. Multi-State WIC Participant Survey: Cash Value Benefit Increase During COVID. The National WIC Association and Nutrition Policy Institute, University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. March 2022.

of cardiovascular disease of all participants⁴ and supports brain development and immunization rates in young children⁵.

Additional Resources Needed to Ensure Continuation of Benefits

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) previously estimated that 6.5 million people would participate in WIC during fiscal year 2024. However, recently released data show that participation exceeded 6.7 million individuals in June 2023, with participation expected to continue to increase. Growing participation reflects WIC's reduction of administrative barriers through modernization efforts and flexibility, the efficacy of the fruit and vegetable benefit, as well as rising food costs⁶.

If WIC does not receive the necessary investment for FY24, hundreds of thousands of postpartum women and children will be turned away from the program. Moreover, a lack of additional resources could further lead states to take measures to bring spending in line with available funds, such as scaling back outreach efforts, reducing clinic staff, shortening clinic hours, or even turning away eligible applicants⁷.

WIC Must Be Fully Funded to Meet Participation

Beyond the provision of additional resources, we urge Congress, as it works to complete appropriations bills for the 2024 fiscal year, to maintain nearly thirty years of precedent by keeping WIC fully funded for all eligible women, infants, and children who seek benefits. Unfortunately, the proposed appropriations for WIC in the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration appropriations legislation would leave many WIC participants with limited or no benefits, leading to a waitlist for the first time in decades.

The proposed \$6.3 billion funding level for WIC in the Senate Agriculture appropriations bill (S. 2131), would require states to turn away an estimated 600,000 postpartum women and children⁸. Failure to provide WIC with the resources to serve projected caseloads jeopardizes the health and well-being of thousands of mothers and young children.

The House Agriculture appropriations bill (H.R. 4368) funds WIC at \$6 billion, with a \$500 million rescission⁹. This bill, if enacted, would not only result in eligible applicants getting turned away but also reduces benefits. Specifically, 600,000 participants would be turned away and the current allocation of

⁴ "Food Insecurity's Long-Term Health Consequences," www.heart.org, January 3, 2022, https://www.heart.org/en/news/2021/09/22/food-insecuritys-long-term-health-consequences.

⁵ National WIC Association. "2023 State of WIC Report: Building the Bridge to a Healthier Future." WIC Research, Policy and Practice Hub, 2023. https://thewichub.org/2023-state-of-wic-report/.

⁶ Bergh and Neuberger, "Hundreds of Thousands of Young Children and Postpartum Adults Would Be Turned Away from WIC under House and Senate Funding Levels," 4–5.

⁷ Bergh and Neuberger, "Hundreds of Thousands of Young Children and Postpartum Adults Would Be Turned Away from WIC under House and Senate Funding Levels," 2.

⁸ Neuberger, Zoë, and Katie Bergh. "600,000 Young Children and New Parents Could Be Turned Away Unless Congress Adheres to a 25-Year Bipartisan Commitment to Fully Fund WIC." *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities* (blog), September 11, 2023.

https://www.cbpp.org/blog/600000-young-children-and-new-parents-could-be-turned-away-unless-congress-adheres-to-a-25.

⁹ National WIC Association. "House Advances Bill To Cut Food For WIC Families," n.d. https://www.nwica.org/press-releases/house-advancesbill-to-cut-food-for-wic-families.

the CVB would be cut by 56 to 70 percent, reducing fruit and vegetable availability and consumption for another 4.7 million participants¹⁰.

For nearly 30 years, there has been a bipartisan agreement in Congress to provide WIC with the resources necessary to serve every eligible woman, infant, and child. We strongly urge lawmakers to honor this commitment, providing an urgently needed investment in a Continuing Resolution and fully funding WIC in the FY24 Appropriations law, so that no woman or child is turned away from the program and no participant has their benefits cut. We urge both the House and Senate to continue their bipartisan support for full funding of WIC so that mothers and their young children can lead a food and nutrition secure healthy life.

Sincerely,

National Collaborative for Infants & Toddlers National WIC Association

1,000 Days, an initiative of FHI Solutions A Better Balance Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors ACA Consumer Advocacy Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics ADAP Advocacy Advocates for Better Children's Diets All Our Kin Alliance to End Hunger American Academy of Pediatrics American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists American Heart Association American Medical Women's Association American Public Health Association Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs Association of State Public Health Nutritionists Autistic People of Color Fund Benefits Data Trust (BDT) Black Mamas Matter Alliance, Inc. (BMMA) Blaze Associates Bread for the World **Caring Across Generations Catholic Charities WIC Program** Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) Center for Public Justice Center for Science in the Public Interest Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) Child & Student Nutrition Alliance Child Welfare League of America

¹⁰ Neuberger and Bergh, "600,000 Young Children and New Parents Could Be Turned Away Unless Congress Adheres to a 25-Year Bipartisan Commitment to Fully Fund WIC."

Children's Defense Fund Children's HealthWatch **Church World Service Circle of Protection Coalition on Human Needs Community Access National Network** Community Change Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces **Congressional Hunger Center** Council of Administrators of Special Education **Danone North America** Early Actions **Environmental Working Group Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** Family Centered Treatment Foundation Family Focused Treatment Association **Family Voices** FARE (Food Allergy Research and Education) **Feeding America** First Focus on Children Food is Medicine Institute at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) FoodCorps Food Lifeline Foster Love Friends Committee on National Legislation **Generations United Global Military Lactation Community GMO/Toxin Free USA** Grubhub Healthy Teen Network HEAR US Inc. Help Me Grow National Center Hunger Free America Inc. Institute for Educational Leadership Integrated Community Solutions, Inc International Fresh Produce Association Jewish Council for Public Affairs Jewish Labor Committee Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. League of Women Voters of the United States LIFT Inc. March For Moms MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger Mental Health America Military Family Advisory Network (MFAN) MomsRising National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities National Association of Counsel for Children National Association of Counties (NACo) National Association of County Human Services Administrators National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners National Association of Social Workers National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) National Center on Adoption and Permanency National Council of Churches National Council of Jewish Women National Diaper Bank Network National Education Association National Health Care for the Homeless Council National Immigration Law Center National Indigenous and Native American WIC Coalition National Juvenile Justice Network National League for Nursing National Military Family Association National Resource Center on Domestic Violence National Skills Coalition National WIC Association National Women's Health Network National Women's Law Center Nemours Children's Health Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies **Operation Homefront Oxfam America** Pajama Program Parents as Teachers ParentsTogether ParentsTogether Action Poverty Project at the Institute for Policy Studies Primary Care Development Corporation **PsychArmor Institute** Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK) **Public Health Institute** Rabbinical Assembly **Reproductive Health Impact** RESULTS **Rural Coalition** RuralOrganizing.org Education Fund Save the Children SchoolHouse Connection Shades of Blue Project Shriver Center on Poverty Law Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership

Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior Society for Public Health Education Sojourners-SojoAction Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders The Armed Services YMCA of the USA The Root Cause Coalition Trust for America's Health U.S. Breastfeeding Committee UnidosUS Union of Concerned Scientists Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice United Church of Christ, Justice and Local Church Ministries Vaccinate Your Family Youth Villages ZERO TO THREE <u>Alabama</u> Alabama Arise Alabama Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics Alabama Possible Feeding Alabama Food Bank of East Alabama Franklin Primary Health Center, Inc. Greater Birmingham Ministries Harvest Tyme Food Ministries

<u>Alaska</u>

Alaska Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Alaska Children's Trust

<u>Arizona</u>

Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children Arizona Center for Economic Progress Arizona Food Bank Network Arizona Head Start Association Children's Action Alliance Navajo County Superintendent of Schools William E. Morris Institute for Justice

<u>Arkansas</u>

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance

<u>California</u>

AAP-Orange County Chapter Abrazar, Inc. Alameda County WIC Alchemist CDC American Academy of Pediatrics, California American Red Cross WIC Ampla Health WIC **BreastfeedLA Butte County WIC** California Association of Food Banks California Breastfeeding Coalition California WIC Association Center for Healthy Communities **Ceres Community Project** Child Care Law Center Children Now City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services Clinica Sierra Vista **Community Bridges WIC Community Medical Centers, Inc WIC**

Community Resource Project WIC Contra Costa County WIC County of Sonoma WIC County of Ventura **Del Norte County WIC Program** California Alternative Payment Program Association DHHS County of Humboldt WIC El Dorado County Health Department El Sol Science and Arts Academy Equality California First 5 Alameda County First 5 Sacramento FM&LCE Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission Fresno EOC WIC **Gardner Health Services** Garfield Medical Center GLIDE **GRACE/End Child Poverty California** Heluna Health WIC Program Hunger Action Los Angeles Invo County Department of Health and Human Services Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles LA Alliance for a New Economy LA CAN (Los Angeles Community Action Network) Los Angeles Regional Food Bank Lundquist WIC Maryvale Early education Center MCCAA- Merced WIC Mendocino Food & Nutrition Program dba Fort Bragg Foos Bank Montessori Academy of La Puente NEVHC Northeast Vally Health Corp.-WIC Nourish California **Older Women's League Sacramento** Partners in Care Foundation Pasadena WIC Program PHFE WIC **Red Jen Ford Health & Wellness** San Bernardino County WIC Program San Diego County Breastfeeding Coalition San Francisco AIDS Foundation Sanctuary of Hope SDSU WIC Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County Solano County Health & Social Services Sonoma County Indian Health Project, Inc. Sonoma County WIC

The Childrens Collective Inc The Community Development Center, Inc Thriving Families California UIHS WIC PROGRAM Watts Healthcare Corporation Yolo County Food Security Coalition

<u>Colorado</u>

Adams County Health Department American Academy of Pediatrics, Colorado Chapter Children's Hospital Colorado Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger Colorado Children's Campaign Early Childhood Education Association of Colorado Good Food Collective Hunger Free Colorado Metro West Housing Solutions Nourish Colorado

Connecticut

Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families Danbury Farmers Market Community Collaborative Ellington Farmers Market End Hunger Connecticut! Gather New Haven The Connecticut Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Coalition Town of Westbrook, CT, Social Services Wethersfield Farmers' Market Willimantic Farmers Market

<u>Delaware</u>

Delaware Head Start Association Food Bank of Delaware

District of Columbia American Academy of Pediatrics, DC Chapter D.C. Hunger Solutions DC Action for Children DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence DC Greens Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA)

<u>Florida</u> Children's Trust of Alachua County Florida Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics, Inc. Florida Impact Starlight Holy Temple Georgia Atlanta Community Food Bank Feeding Georgia Frey Evaluation, LLC NCJW Atlanta Section NCJW Georgia Neighborhood Improvement Association Thriving Families Thriving Children Voices for Georgia's Children

<u>Hawaii</u> Get Fit Kauai Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice Hawaii Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks! Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. Waimanalo Health Center

<u>Idaho</u>

Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force

Illinois

Bethel New Life Beyond Hunger Brightpoint Chinese American Service League **Chosen Tabernacle Ministries** Equal Hope Greater Chicago Food Depository Hazel Crest Community UMC Food Pantry Illinois Hunger Coalition Illinois Public Health Institute Kids Above All **Metropolitan Family Services** National Council of Jewish Women Chicago North Shore **NCJW Illinois NCJW South Cook Section** Northern Illinois Food Bank **Raising Illinois PN3 Coalition** Safer Foundation Share Our Spare SIUE Early Childhood Center The Friendship Center Well Child Center Wings Program, LLC Women Employed

<u>Indiana</u> Feeding Indiana's Hungry Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute

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American Academy of Pediatrics - Iowa Chapter Common Good Iowa

<u>Kansas</u>

Johnson County Kansas WIC Program Kansas Action for Children Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition Kansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Konza Prairie Community Health Center WIC Riley County WIC

<u>Kentucky</u>

Feeding Kentucky Kentucky Center for Economic Policy Kentucky Equal Justice Center Kentucky Food Action Network Kentucky Voices for Health Mental Health America of Kentucky

<u>Louisiana</u>

Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families ResourceFull Consulting Total Community Action, Inc.

Maine

Full Plates Full Potential Good Shepherd Food Bank Locker Project Maine Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Maine Children's Alliance Maine Equal Justice

Maryland

Black Veg Society Gaithersburg HELP Manna Food Center Maryland Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP) Maryland Hunger Solutions NCJW Maryland Public Justice Center RESULTS DC/MD The Richman Foundation Voices of Hope, Inc. Massachusetts Allston Brighton Health Collaborative **Boston Children's Hospital** Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (CEOC) Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) Disability Law Center, Inc. Food Bank of Western Massachusetts **Gleason and Greenfield Pediatrics Housing Families Inc** Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health International Institute of New England Just Roots. Inc. Lane Gardens-Oakdale Farms Massachusetts Law Reform Institute Merrimack Valley Food Bank Mill City Grows MLPB Mobile Ministries, Inc. Our Neighbors' Table **People Power United** Project Bread-The Walk for Hunger Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership Strategies for Children The Greater Boston Food Bank The Marion Institute's Southcoast Food Policy Council The Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics United Way of Greater New Bedford YMCA Southcoast

Michigan

Andrea's Daycare Center for Civil Justice Michigan Council for Maternal Child Health Michigan League for Public Policy Pathwaves Partnership LLC PIE Parenthood is Essential Sarah's Daycare

<u>Minnesota</u>

Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Our Spring Lake Store LLC West Central Initiative Parents In Community Action-Head Start

<u>Mississippi</u>

Magnolia Medical Foundation Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Missouri

Empower Missouri Epiphany United Church of Christ Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church Missouri Budget Project Missouri Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Operation Food Search St Louis Area Foodbank WEPOWER

Montana

Montana Budget & Policy Center Montana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Montana Food Bank Network YWCA Great Falls

<u>Nebraska</u>

Angela Blaesi's Childcare Community Action of Nebraska DHHS Nebraska State WIC Program Nebraska Appleseed Together Voices for Children in Nebraska

<u>Nevada</u>

Food Bank of Northern Nevada Nevada Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Silver State Equality

New Hampshire

Hanover Co-op Food Stores of VT & NH Heron Pond Farm New Hampshire Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics New Hampshire WIC Directors Association NH Hunger Solutions

Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire (NOFA-NH)

<u>New Jersey</u> Advocates for Children of New Jersey Burlington County WIC Program Fulfill Hunger Free New Jersey

<u>New Mexico</u> New Mexico Voices for Children New York **ADK Strategy Group** Catholic Charities of Long Island WIC **Chemung County Health Department** Citizen Action of New York **City Harvest** Cornerstone Family Healthcare WIC Program **Dominican Sisters of Sparkill** East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center WIC Program Eastside WIC Program **Essex County NY WIC** Feeding New York State Fellowship Baptist Church of Wyandanch Fifth Avenue Committee Food Bank of Central New York Food Bank of the Southern Tier Foodlink Fulmont Community Action Agency WIC Program Harmony Healthcare Long Island Health & Welfare Council of Long Island HHC Hunger Solutions New York Johnson Park Center (JPC) Lab/Shul LifeWorks Community Action, Inc. Long Island Cares, Inc. - The Harry Chapin Food Bank LSA Family Health Service, Inc. Mexico (NY) Food Pantry Morrisania D&TC WIC Program New York Jewish Agenda NYS AAP - Chapter 2 NYS AAP - Chapter 3 NYS Chapter 1 of the AAP **Public Health Solutions Resurrection House, Inc.** Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy Sisters of Charity of New York St. Barnabas Health Systems WIC Program St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc. St. Martin of Tours Outreach Center Stony Brook University SUNNYSIDE WIC The Children's Agenda United Way of Buffalo & Erie County Westchester County Department of Health WIC Association of NYS, INC

North Carolina Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy Hunger Solutions Consulting Little Listeners of the Carolina's Loaves & Fishes/ Friendship Trays Meals4Families NC Conference of the United Methodist Church NC Early Education Coalition North Carolina Alliance for Health P.O.S.T. Protect Our Stolen Treasures Think Babies, NC Alliance Toxic Free NC

<u>North Dakota</u> North Dakota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

<u>Ohio</u>

Black Child Development Institute-Ohio Children's Hunger Alliance Crossroads United Methodist Church Miami Valley Community Action Partnership Ohio Association of Foodbanks Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Ohio Education Association SE Ohio Foodbank Second Harvest Food Bank Champaign Clark Logan Shared Harvest Foodbank, Inc. The Foodbank, Inc. United Way of Greater Cincinnati

<u>Oklahoma</u>

Cleveland County Health Department Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy Oklahoma Policy Institute

<u>Oregon</u>

Children's Institute Oregon Food Bank Oregon Women's Right Coalition Our Children Oregon Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon

<u>Pennsylvania</u>

Allies for Children Begin With Us Child Care and Preschool, Inc. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County Community Legal Services of Philadelphia Feast of Justice Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger Hunger-Free PA Just Harvest Mary House, Inc. Maternity Care Coalition NORTH, Inc PA Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics PA Coalition for Oral Health Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children Ramsey Educational Development Institute The Foundation for Delaware County

Puerto Rico PRAAP Chapter, INC

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Rhode Island Community Food Bank Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Right from the Start Campaign URI Feinstein Hunger Center West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation

South Carolina

FoodShare Greenville FoodShare South Carolina Lowcountry Street Grocery NAACP SC SCAAP South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center South Carolina Program for Infant/Toddler Care

South Dakota

The Beloved Early Education and Care Collective Banana Bunch Children's Learning Center Little Appel's Child Care PorchLight Precious Moments Daycare

<u>Tennessee</u>

Family Voices of Tennessee Nashville Farmers' Market Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Tennessee Justice Center Vanderbilt Birth Center Vanderbilt Midwives at Melrose

<u>Texas</u> Every Texan Feeding Texas Learning Disabilities Association of Texas National Council of Jewish Women Greater Dallas Section

<u>Utah</u>

American Academy of Pediatrics, Utah Chapter Utah State University Student Nutrition Access Center Utahns Against Hunger

Vermont

Addison Community Action / CVOEO Alliance for Community Transformations Brattleboro-area Farmers' Market **Creative Healing & Fitness** Early Education Services **Greater Bennington Community Services** HANDS Hardwick Area Food Pantry Hunger Free Vermont Intervale Center **Kingdom Community Services Kitchen Soup Project** Mary Johnson Children's Center Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont Our Community Cares Camp, Inc **Rutland County Parent Child Center** Shrewsbury Community Church Sunrise Family Resource Center The Vermont Foodbank Trinity Church Vermont Farmers Food Center Vermont Farmers Market Association Board VT FEED-Shelburne Farms Windham Southeast Supervisory Union

<u>Virginia</u> Federation of Virginia Food Banks Legal Aid Justice Center March of Dimes Virginia Hunger Solutions, a project of Virginia Poverty Law Center <u>Washington</u>

- American Indian Health Commission for WA State
- Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition
- **Ballard Food Bank**
- Faith Action Network
- **First Five Fundamentals**
- Foundation for Healthy Generations
- Jefferson County Farmers Market
- Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
- KidVantage
- Northwest Harvest.org
- Nutrition First, Washington State's WIC Association
- Partners for Our Children
- Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness
- South Sound Lactation Network
- University District Food Bank
- Upper Valley MEND (Meeting Each Need with Dignity)
- Washing Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
- Washington Association for the Education of Young Children
- Washington Defender Association
- Washington Low Income Housing Alliance
- Washington State Association of Head Start and ECEAP
- Washington State Partners for Social Change
- Washington State Public Health Association
- YWCA Spokane

West Virginia

Central WV WIC Monongalia County Health Department WIC Monongalia County WIC Think Kids WV WIC

- <u>Wisconsin</u>
- BCDI-Wisconsin
- Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin
- Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council
- Healthy School Meals for All Wisconsin
- La Crosse Health Department
- Nutrition and Health Associates
- Rusk County WIC
- Wisconsin Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (WIAAP)
- Wisconsin Early Childhood Association
- Wisconsin WIC Association
- Wood County WIC

Wyoming

Wyoming Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics