

POLICY PLATFORM 2019

STRATEGY	POLICY MECHANISM	DETAIL
LEGISLATIVE		
Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools Grants <i>COPC Lead</i>	Legislative – Capital Budget	Secure renewed and ongoing funding for grants for school kitchen and physical education equipment, as well as water bottle filling stations. During the first grant cycle in 2016, a total of \$17.9m was requested with \$5m allocated. The 2017-19 capital budget included \$2.25 mil for this program and almost \$10 million in requests were submitted. These numbers indicate strong interest and need from schools
SNAP: Consolidate Incentives and Vouchers on EBT Card <i>COPC Lead</i>	Legislative – Budget Ask for DSHS-Economic Services Administration	Securing funding for technology upgrades to food benefit programs that allow healthy food incentives to seamlessly be added back onto their food benefit (EBT) card, so they can be seamlessly accessed just like other food benefits.
SNAP: Washington Nutrition Incentives <i>COPC Support</i>	Legislative – Budget Ask by/for DOH	Secure funding for the Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) program. Federal funds for the FINI program expire in 2020, and Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) provides only a very small incentive to clients which diminishes the participation rate. State funding for FINI and additional FMNP funds will enable thousands of low-income families to continue to have increased access to fruits and vegetables in their diet and enhance their overall health.
Youth Athletic Facilities Program (YAF) <i>COPC Support</i>	Legislative – Capital Budget	Secure capital investments in the Youth Athletic Facilities grant program, which provides money to buy land and renovate outdoor athletic facilities such as ball fields, courts, swimming pools, BMX tracks, and skate parks that serve youth.
WA Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) <i>COPC Support</i>	Legislative – Capital Budget	Secure capital investments in the WA Wildlife and Recreation Program, which provides funding for a broad range of land protection and outdoor recreation including park acquisition and development, habitat conservation, farmland preservation, and construction of outdoor recreation facilities.
No Child Left Inside <i>COPC Support</i>	Legislative – Operating Budget	Secure renewed funding for the No Child Left Inside program, which provides under-served youth with quality opportunities to experience the natural world. Grant funds are available for outdoor environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other natural resource-based education and recreation programs
Vulnerable User <i>COPC Support</i>	Legislative – Bill	Strengthen Washington’s vulnerable user law to ensure vulnerable road users, such as bicyclists and pedestrians, are provided with a certain level of protection from drivers who commit negligent traffic infractions.

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CURRENT STATE RULE-MAKING		
<i>No Current Rule-Making Efforts</i>		
SUPPORT STRONG POLICY IMPLEMENTATION		
Develop Stronger Standards in Child Care <i>COPC Lead</i>	Administrative – DEL (now DCYF)	Ensure full implementation of the recently adopted licensing standards for early childhood education providers. Several of the new licensing standards made great strides in promoting nutrition and physical activity. The Dept of Children, Youth & Families (formerly the Dept of Early Learning) is the lead implementing/enforcing entity. New rules go into effect on Aug. 1, 2019.
Breakfast After the Bell <i>COPC Support</i>	Administrative – OSPI	HB 1508, which passed in the 2018 session, requires high needs schools to offer breakfast after the start of the school day. This helps increase participation in school breakfast, which in turn both reduces hunger and also has shown to reduce obesity. Support partner efforts to ensure full implementation of breakfast after the bell at high needs schools.
Physical Education Assessment <i>COPC Lead</i>	Administrative – OSPI	HB 1235, which passed in the 2017 session, requires schools to complete an assessment of their physical education (PE) programs. This will help increase accountability for schools to provide quality physical education based on specific measures including quantity of PE offered; PE curriculum standards; PE teacher credentials; PE student assessment; PE education, equipment and facilities; substitutions, waivers, exemptions, and adaptations; and punishment. Initial data available later in 2019.

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FEDERAL LEVEL ITEMS TO MONITOR/ENGAGE

- **Farm Bill**
The Farm Bill is the source for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and also federal funds for the Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) grant program. Leaders in the House and Senate are currently in negotiations in hopes of reaching a compromise necessary to produce a Farm Bill conference report.
- **Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR)**
School meal waivers lack nutrition standards, while the potato lobby continues to push for its place on the menu. While the current law, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296), expired on September 30, 2015, the programs continue to operate.
- **Land & Water Conservation Fund**
Danger of Federal cuts. This program will expire on September 30, 2018 without action from Congress. [Click here](#) for highlights on what this has funded in Washington.
- **Farm to School Act**
The Farm to School Act of 2017 will continue and expand upon the successes of the USDA Farm to School Grant Program. The bill has not advanced since it was introduced in September 2017. There may be opportunities to advance Farm to School in the 2018 Farm Bill.
- **Every Kid Outdoors Act**
The bill authorizes the Department of the Interior, U.S. Forest Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Army Corps of Engineers to administer a pass program to provide free entry for fourth graders and their families to visit our national public lands, waters, and shores.
- **Prevention and Public Health Fund**
There have been multiple attempts to cut funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund, which provides critical resources to state and local health departments to keep our communities healthy and safe.

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