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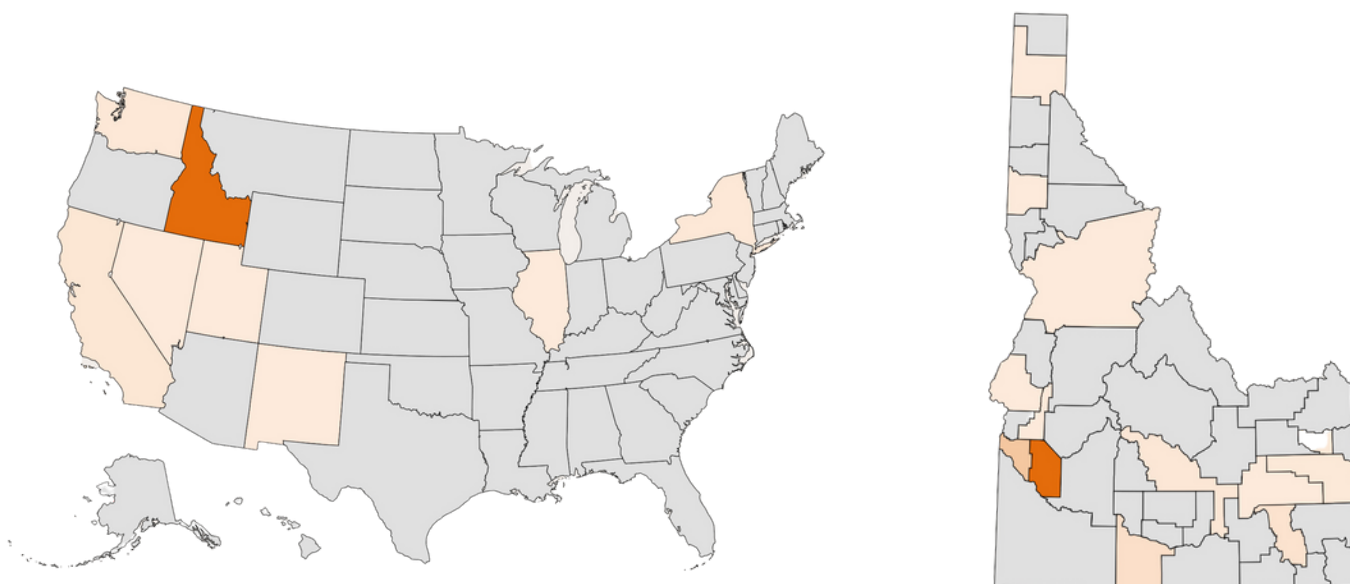
FINAL REPORT



Over 175 individuals attended the 2023 Idaho Summit on Hunger and Food Security. These individuals represented counties from all over Idaho including Ada, Canyon, Bonneville, and Bonner. Attendees even came from states including Washington, New York, California, and Nevada. Organizations in attendance included Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Blue Cross of Idaho, University of Idaho, University of Idaho Extension, Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, The Idaho Foodbank, and so many more.

The summit focused on four of the five pillars to end hunger, identified by the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health held on September 28, 2022. Attendees gathered in small breakout groups to create actionable objectives for the next two years.

Participant Distribution



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Stacy Dean, Deputy Under Secretary,
USDA Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services**

Stacy Dean is the Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services at the United States Department of Agriculture. Prior to joining the Biden Administration, DUSEC Dean served as the Vice President for Food Assistance Policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP). Every day, she works to advance the President's agenda to increase nutrition assistance for struggling families and individuals.

PILLAR 1: IMPROVING FOOD ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

Objective 1

Replicate excess food diversion programs into two other regions in the state for the 2024 farming season



Objective 2

Support more summer feeding sites in 2024



Presenters

Dale Lish

Acting State Director for Idaho U.S. Department of Agriculture

Britt Udesen

City of Good Executive Director

Norm Stewart

Marsing School District Superintendent

PILLAR 2: INTEGRATING NUTRITION AND HEALTH

Objective 1

Increase access to fruits and vegetables in rural areas through:

- Expanded EBT/voucher use for all programming
- Identify target zip codes to create phased approach/priority areas

Objective 2

Start an education campaign on how to use Medicaid to support food access



Presenters

Kristin Sukys

Food is Medicine Consultant

PILLAR 3: EMPOWERING ALL CONSUMERS TO MAKE AND HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTHY CHOICES

Objective 1

Increase public messaging with food access, nutrition education, testimonials to decrease stigmas with HCP, gas stations, and all other areas

Objective 2

Advocate to lawmakers about programs such as increasing SNAP eligibility to 150%, summer EBT programs, school nutrition, local food systems, WIC, etc.



Presenters

Emily Waddoups

RDN, LD, Central District Health WIC Program Manager

Ambrelle Lee

Idaho WIC Health Program Manager

Becca Dittrich

Chobani Vice President of Impact

PILLAR 5: ENHANCING NUTRITION AND FOOD SECURITY RESEARCH

Objective 1

Food assistance gap analysis:

- Why aren't Idahoans who are eligible for government food assistance not apply for it?
- How many Idahoans are eligible for government food assistance but not receiving it?

Objective 2

Stakeholder collaboration

- How can increased collaboration between Idaho's food security stakeholders be achieved?
- Does increased stakeholder collaboration lead to more Idahoans receiving food assistance?

Presenters

Jenifer Reader

MHE, RDN, LD, Idaho State University

NEXT STEPS

Next Steps for Idaho

- Meet with the summit pillar leads.
- What went well and what needs improvement
- Review and refine goals to prevent duplication
- Define expectations of IHRTF over the next two years
- Each pillar will create a working group
- Meet quarterly over the next two years to achieve their goals
- Minutes will be created and distributed

Top 6 goals

- Replicate excess food diversion programs into two regions in the state
- Expand EBT/Voucher use for all programming, identify priority areas.
- Increase public messaging around food access
- Advocate with lawmakers to increase snap eligibility to 185%.
- Research why aren't Idahoans who are eligible for assistance not applying
- Increase collaboration among Idaho food security stakeholders

There are many other subgoals that came out of the 2023 summit. For more information or to join a pillar work group, please reach out to info@idahohunger.org

ABOUT THE IDAHO HUNGER RELIEF TASK FORCE



Denise Dixon ED IHRTF, presents Shane Leach, Kristin Matthews, and Jennifer Palagi of DHW with the Governor's proclamation in recognition of their work to fight child hunger in Idaho.
L-R: Denise Dixon, Jennifer Palagi, Shane Leach, Kristin Matthews, Stacy Dean USDA, Mari Ramos IHCC

In October of 2006, the first statewide Summit on Hunger and Food Security was held in Boise. This first Summit brought together faith leaders, charitable emergency food providers, state and local government, health providers, advocacy groups, business and industry, and community members to learn about and identify appropriate Idaho solutions. One of the first 'next steps' was the creation of a statewide hunger relief task force meant to work as a collaboration of public and private agencies and organizations from many different sectors to work together to promote food security.

The Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force was established in 2008 with a vision that in a state as abundant as Idaho, hunger will not exist. The mission is to put public and private resources into action statewide to eliminate hunger and provide food security for all Idahoans.



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