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- **Membership**
  - 796 nationwide
  - Help get us over 800!

- **Policy Priorities**
  - Nutrition
    - CNR
    - Member education
  - Early care and education
    - State legislatures & national moment

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Why the child care crisis is a national security issue





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- **Member Education on Nutrition Policy**
  - Federal policy is important, but so are community discussions.
  - Many opportunities to enhance federal nutrition programs can be done at the state level.

- **Structure of Federal Nutrition Programs**
  - National School Lunch Program – backbone
  - Summer meals, SNAP, WIC – outgrowths
  - Research review in a few minutes

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- **Education Opportunities**
  - Quarterly Calls (like this one!)
  - State specific trainings: Arkansas, Georgia, Virginia, Arizona, Kentucky, and Florida
  - Weekly Mission: Readiness Podcast Episodes
  - Extension of Speakers Bureau Trainings

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- **Themes**
  - **Today:** Addressing barriers to access for federal nutrition programs, SNAP, WIC, and meal programs
  - Identify local food recovery models and highlight successful food waste elimination policies
  - Strengthen and Protect SNAP and WIC to help eradicate child malnutrition
  - How communities and schools increase nutrition literacy: get kids to eat fresh fruits and vegetables

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- **Agenda**
  - **Federal Policy Update** (Mariah Healy)
  - **Research Review** (Heather Maxey)
  - **Q&A**


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