Maternal and Child Health Fellows Webinar: Child Nutrition

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State Legislative Priorities and Trends in 2021

• Breastfeeding
  ➢ Nevada SB 420
    • Requires the state plan for Medicaid to include a procedure for the state to pay the non-federal share of expenditures for breastfeeding supplies and lactation consultation and support.
  ➢ Oklahoma SB 121
    ➢ Directs each school district to adopt certain policies for employees who are lactating.

• Obesity
  ➢ Alabama SJR 107
    • Creates the Chronic Weight Management and Type 2 Diabetes Task Force.
  ➢ Tennessee SB 1323
    • Requires the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations to provide an evaluation on the socioeconomic impact of childhood obesity.
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• **School Nutrition**
  - **Arkansas HB 1848**
    - Develops comprehensive approaches to nutrition and physical activity in schools.
  - **Connecticut SB 2**
    - Prohibits “lunch shaming” and creates procedures for communicating with and providing resources to families unable to pay school meal debt.
  - **Hawaii HB 767**
    - Creates a farm-to-school program and sets goals for increasing locally sourced foods in schools.
  - **Iowa SB 578**
    - Creates a farm-to-school program and provides for eligibility requirements and reimbursement.
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• **Federal Benefits**
  - **DC Bill 285**
    • Modifies the supermarket tax credit to require applicants to accept WIC and SNAP benefits.
  - **Missouri HB 432**
    • Requires the state department of agriculture to apply for a grant under the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

• **Food Security**
  - **New Jersey SB 3945**
    • Creates the Office of the Food Insecurity Advocate.
  - **Utah SB 141**
    • Creates the Task Force on Food Security.
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NCSL Resources
• Maternal and Child Health Database

Thank you!