2021 Food4All Campaign
No Exceptions. No Exclusions.

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Calfresh Is Our Most Effective Anti-hunger Program
But Many Low-income Immigrants Are Locked Out

**CalFresh**: Food assistance for Californians with net income at or below 130% federal poverty level.

Monthly benefit proven to reduce food insecurity, improve health, and lift people out of poverty. Plus, each CalFresh dollar spent generates $1.54 in economic growth for local & state economies.

A household can get CalFresh if at least one person:
- Has Citizenship
- Has a Green Card
- Has refugee status, asylum, or parolee status
- Has, or is applying for, a U-Visa or T-Visa
- Is an applicant for VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) relief
- Is a Cuban or Haitian entrant

An Individual **does not qualify** for CalFresh if:
- They are here on a student, work, or tourist visa
- They are here under DACA
- They are here under TPS
- They are undocumented

**Mixed Status Households**
Undocumented parents can get CalFresh for their citizen children without it harming their immigration goals (no public charge). Mixed status families receive prorated benefits for eligible household members.
Changing Calfresh Rules Requires Federal Action, But CA Can Modify The California Food Assistance Program

Food4All History

1996: “Welfare reform” ended SNAP eligibility from many documented immigrants
➢ Federal government gave states option to utilize SNAP infrastructure for issuing state-funded benefits to the excluded population.

1997: CA Establishes the California Food Assistance Program
➢ Nourish CA (then CFPA) led a campaign that established the (CFAP). Today, CFAP serves about 31,000 “qualified immigrants.”

2017: Pre-Food4All Legislation AB 164 (Arambula)
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Why it Matters: Removing the unjust exclusion in CalFresh/CFAP is critical to helping more Californians share in the State’s prosperity. We have an opportunity to reduce racial disparities in health and wealth by bringing equity to our most powerful anti-hunger program.

Problem: SNAP/CalFresh program exists, so that no person in this country has to suffer with hunger. But many low-income immigrants are locked out of CalFresh and our state-funded California Food Assistance Program (CFAP), based only on their immigration status.

Solution: Modernize the CFAP infrastructure to provide state-funded nutrition benefits to all Californians ineligible for CalFresh due to their immigration status.
SB 464 (Hurtado): Food4All
Bring Equity to Our Nutrition Safety Net

Legislative Action
Modernize the California Food Assistance Program to provide state-funded nutrition benefits to all Californians ineligible for CalFresh just due to their immigration status.

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Current Advocacy Actions
- Sign-on to Budget Letter
- Join the Coalition
- Mini Grants Now Available!

It’s time California champion bold policies that put forth a different vision for our nation, one where every person — regardless of immigration status — has the food they need.

Will you join us?
Keep Up With The Campaign

Sign up for updates, join the Food4All coalition, and see advocacy action alerts on the Food4All campaign page.
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THANK YOU!

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