

What is Child Nutrition Reauthorization?

Every 5 years, Congress reexamines the laws that govern child nutrition programs. There are three laws that govern the Child Nutrition Programs:

The Richard B Russell National School Lunch Act, The Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004. Collectively these laws are referred to as the Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill, or "CNR".

Which federal nutrition programs are part of CNR?

- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)
- Special Milk Program

What happened in the last reauthorization?

There were a number of significant changes made in the 2010 reauthorization including:

- The expansion of afterschool suppers nationwide.
- Elimination of caps on the number of sites and children nonprofit sponsors can serve through the Summer Food Service Program.
- Simplified enrollment for low-income children in school meal programs.
- Strengthening of nutrition standards for program meals and food sold in schools.

What are our policy priorities for CNR 2015?

- Strengthen States' Ability to Reach Kids During the Summer and weekends
- Streamline Regulations for Community Based Providers
- Leverage Schools Beyond the School Day
- Strengthen Access and Quality in School Meal Programs and WIC