

# CalFresh Healthy Living Newsletter

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## 211 LA FoodFinder- Food Resource Mapping Tool

211 LA and [Slingshot Aerospace](#) launched a new tool that allows users to quickly identify and locate more than 2,000 food resources within Los Angeles county. The customized tool, called 211 LA FoodFinder, is powered by Slingshot Earth and the 211 LA Community Resource Database, and is the biggest and only food map for LA residents to search for resources by location and view services specific to seniors, children and others.



LA County residents will be able to identify different types of available food resources, such as child nutrition, meal services, groceries/food pantries, senior food needs and government food benefits programs. The

platform also provides location details, hours of operation and contact information for each of the services. 211 LA is currently experiencing ten times the usual website traffic related to food resources. 211 LA anticipates serving nearly 30,000 LA County residents over the next quarter, many of which may not have prior experience with food assistance. Explore FoodFinder [here](#).

## “CalFresh Healthy Living Building Blocks for Success” Now Partially Open!

CalFresh Healthy Living Building Blocks for Success includes a video and an interactive training that explores the fundamentals of the program. It aims to help new CalFresh Healthy Living staff apply public health strategies that support healthy eating and physical activity in the communities they serve. While currently under construction, certain elements are available: a video montage, SNAP Town, and several learning modules. See this resource [here](#).





## Webinars

### New Additions in Purple

#### **Cambios al Programa de SNAP Bajo COVID-19**

**Thursday, June 18, 2020, 12:30 pm**

El coronavirus o COVID-19 se ha transformado en una crisis mundial que ha impactado a niños y familias Latinas. Esta crisis ha puesto al descubierto el papel fundamental que juega el programa de SNAP (Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria) para ayudar a las familias a comprar alimentos durante temporadas de bajos ingresos o tiempos difíciles. Esta reunión en línea abordará los cambios que se han hecho al programa de SNAP bajo COVID-19 y además presentará los desafíos, como también las mejores prácticas y las lecciones aprendidas, que experimentan los latinos en el proceso de inscripción a SNAP. Register [here](#),

#### **Maximizing the Reach of Pandemic-EBT in California**

**Thursday, June 18, 1:00 pm**

Join California Food Policy Advocates and The David and Lucile Packard Foundation for an information session on Pandemic EBT (P-EBT). P-EBT provides food benefits for children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals and whose schools closed because of COVID-19. P-EBT is available now and families have until June 30, 2020 to apply for this benefit. This session will provide an overview of P-EBT strategies for outreach and education while addressing immigration concerns. There will also be a Q&A section where experts will answer questions from advocates. Register [here](#).

#### **Making CEP Work for Your Team and Your Students in SY20-21**

**Thursday, June 18, 2020, 2:00 pm**

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) provides school meals to students at no cost to them. With rising food insecurity due to COVID-19, CEP will be a lifeline for many students and families in California in the coming school year. CEP also simplifies counting and claiming, eliminates school meals debt, and improves student behavioral and academic outcomes. Register [here](#).



## Funding Opportunities

### New Additions in Purple

#### **Emergency Meal Distribution Equipment Grants**

**Close Date: Rolling deadline until all funds are awarded**

School nutrition professionals across the county have stepped up to get food to kids during school closures. Districts and schools have shared the need for additional equipment to create grab-and-go curbside meal pickups at schools and other locations within the community, additional hot and cold food storage containers, grab-and-go packaging materials, and mobile distribution to families in outlying or rural communities. Working with the equipment vendor, [Hubert](#), Action for Healthy Kids will provide selected school districts with equipment credits for \$1,000-\$2,000 per site to purchase equipment. Click [here](#) to apply.

## **Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health**

**Close Date: Proposals accepted on a rolling admission**

Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health seeks proposals that are primed to influence health equity in the future. RWJ Foundation is interested in ideas that address any of these four areas of focus: Future of Evidence; Future of Social Interaction; Future of Food; Future of Work. Additionally, RWJ welcomes ideas that might fall outside of these four focus areas, but which offer unique approaches to advancing health equity and our progress toward a Culture of Health. Click [here](#) to apply.

## **Summer Meals Grant Opportunity**

**Close Date June 22, 2020**

Nourishing Neighbors (formerly known as Hunger Is), an initiative of the Albertsons Companies Foundation, has established a fund to help local families impacted by the current crisis. This new opportunity is specifically aimed at increasing participation in, and access to, the Summer Meals Programs this summer. Intermediary organizations, sponsors, and schools can apply for funding. Click [here](#) to apply. Once you are logged in, you will be asked "If you are requesting a grant from the COVID-19 fund"? Please make sure to click 'yes'.

## **COVID-19 Rapid-Response Funding Opportunity Focused on the Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs**

**Close Date: July 1, 2020**

Healthy Eating Research has a limited amount of rapid-response research funds available to commission: 1) issue briefs/commentaries or papers/research reviews and; 2) small studies to explore the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on nutrition and diet quality, food security, and related health consequences for children and families. This funding opportunity is focused on USDA Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs serving children and families. The goal is to inform decision-making regarding innovative policies and/or programs during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. Click [here](#) to apply.



## **Reading Opportunities**

### **Protecting hungry children during the fight for racial justice**

Protests against police brutality have spread rapidly to dozens of U.S. cities and across the globe. This critical fight for racial justice is happening amidst the global COVID-19 pandemic, which is disproportionately impacting racial and ethnic minorities. An unintended consequence is that it is undermining access to food for low-income and minority children, who already face record high levels of food insecurity or lack of reliable access to healthy food, including infant formula. Read more [here](#).

# Training Resources

Title	Date / Time	Format	Info	Registration
Prevention Institute Webinar #3. System of Prevention: Aligning Sectors and Systems towards Equitable Health and Safety Outcomes	Thurs. 6/18 10:00 am	Webinar	----	<a href="#">Register here</a>
Virtual Direct Education During COVID-19 (Part 3: Implementation)	Thurs. 6/18 10:00 am	Webinar	----	<a href="#">Register here</a>
Designing Powerful Online Meetings Experiences	Wed.6/24 1:00 pm	Webinar	<a href="#">Flyer</a>	<a href="#">Wait list only</a>
2020 Healthy Snack Day Kick Off Webinar	Wed. 7/1 11:00 am	Webinar	----	<a href="#">Register here</a>

Visit the CDPH Trainings and Resources page for the latest training related information and [calendar](#) of all scheduled trainings and events. Please seek approval from Project Officer and Contract Manager prior to travel.

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