

Colorado

HUNGER AT A GLANCE

22% of kids in Colorado struggle with hunger

246,000

low-income children in Colorado receive free or reduced-price school lunch.

The Problem

All of these kids are eligible for other critical meals, but too many are missing out.

Only 46%

of children eating free or reduced-price school lunch are getting school breakfast.

Only 8%

of children eating free or reduced-price school lunch are getting summer meals.



No Kid Hungry Campaign

No child should grow up hungry in America, but one in five children struggles with hunger. Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign is ending childhood hunger in Colorado and all across America by ensuring all children get the healthy food they need, every day. The No Kid Hungry campaign connects kids in need to effective nutrition programs like school breakfast and summer meals and teaches low-income families to cook healthy, affordable meals through its Cooking Matters program. This work is accomplished through the No Kid Hungry network, made up of private citizens, public officials, nonprofits, business leaders and others providing innovative hunger solutions in their communities.

Colorado No Kid Hungry is a partnership between Hunger Free Colorado, Share Our Strength, and the Office of Governor John Hickenlooper. Through a statewide, public-private coalition, the campaign is ending childhood hunger in Colorado by ensuring all children get the healthy food they need, every day.

Our Impact in Colorado

Since 2011, the No Kid Hungry network has helped bring more than 34 million additional meals to kids who need them -- including 2.3 million additional meals in Colorado -- and created ways to replicate that success throughout the country. In Colorado, the No Kid Hungry campaign is focused on expanding access to school breakfast, free meals in the summer, afterschool meals and SNAP. The campaign has also empowered more than 19,000 Colorado families with the skills, knowledge and confidence to prepare healthy, affordable meals through Cooking Matters and other nutrition education programs throughout the state.

Stories of No Kid Hungry in Colorado

The Hanno family lives on Fort Carson Army base in Colorado Springs. Dad Erik just got back from his second tour in Afghanistan and is getting ready to leave the military to go to school. Mom Stacy works full time and is training to be a nurse at night. They have two young girls, Kailey (age 4) and Tegan (age 1).

Stacy and Erik struggle to make ends meet and participate in federal food and nutrition programs to feed their girls. Stacy took one of Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters courses to learn how to get the most from her limited food dollars. Using what she learned in the class, she now carefully plans their grocery shopping trips with weekly coupons and deals. She shared with us how the class taught her skills to cook healthier and save money that she will use for years to come.

Our Partners in Colorado

The No Kid Hungry network includes a number of partners in Colorado, including:

- Family Resource Center Association
- LiveWell Colorado
- Action for Healthy Kids
- Western Dairy Association
- Feeding Colorado Food Banks



Take Action

Learn more about how you can help end childhood hunger. **Take the No Kid Hungry pledge at NoKidHungry.org/Pledge**