



2022 Advocacy Agenda

Our Advocacy Agenda creates clear priorities for Northern Illinois Food Bank's Advocacy Team during calendar year 2022. In addition to these targeted issues, we will track and take action on legislation that could impact the neighbors and communities we serve or our Food Bank. By focusing on key issues and relationship building, we will advocate for everyone in Northern Illinois to have the food they need to thrive.

Local Priorities:

- **Educate and advocate with our local government entities** to influence community hunger relief programs, partnerships, and initiatives

State Priorities:

- **Advocating for an Illinois budget that strongly supports social services**, the non-profit sector, and programs that are vital to those we serve and ultimately solving hunger
- **Advocating for administrative, distribution, and eligibility policies** that preserve and strengthen nutrition programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Federal Priorities:

- **Supporting and strengthening SNAP** benefits and program administration
- **Advocating for Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (S-EBT)** to meet the nutritional needs of low-income households with school-aged children during the summer months
- **Pushing for Child Nutrition Reauthorization legislation** that will provide long overdue program and administration updates to child nutrition programs, including Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- **Increasing funding for food purchases to support food banks through TEFAP** through an additional \$900 million congressional budget dollars
- **Providing 2023 Farm Bill** priority input

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