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A Look At 2018 Farm Bill Nutrition Title

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The federal nutrition programs are key health interventions & supports for those experiencing food insecurity or at-risk for food insecurity.



Federal Nutrition Programs*

Reduce
poverty

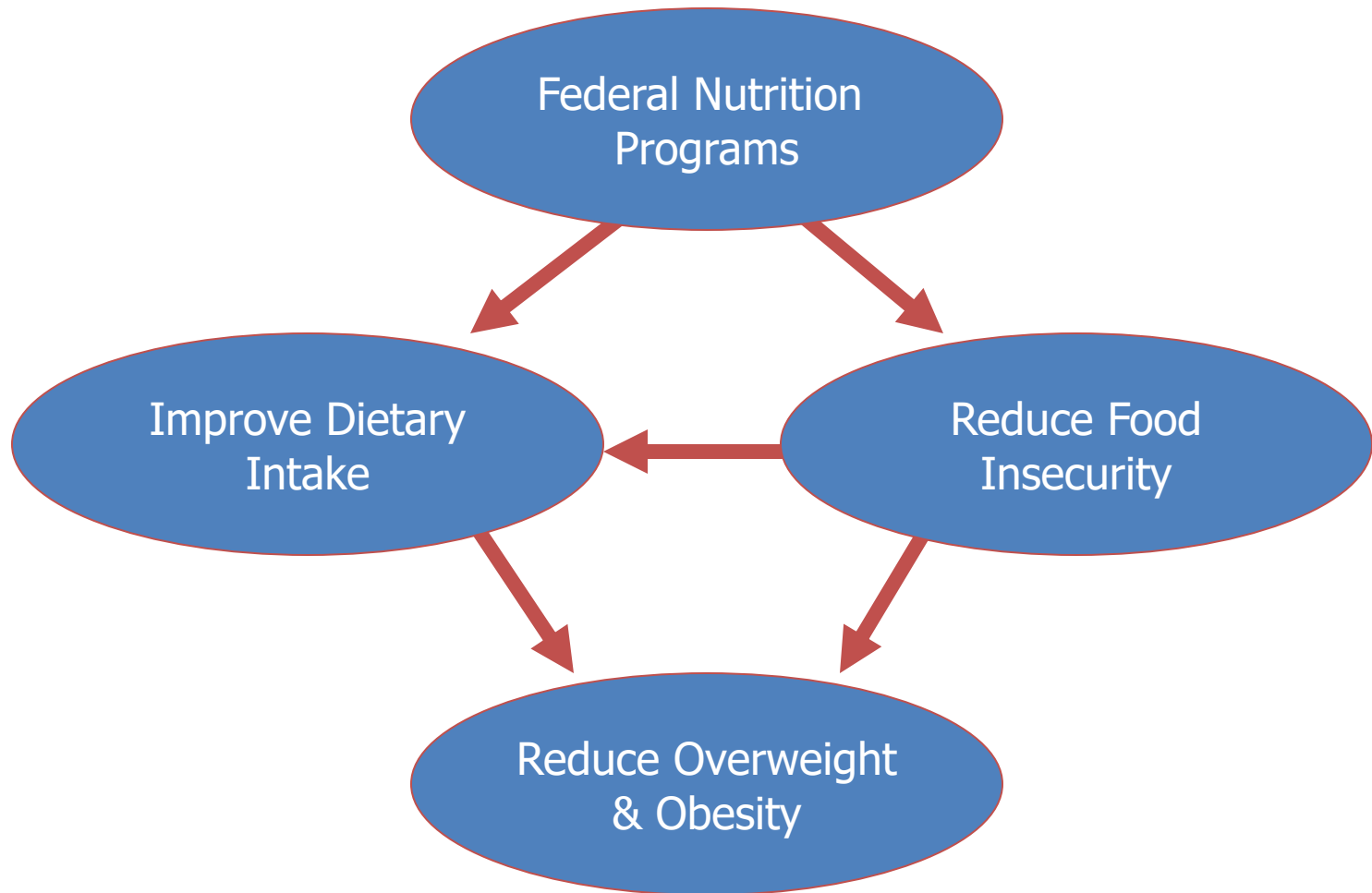
Reduce food
insecurity

Improve
dietary quality
& protect
against obesity

Improve
health &
well-being

*Federal nutrition programs = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); National School Lunch Program; School Breakfast Program; Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP); Summer & Afterschool Nutrition Programs

Role of the Federal Nutrition Programs in Obesity Prevention



2018 Farm Bill Enacted

2018 Farm Bill was enacted on December 20, 2018

Conference Report

<https://docs.house.gov/billsthisweek/20181210/CRPT-115hrpt1072.pdf>

FRAC's analysis of the Nutrition Title (Title IV)

<http://frac.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-farm-bill-conference-report-analysis.pdf>

Reauthorized SNAP Without Cuts to SNAP Eligibility and Benefits

House had proposed deep cuts to SNAP eligibility and benefits

Many SNAP working families with children would have lost SNAP eligibility and children in those families would have lost free school meals

Arbitrary time limits on people unable to document sufficient weekly work hours would have been tightened further and extended to additional populations (older workers and adults with dependent children age 6 or older)

Key SNAP Provisions

Enhances and slightly increases funding for SNAP E&T

Mandates simplified homeless housing deduction

Requires USDA Secretary to re-evaluate and publish Thrifty Food Plan every five years

Maintains SNAP-Ed with some modifications

Expands and provides permanent mandatory funding for Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program

Lessens number of discretionary exemptions states will have to protect certain adults from three month time limits on eligibility

Other Title IV Provisions

Reauthorizes TEFAP

Reauthorizes CSFP

Strengthens FDPIR

Reauthorizes HFFI

Administrative Action

USDA has posted a proposed rule to lessen state flexibility to protect certain adults who are unable to document sufficient weekly hours of work from three month time limits on SNAP eligibility

The proposal would eliminate SNAP benefits for 755,000 adults and cut SNAP food spending by \$15 billion over ten years

FRAC is working with allies to prepare comments for submission during a 60-day public comment period.

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/snap/ABAWDtoOFR.pdf>

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