

# Summer Nutrition Summit

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# **Delivering Summer EBT: Issuance, Redemption, and What's Working**

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## Disclaimer

Our speakers represent their own experience with child nutrition programs in their states and localities. Certain program models and implementation methods may be restricted in some states and localities. Check with your local agency before implementing any new service models or methods.

# Today's Conversation

- ★ Setting the stage: the Summer EBT benefit delivery experience from a family perspective
- ★ Panel Discussion
  - **Issuance:** How benefits get created—and where families experience confusion or clarity
  - **Delivery:** What it takes for benefits and information to reach families successfully
  - **Redemption:** What helps families use benefits with confidence
  - **Looking Ahead:** What we hope to improve for 2026 and beyond
- ★ Audience questions and shared strategies



# Closing Gaps in Summer EBT: Practical Solutions to Reach All Children



- Draws on conversations with states and Tribes to document strategies used to reach children facing barriers to access
- Focuses on practical, operational improvements across issuance, delivery, and redemption
- Highlights approaches to better serve foster youth, housing-insecure families, Indigenous communities, households with limited English proficiency, and families required to apply



## Session Speakers

- ★ **Zee Zaidoff**, Speaker, Writer, Trainer, Hope808
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- ★ **Eugenia Gusev**, Maryland Department of Human Services
- ★ **Jonelle Brom**, Wisconsin Department of Health Services





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