

2019 Policy & Advocacy Agenda

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma &
Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma are committed to fighting hunger by taking action to address the root causes of hunger and poverty. We monitor and inform the public about hunger-related policy and legislative opportunities on an on-going basis.

Federal Priorities:

- Support sufficient annual funding levels and oppose any cuts to vital hunger relief programs including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women Infant and Children (WIC), the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and the Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).
- Promote and protect charitable tax deductions and food donation tax incentives that facilitate giving to food banks and partner agencies.
- Advocate for allowing Summer Food Service Program sponsors the ability to waive federal congregate meal site requirements to increase participation in high need and rural communities.
- Work to expand access to federal nutrition programs including school breakfast and lunch, and summer meals.

State Priorities:

- Restore Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) as refundable. The EITC is a tax credit for low- and moderate-income working families that is designed to help people afford to work by offsetting the rising costs of child care, transportation, and utilities that working families need.
- Support state policies aimed at reducing barriers and increasing meals throughout Oklahoma through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).
- Pursue innovative state policy focused on addressing hunger as a healthcare issue. This could include policies that positively impact the health of people experiencing hunger by providing nutritious food, promoting nutrition education and healthy eating, including increased utilization of nutrition assistance programs and addressing food insecurity in health care settings.



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