

Ending Child Hunger: Multnomah County



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Partners for a
Hunger-Free Oregon
Ending hunger before it begins.

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We envision an Oregon where everyone is healthy and thriving with access to affordable, nutritious and culturally appropriate food.



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What PHFO does:

Convenes partners for conversations

Public Policy/Advocacy

- Addresses the root causes of hunger
- Helps remove barriers to program use

Outreach

- SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)
- Summer Food Service Program
- Afterschool Meal and Snack Program



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What PHFO does:

Shares information about hunger

- Coordinates the work of Ending Hunger Before It Begins: *Oregon's Call to Action*
- County fact sheets and other data

Supports the work of the Oregon Hunger Task Force

- Administrative and legislative improvements
- Field hearings



Oregon Hunger Task Force

Creating Policies for a Hunger-Free Oregon

- Created by the Oregon legislature to act as a resource within government and the state.
- A statewide advocate for Oregonians who are hungry or are at risk of hunger.
- Made up of legislators, state agency representatives, community members, and nonprofits.

Oregon Hunger Task Force

Creating Policies for a Hunger-Free Oregon

- Works collaboratively to promote community awareness, compile research, and develop proposals for government action.
- Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon supports the work of this quasi-governmental organization.





Ending Hunger Before it Begins



Oregon's Call to Action

2010 – 2015

3 Goals for Oregon!

Goal 1 - Increase economic stability for people, communities, and the state.

Goal 2 - Cultivate a strong regional food system in Oregon.

Goal 3 - Improve the food assistance safety net.



2013 Legislative Agenda

Increase Economic Stability

- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Employment-Related Day Care (ERDC)

Cultivate A Strong Regional Food System

- Farm Direct Nutrition Programs
- Farm to School and School Garden Programs

Improve the Food Assistance Safety Net

- Nutrition Programs for children out of school time

The Need

49,972 (55.5%) Children in Multnomah County qualify for free/reduced price meals at school.

- David Douglas School District – 8,235 (77%)
- Parkrose School District – 2,640 (76%)
- Reynolds School District – 8,102 (72%)
- Centennial School District – 4,241 (68%)
- Gresham Barlow School District – 6,024 (49%)
- Portland Public Schools – 20,204 (45%)



Meeting the Need



National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

- 77% of eligible children eat School Lunch

School Breakfast Program (SBP)

- 46% of eligible children eat School Breakfast

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

- 23% of eligible children eat Summer Meals

Afterschool Meal and Snack Program
(AMSP)

- 9% of eligible children eat after school suppers



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Program Expansion

Summer and After School Meals

- Make meal programs a priority where children congregate
- Increase local funding for launch and expansion of meal programs
- SUN Schools, community centers, affordable housing



Thank You!

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