



Childhood Hunger in America
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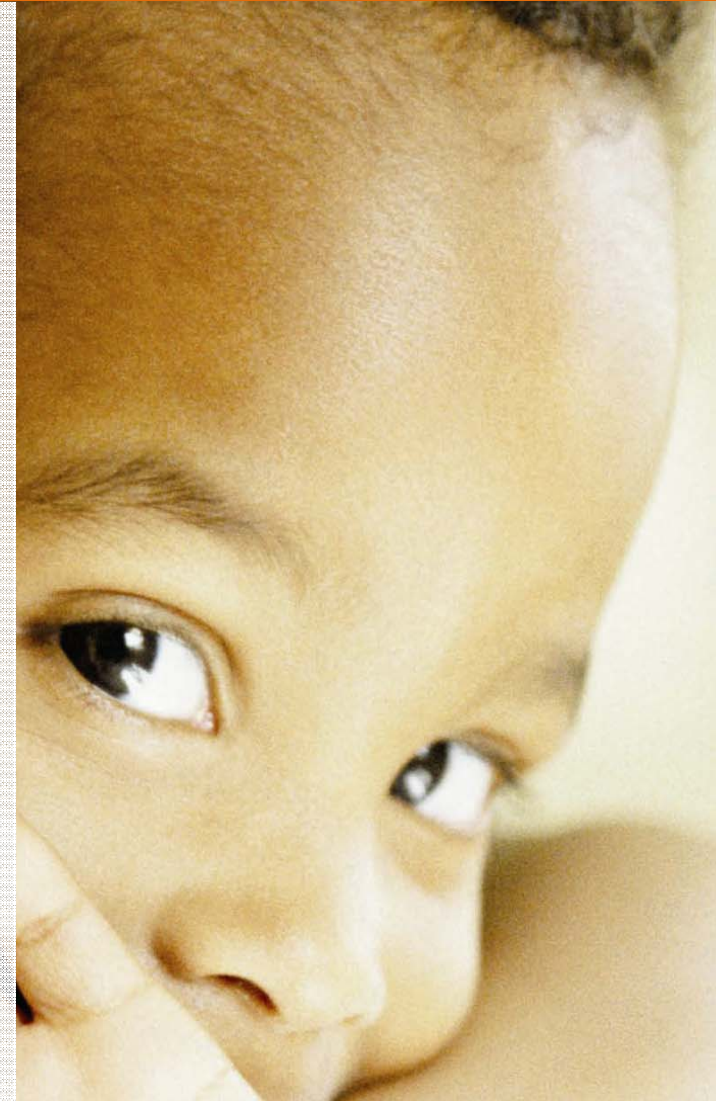
The Crisis: Childhood Hunger

- **Over 17 million, one in four,** American children struggle with hunger
- **Almost one-third** are under five years old.
- **Undernourished children suffer** from impaired cognitive development and long-term emotional and health problems.

The Problem: Access to Food

There is enough food in America to feed all children, yet:

- **10 million eligible kids** don't get free or reduced price school breakfast.
- **16.3 million children** qualify for summer meals but don't receive them.



HUNGER

> EDUCATION



> ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE



> HEALTH



> NATIONAL SECURITY



> OBESITY



Hunger's impact is universal



Education and Hunger

Too many kids are coming to school too hungry to learn

65%

of teachers say they see children who regularly come to school hungry each week because they are not getting enough to eat at home.

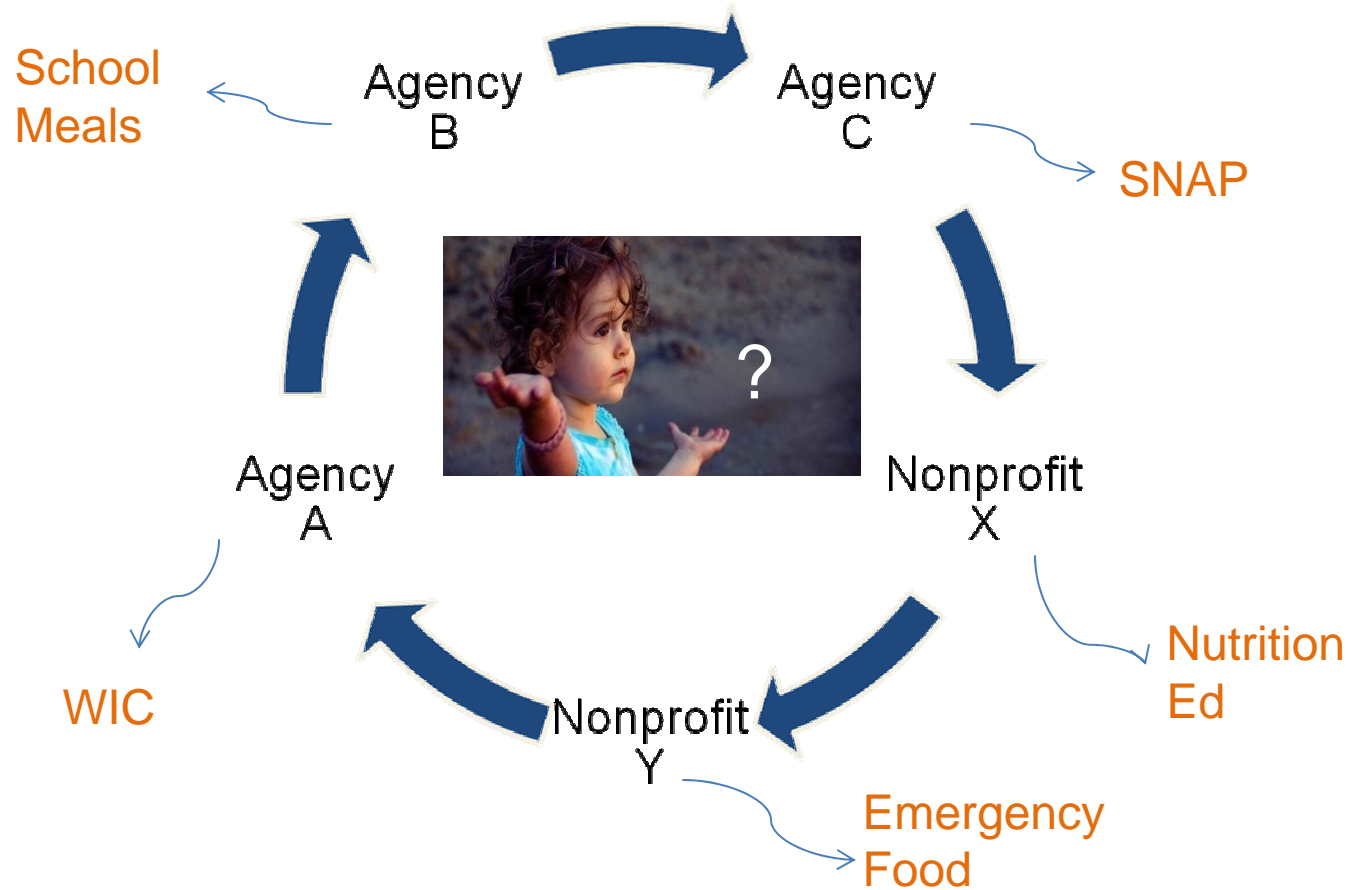
“Hungry children are distracted children. We want to make sure nothing gets in the way of our children performing well academically, including hunger.”

- Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

Why Do Kids Go Hungry?



Lack of Clear Accountability



Systemic Change Model

Share Our Strength surrounds children at risk of hunger with nutritious food where they live, learn and play.

LIVE

- **SNAP (FOOD STAMPS)**
- Food pantries and shelters
- Food for pregnant women, infants and preschool kids (**WIC**)
- Fresh-food markets and stores
- **NUTRITION EDUCATION**
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)



LEARN

- Nutritious, high-quality **BREAKFAST** during school
- Nutrition education

PLAY

- Nutritious, high-quality meals when school is not in session, including **AFTERSCHOOL SNACKS** and **SUMMER MEALS**
- Fresh-food markets and stores
- Community gardens

No Kid Hungry State-Based Campaign Model

Share Our Strength brings together key stakeholders from the private, public, and nonprofit sectors around a common table to map out comprehensive plans to end childhood hunger in those states.

