

**September 2018**

## ON THE HILL



**Proposed Public Charge Rule:** The Trump Administration recently announced a proposed public charge rule that would greatly undercut efforts to address food insecurity and poverty by making it harder for immigrant families to access a range of nutrition, health, and human services programs that are essential to our nation's health and well-being. Once the proposed rule is published in the Federal Register, FRAC will launch a website platform with model comments for the public to use to weigh in on how this rule will make hunger and poverty in this country far worse.

[Read Our Statement](#)



**Farm Bill:** Although negotiations continue among the Farm Bill “Big Four” (House and Senate Agriculture Committee Chairs and Ranking Members), it is becoming evident that Congress will not take up a conferenced farm bill before the current 2014 bill expires on Sunday, September 30. As staff remain in Washington to work out differences between the House and Senate Farm bills, members of the House leave this weekend and are expected to remain home through the mid-term elections. This sets up the possibility of Farm Bill action during a lame duck session of Congress – with the added complexity of potential leadership changes in the House and Senate. Stay tuned to FRAC's SNAP/Farm Bill page for updates.

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## LATEST BUZZ





### More Families Face Food Hardship

In every part of the nation, a large number of households is experiencing food hardship, according to FRAC's latest report, [\*"How Hungry is America?"\*](#) The report reveals that, after several years of decline, the national food hardship rate for all households increased from 15.1 percent in 2016 to 15.7 percent in 2017. The report contains data for the nation, for every state and the District of Columbia, and for 108 metropolitan statistical areas (MSA). "While often hidden behind closed doors, food hardship is a serious national problem that requires a serious national response," says FRAC President Jim Weill. "Too many people in every region, state, and community have been left behind in the economic recovery from the Great Recession, and are still struggling to put food on the table."

[Interactive Maps and Tables](#)



### 1 in 5 Children Struggle Against Hunger in Miami-Dade. CHAMPS is changing that.

The Miami Herald reports on how the Cities Combating Hunger through Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs (CHAMPS) initiative is helping to address childhood hunger in the City of Miami Gardens. Live Healthy Miami Gardens, received a \$125,000 CHAMPS grant from the National League of Cities and FRAC to expand its efforts to increase awareness and participation in these federal nutrition programs. Since 2012, the Walmart Foundation has supported NLC, working in close partnership with FRAC, to help local leaders reduce childhood hunger in their communities by expanding participation in out-of-school meal programs.

[Read the article](#)

## FRAC CHAT: LOOK WHO'S TALKING



**School Meals and Student Success**



**NJ Kids Win in State Legislature**



**Jim & Jim on Facebook Live**

FRAC’s Crystal FitzSimons, director of in-school and out-of-school programming, dives into the research on how school meals positively impact children’s physical and mental health and success in the classroom.

[Read more](#)

In this guest blog, Nancy Parello of the New Jersey Food for Thought Campaign celebrates her state’s new laws which will improve school breakfast access in an estimated 500 schools educating nearly 308,000 students.

[Read the post](#)

In case you missed it, FRAC President Jim Weill sat down with Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA) for a Facebook Live event on August 2, to discuss the ins and outs of the future of SNAP in the 2018 Farm Bill.

[Read excerpts](#)

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[Members of Congress: Hunger is a political condition. Stand w/ food-insecure Americans & pass a #FarmBill that protects & strengthens #SNAP & that rejects harmful House Farm Bill SNAP provisions. http://bit.ly/2tsKnGa @fractweets](#)

[What can advocates, elected officials, & service providers do to reduce hunger & food insecurity before, during, & after a disaster? Check out @fractweets D-SNAP guide: http://bit.ly/2unsTcL](#)

[September is #NationalChildhoodObesityAwarenessMonth. Learn more about the connection between obesity & food insecurity w/ @fractweets: http://bit.ly/2vtJuQj](#)



## Coming Soon...

- 10/4 at 1 PM ET: Summer Meals Matter call – [Improving Meal Quality and Incorporating Local Foods](#)
- 10/11 at 3 PM ET: Breakfast Matters webinar – [Building Strong School Nutrition Programs in Charter Schools](#)
- 10/18 at 1 PM ET: Afterschool Meals Matter call – [Making Afterschool Meals Work in Rural Areas](#)

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