



BILL RECONCILIATION TALKING POINT

NO ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK

Families with children already struggle; this will reduce access.

The bill proposes a \$211 billion cut to SNAP over 10 years through an unprecedented change in the structure of the program in addition to cuts to eligibility and benefit levels.

Iowa's food banks already face increasing pressure: they distributed over **61 million meals last year**, up from the pandemic peak of 51 million. This trend indicates **deepening food insecurity**, not improvement

IMPACT ON CHILDREN

1. The proposed changes to SNAP **redefine who counts as a dependent**, excluding children younger than **10 years old** from protection against work requirements for their parents.
2. That means **fourth graders could lose access to food** because their parents can't meet new work rules.
3. Food insecurity undermines childhood health, brain development, and academic success.
4. The Iowa Legislature has prioritized reducing **chronic absenteeism** in schools, recognizing that **kids need to be in class to learn and succeed**.
5. But at the same time, proposals to cut SNAP or impose stricter rules on families threaten to **increase childhood hunger**—a leading factor in school absences.
6. SNAP already has extensive work requirements for many recipients, and most able-bodied adults who can work are already doing so.

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