Address Student Hunger In Higher Education
Efforts Across the University of California

Session 3
California Association of Food Banks 2017 Conference
Imagine...Feed...Lead

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#UCFoodForAll
UC Global Food Initiative

“Addressing how to sustainably and nutriously feed a world population expected to reach 8 billion in 2025”

- Identify best practices and share widely
- Use the power of UC research and extension to help individuals and communities; and
- Deploy UC’s research to shape, impact and drive policy discussions at the local, state, national and international levels.

http://www.ucop.edu/global-food-initiative/
DEF: Food Insecurity

Uncertain or limited ability to get adequate food due to lack of financial resources (USDA)

Leading to reductions in:

- Diet quality (low food secure)
- Diet quantity (very low food secure)
DEF: Homeless

Describes a person who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
## 2016 Homeless Statistics by State

### Statistics for **California**

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<tr>
<td>Total Homeless Population</td>
<td>118,142</td>
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<td>Total Family Households Experiencing Homelessness</td>
<td>6,764</td>
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<td>Veterans Experiencing Homelessness</td>
<td>9,612</td>
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<td>Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness</td>
<td>31,548</td>
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<td>Unaccompanied Young Adults (Aged 18-24) Experiencing Homelessness</td>
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Rate of Homelessness per 100,000 Population: **302**
Food Insecurity in U.S. Colleges
(Majority use 6 Item, Older Studies Use Old Version)

- 59% W. Oregon U (n=354)
- 19% CSU Sacramento (n=67)
- 32% Arizona State (n=209)
- 31% U Texas (n=258)
- 21% U Hawaii Manoa (n=410)
- 35% Illinois U campuses (n=1882)
- 25% UMass Boston (n=390)
- 56% Maryland community colleges (n=301)
- 73% U North Carolina (n=504)
- 14% U Alabama (n=557)
33,000 students
- 70 community colleges
- 24 states

**Food Insecure**
- 66%

**Housing Insecure**
- 50%

**Homeless**
- 14%

**Working and Receiving Fin Aid**
- 32%

“Very little geographic variation in hunger and homelessness among community college students”
The Rise of Pantries on College Campuses

Student Reflections:...

“I remember my freshman semester especially when I was living in the dorms I ran out of meal points and survived off of other kind souls around me ...More so, my sophomore year, spring semester when I was struggling academically, physically, emotionally, psychologically, and ESPECIALLY financially, I survived off of ramen for 2 weeks ...it was horrible! “

“...the Food Pantry would have definitely been a blessing then, but it is still now because I know there are many folks in those situations even today and the Food Pantry, on it’s basis of pure existence, is a blessing.”
UC GFI Food Access and Security

Timeline of Progress

2014 - 2015
- Established food security committee
- CHEFS 2015: First proposal to UC President
- UC President funds $75,000 per campus

2015 - 2016
- Operationalized emergency relief resources and support services for students in need
- Impact data collected for all 10 campuses
- Completed 2020 Strategic Work & Budget Plan
- UCUES, Graduate Wellbeing, Cost of Attendance Surveys Updated
- UC President Committed: $3.3 Million Total, 2 Years (Increased Campus Funding 2X)
# Data in the UC on Student Food Insecurity

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<td>8,932</td>
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<td>Total food insecure</td>
<td>42%</td>
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<td>Child history food insecurity</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td><strong>By academic level</strong></td>
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<td>Undergraduate</td>
<td>48%</td>
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<td>Graduate</td>
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<td><strong>By race/ethnicity</strong></td>
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<td>White</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>Black</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>59%</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
<td>41%</td>
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<td>Mixed race/other</td>
<td>44%</td>
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The majority of students reporting food insecurity in the last 12 months had not experienced food insecurity as a child.
# Food and Housing Insecurity Study across Surveys

## Student Surveys with Food and Housing Insecurity Questions

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<th>UC Undergraduate Experience Survey (UCUES)</th>
<th>Graduate Well-being Survey</th>
<th>Student Food Access and Security Study</th>
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<td>Population</td>
<td>Undergraduates population</td>
<td>Graduates sample</td>
<td>Undergraduates &amp; Graduates sample</td>
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<td># Responses</td>
<td>63,132</td>
<td>6,764</td>
<td>8,932</td>
<td>15,261</td>
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<td>Response Rate</td>
<td>33%</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>41%</td>
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<td>Periodicity</td>
<td>Every two years</td>
<td>One-time administration</td>
<td>One-time administration</td>
<td>Every three years</td>
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2015-2016 Outcomes

Total UC Student Service Contacts:

52,608

CA Sister Sectors

National Engagement:

- ACHA
- California Association of Food Banks
- California Higher Education Food Summit
- NACADA
- Food Summit
- Hope Lab
- Push
- 2016 AERA Annual Meeting
- California Community Colleges
- Vox Vitae
- California State University
- Student Experience, Impact, Suggestions
- Deepen understanding
- Evaluation
- Reporting

- Policies, structures, and decision making processes
- Directly and indirectly impact student basic needs

- Prospective Students
- New Admits
- 1st Year Experience
- CalFresh
- Skills/Services
- Emergency/Crisis

- Micro-Macro Policy Engagement
- Cross-Sector Strategy
- National Collaborations
Policy and Cross Sector Developments

- AB 1930 Implementation Working Group (Cal-Fresh Eligibility)
- Bills of interest from last cycle:
  - AB 1747 (approved by Governor on 9/12/16, Chaptered, Chapter 290)
  - AB 1770 (vetoed by Governor on 9/25/16)
  - AB 801 (approved by governor, Student Homelessness--CSU-CCC)
  - AB 1995 (approved by governor—CCC)

- CA Higher Education Cross Sector Basic Needs Task Force: next meeting at UCOP in December
- Cross Sector Engaged Partners going forward
- UCOP, UC ANR’s NPI Policy Advisor, Ken Hecht, CSU Chancellor’s Office, CCC Chancellor’s Office, WPLC—Jessica Bartholow, CAFB, and more…

- Current Legislative Efforts
Thank You!

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Increasing Food Security
For CCC Students
California Community College Statistics

- 72 Community College Districts
- 113 Community Colleges
- 2.3 million Community College students
- Community colleges located in 38 of the 58 counties in California
Cost to Attend CCC

- Per data from the California Student Aid Commission, the 2016-17 average Cost of Attendance at a CCC for an independent student was $19,800
- Non-loan based financial aid including BOG fee waivers, Cal Grants, and Pell Grants for full time (12 units) CCC student is roughly $8,750

Gap of over $11K between COA & available financial aid!
Informal Survey of CCC System

In September 2016, the Chancellor’s Office initiated a short exploratory survey to community college faculty, staff, and administrators throughout the system to assess the level of students being impacted by issues of food insecurity, housing displacement, and unmet financial needs.

- Survey response time was three days
- 442 faculty and staff responded
- 100 colleges represented in responses
Survey Results

• 90% of the respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their students were experiencing some level of food insecurity.

• 93% of the respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their students were experiencing some level of housing displacement.

• Correspondingly, only 20% of the staff and faculty respondents reported their students knew how to access local resources to address food and housing needs.
Additionally, survey data indicated that community colleges are offering a variety of services and resources to address the unmet needs, that include:

- Emergency grant/loan programs
- Gas cards and bus passes
- Food pantry/food kitchens/meal vouchers
- Health/mental health services
- Book vouchers and supplies
- Subsidized or low cost child care services
National Research CC Students
Wisconsin Hope Lab Report:
Hungry and Homeless in College

• 33,000 CC students surveyed
• 24 States/70 community colleges
• 2 in 3 students reported food insecure
• 50% of students reported housing insecure
• 13-14% of students reported homeless status
Call to Action

• Cross segment collaboration on research, program development, and outreach
  o **CalFresh**: Outreach and Promotion
  o **Food Banks**: Leveraging Resources
  o **Miscellaneous**: Resource Materials and Supporting increased food resources for CCC students
Working with Partners

Joined California higher education partners in policy/program/research workgroup

Creating internal work group including leadership from CCCs to develop strategies to support food and housing needs of CCC students
CCC Spark Point Centers

Campus based centers that do outreach to students to support enrollment in available public benefits:

- Cash aid, CalFresh, & Medi-Cal enrollment
- Wrap around services that include financial literacy,

Currently at Skyline College, Napa College, Solano College and Canada College

Goal to expand “Spark Point” services to additional CCC
Promoting CalFresh

- CalFresh Enrollment Regional trainings: Working with Chico State Center for Healthy Communities to host regional trainings throughout the state,
- Promoting opportunities for co-location of CalFresh staff to support student enrollment on campus,
- Established and working to expand CCC-based CalFresh Employment & Training Program (Fresh Success)!
Leveraging Food Bank Resources

Currently, we estimate that between 25-50% of CCCs have some form of a food pantry

- Early partnership with College and University Food Bank Alliance & California Association of Food Banks to increase the number of CCCs with food pantries
- Goal to increase number and scope of food pantry resources on community college campuses!
Support Activities

• CCC Inventory/survey of existing resources/existing best practices,
• Developing Best Practices guide to serving homeless students,
• Promote Restaurant Meal Program in relevant counties.
Support Activities

• Supporting implementation of AB 801: Serving homeless and foster youth,
• Planning for system-wide Food and Housing Summit (Fall of 2017),
• Working with the CCC Student Senate to increase awareness of and promote food resources to students!
AmeriCorps Opportunity

- In partnership with the Foundation for CA Community Colleges, applied for an AmeriCorps grant to fund a CCC Student Ambassador project
- If awarded, the project would host up to 100 AmeriCorps members at CCC to:
  - Provide health/mental health education to peers and,
  - Support peers to enroll in public benefits including CalFresh!
Q & A

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