

2016 NEW HAMPSHIRE ROADMAP TO END CHILDHOOD HUNGER



Every day members of our community live with food insecurity. Unfortunately, children tend to be the most vulnerable to this sad reality. At New Hampshire Hunger Solutions, we work with business and community leaders, activists, and advocates to cultivate support for public policies and strategic investments to combat the rise in hunger in our state.

This overview of the new 2016 Roadmap to End Childhood Hunger (available at nhhungersolutions.com) was compiled by a dedicated coalition, after a series of long meetings and many shared ideas. The 2016 Roadmap to End Childhood Hunger would not have been possible without the Coalition-- as well as our premier funder, HNH Foundation, and our other sponsor, New England Dairy & Food Council.

The Roadmap is a statewide plan with clear achievable goals and steps for all sectors of the community to take to eradicate food insecurity. Building on previous success, it is our hope to identify and address the newest challenges facing New Hampshire's most vulnerable citizens. The action items in the Roadmap are strategies we all can use to improve the health and wellness in our state so that the blight of hunger will be eradicated.

Collectively, it is your expertise, your energy, and your assistance that will make long-term systematic changes possible. On behalf of the children and families who will benefit from this work, thank you.

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New Strategy and Goals

The 2016 Roadmap identifies two top priorities for addressing childhood hunger:

- **Increase food access**
- **Strengthen food systems**

These two strategies were present in the original Roadmap and will continue to serve as the two pillars for a new food systems framework.



Increase Food Access

- ▶ Build upon the success of the first School Breakfast Challenge by re-issuing the challenge to schools to increase the percentage of students participating in school breakfast by 25% over 2 years.
- ▶ Increase participation in existing summer meal programs and establish additional sites under existing sponsors during the summer months.
- ▶ Ensure that all schools that have 50% eligibility for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) have the materials and information to apply for the program by the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Strengthen Food Systems

- ▶ Sustain and expand the Granite State Market Match Program to ensure that families and children will be able to access fresh, local foods using SNAP benefits at farmers' markets, farm stands, food hubs, and mobile markets.
- ▶ Work with community health entities to provide resources, analyze population data, and utilize community benefits to reduce childhood hunger.
- ▶ Develop a dashboard for key measurements and resources related to the Roadmap in order to make this information more accessible for a wider audience.

Support and grow the NH Hunger Solutions Coalition by monitoring the data, providing the resources and the leadership in the continued convening of the Coalition.

The strategies outlined here help address short-term solutions to tackling childhood hunger. However, the Coalition acknowledges that there are also long-term solutions that need to be addressed. To that end, the Coalition has made a series of commitments.

- ▶ Given that food access and poverty are part of the larger food system dynamics, the Coalition commits to providing leadership in making New Hampshire a more food secure state for children and families.
- ▶ The Coalition commits to working with other organizations and entities to dismantle structural deficits that contribute to hunger and food insecurity in New Hampshire.
- ▶ The Coalition commits to engaging diverse partners and stakeholders to serve as a source of reliable information and support to address multiple determinants of health including poverty and inequity.

The Coalition is determined, committed, and ready to tackle the issue of ending childhood hunger in New Hampshire. The work of the Coalition will expand and develop as the members continue working together and bring on new partners. The proposed strategies and goals within this document are designed to provide a new foundation on which we can build momentum and collaboration. Collectively, the Coalition is looking forward to building New Hampshire's capacity to nourish children for generations to come.



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