Summer EBT

Challenges & Solutions with Data Quality & Systems

Today's Agenda

- Background

- Eligibility and enrollment

- Statewide Database

- Michigan's Plan for Success

- Code for America Research on State Systems

Background

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023

The law permanently authorized a **nationwide Summer EBT** program

Launching in 2024!
Summer EBT

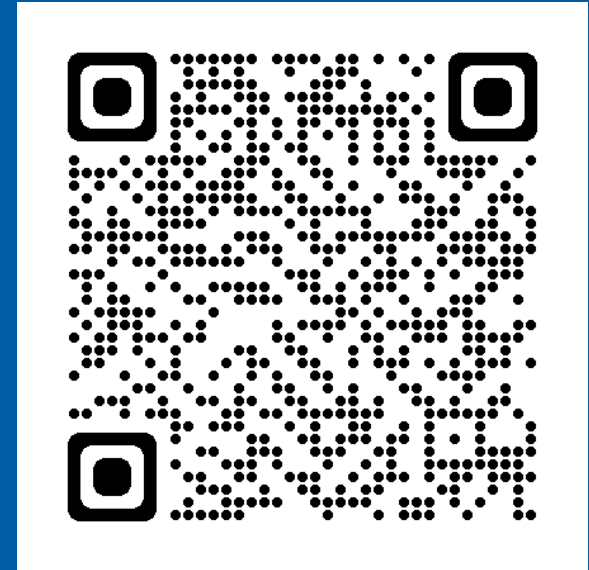Could benefit more than
29 million children

Interim Final Rule coming by year-end

USDA issued early guidance and technical assistance resources:

USDA Guidance

- ✓ Guidance for 2024 State Implementation of SEBT
- ✓ Guidance on SEBT Implementation in 2024 by Indian Tribal Organizations
- ✓ Guidance on SEBT Eligibility & Applications
- ✓ Guidance on SEBT Administrative Funding Process
- ✓ Guidance on Food Benefit Models for ITOs
- ✓ Implementation Toolkit
- ✓ Summer EBT Q&As

Guiding Principles for Summer EBT

- Effectively deliver benefits to eligible families

- Streamline program administration

- Minimize burden on schools

- Provide states temporary flexibilities where needed/possible, as they work to stand up Summer EBT
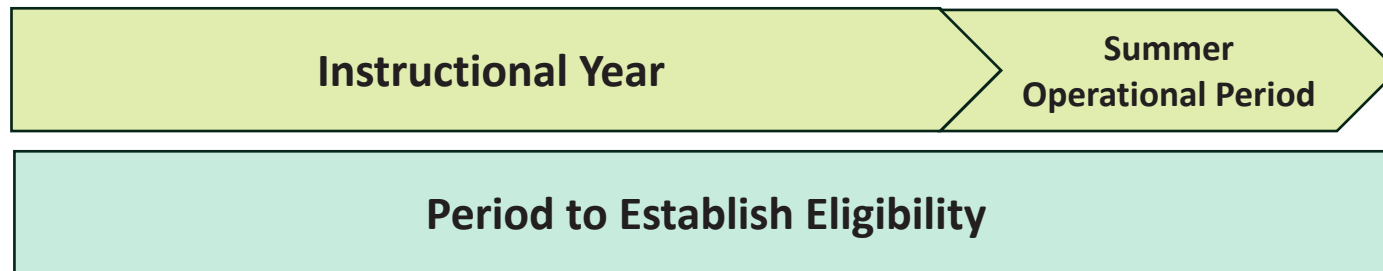
Eligibility and Enrollment

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Period for Establishing Summer EBT Eligibility

- Households may establish eligibility for Summer EBT **at any point** between the start of the immediately preceding instructional year through the last day of the summer operational period

Instructional Year	Summer Operational Period

Period to Establish Eligibility

- Children certified as eligible for Summer EBT during the summer will be issued the **full summer benefit regardless of the date of certification**

Summer EBT Enrollment

NSLP/SBP
-Applications
-Direct Certification
-Categorical Eligibility

Summer EBT Applications

SNAP

School Aged Children only

-Foster*
-Homeless*
-Migrant*
-Runaway*
-Head Start*

-TANF*
-FDPIR*
-Other programs, including Medicaid, as approved

All children eligible through Streamlined Certification

Duplicate Records Removed

Issue SEBT

* If the data for these programs is available at the state level, they must also be used to streamline certify children for SEBT.

What is School Age for Summer EBT?

Children enrolled in NSLP/SBP Schools	Children not enrolled in NSLP/SBP schools
Children of any age who are enrolled in NSLP/SBP-participating schools if they are also eligible for free or reduced price school meals. • Children of high school grade or under, including preschool-age children • Students who are mentally or physically disabled, as defined by the State, and who are participating in a school program established for the mentally or physically disabled	School-age means the years in which a child is required to attend school, or an equivalent program as defined by State or Tribal law. Also known as the age requirement for compulsory education.

Applications

Statewide Application Requirement

Statewide Database

Statewide Database

By 2025, Summer EBT agencies will be required to establish and maintain a State- or ITO-wide database of children who are enrolled in NSLP- or SBP-participating schools

Statewide Database Requirements

✓ Child's Name

✓ Date of Birth

✓ School or District

✓ Mailing Address

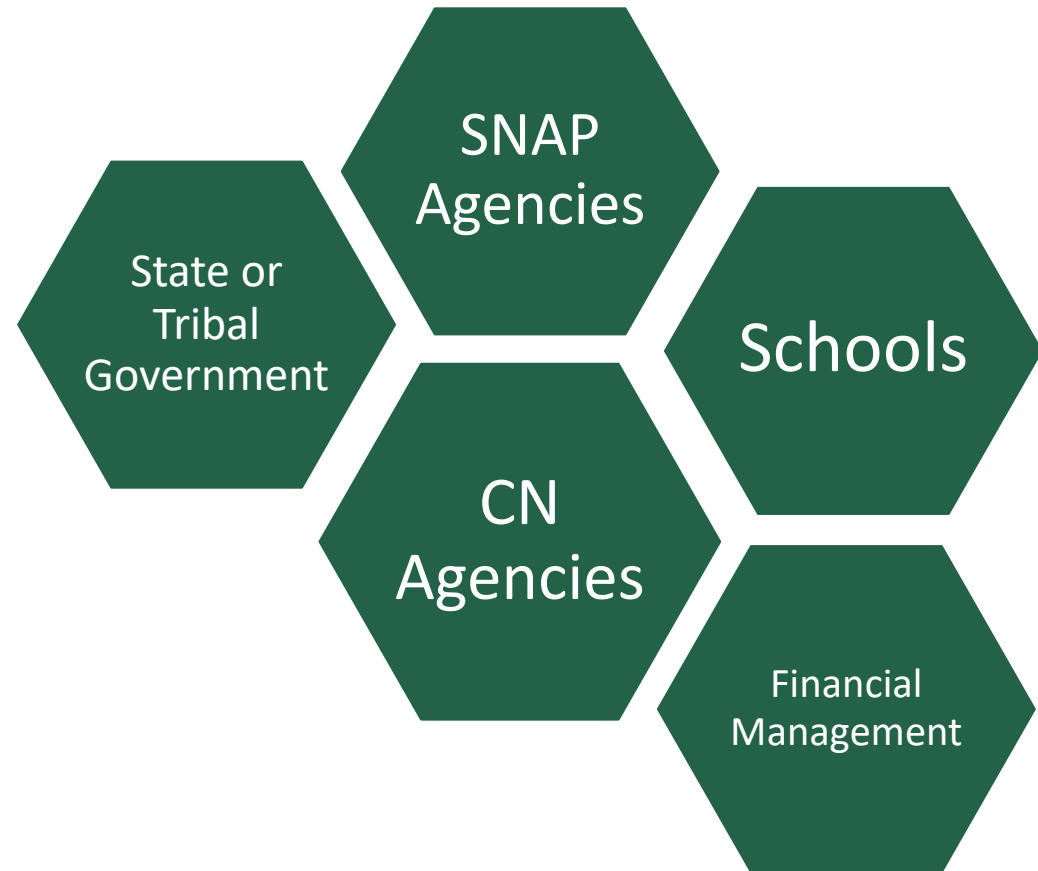✓ Individual Free or Reduced Priced Eligibility

Working Across Entities

Collaboration

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Key Requirements to Success

- Statewide application

- Database with all children enrolled in NSLP/SBP schools

State or Tribal Government

SNAP Agencies

CN Agencies

Schools

Financial Management

Leveraging Student Data for Summer EBT in Michigan

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Summer EBT in Michigan- Why

- Estimating 900K eligible students

- Goal #3- Improve the health, safety, and wellness of all learners

- Compliments the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Rural Non-Congregate SFSP

Michigan's **TOP10** Strategic Education Plan

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Summer EBT in Michigan- Partnerships

- Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is the lead agency for Summer EBT
  - MDE is the partner agency
    - Student level data is provided by the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI)

- These strong relationships are critical for the success of the program

- MDE is hosting a day-long meeting to bring all partners together

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Center for Educational Performance and Information

- CEPI was established by the Michigan Legislature ([Sect. 94a of the State School Aid Act](#)) to **coordinate** the *collection*, *management* and *reporting* of **education data**, from early childhood through K-12 and postsecondary education, and into the workforce.

- CEPI's mission is to:
  - Reduce Data Collection Burdens
  - Transform Education Data
  - Increase Efficiency

Michigan Student Data System

- CEPI Application used to collect student data
- Leverage existing student data collection processes for Summer EBT rather than incorporate a separate manual process.
- Existing data collections
  - General Collections (Fall, Spring, and End of Year)
    - K-12 and special populations
  - Early Childhood Collections (Fall, Spring, and End of Program)
    - PreK programs (i.e. Head Start, Great Start Readiness Program)
  - Nonpublic School Student Roster Collection (School Year)

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Relevant Data Collected at Student Level

- Personal Demographics
  - Name, UIC, DOB, Gender
- Contact Information
  - Address: Physical, Mailing
- Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility Component
  - Eligible Free
  - Eligible Reduced
  - Direct Certification Extended Eligibility
- Homeless Demographic Component
- Early Childhood Program

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Directly Certified Students

- Students in MSDS are eligible to match with MDHHS data for direct certification
  - SNAP
  - TANF
  - Medicaid Free
  - Medicaid Reduced
  - Foster
- MDHHS data pull and matches occur approximately every 2 weeks
- Districts can pull their Direct Certification Student Status Report from MSDS

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Directly Certified Students

Center for Educational Performance and Information - Michigan Student Data System

Direct Certification Student Status

2023-2024

| ISD | Ingham ISD (33) | | | | | | | | | |

| District | Lansing Public School District (33020) | | | | | | | | | |

| Building | 00561 Cavanaugh School | | | | | | | | | |

UIC	EligCat	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	DOB		Gender	Student Number	Exit Date	Eligibility Date
5 261	S			N	0 7		F	419676		7/24/2023
3 792	S				0 6		F	419465		7/24/2023
6 077	S			G	1 9		F	424947		7/24/2023
1 694	M			I	1 5		F	420215		7/24/2023
1 521	S			L	0 6		M	426122		9/18/2023
1 056	S			L	0 6		M	426123		9/18/2023
6 188	S			a	0 4		M	409917		7/24/2023
7 210	S			F	1 3		M	410913		7/24/2023
3 200	S			P	0 7		F	421812		9/18/2023
5 390	S			M	0 8		M	425962		9/18/2023
9 354	S			R	1 4		M	418807		7/24/2023
5 386	S				0 5		F	414666		7/24/2023

NOTES:

S = Student is certified via Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Benefits can be extended to other children in the same household.
T = Student is certified via Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). Benefits can be extended to other children in the same household.
F = Student is a foster child. Benefits cannot be extended to other children in the same household.
M = Student is certified via Medicaid - Free Meals. Benefits can be extended to other children in the same household.
R = Student is certified via Medicaid - Reduced Price Meals. Benefits can be extended to other children in the same household.

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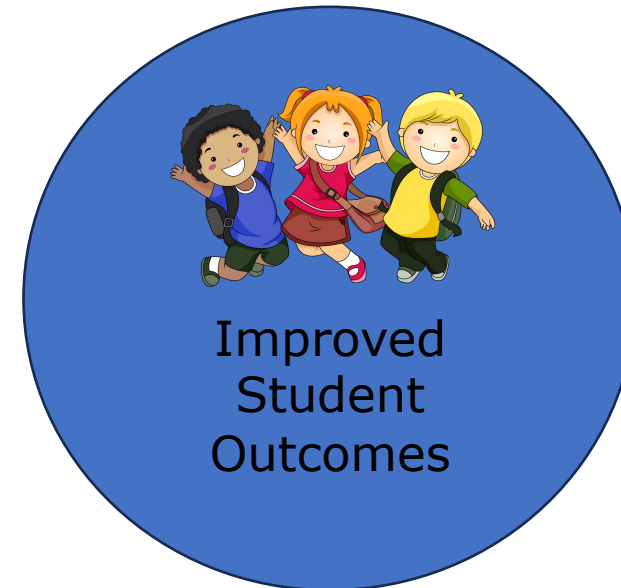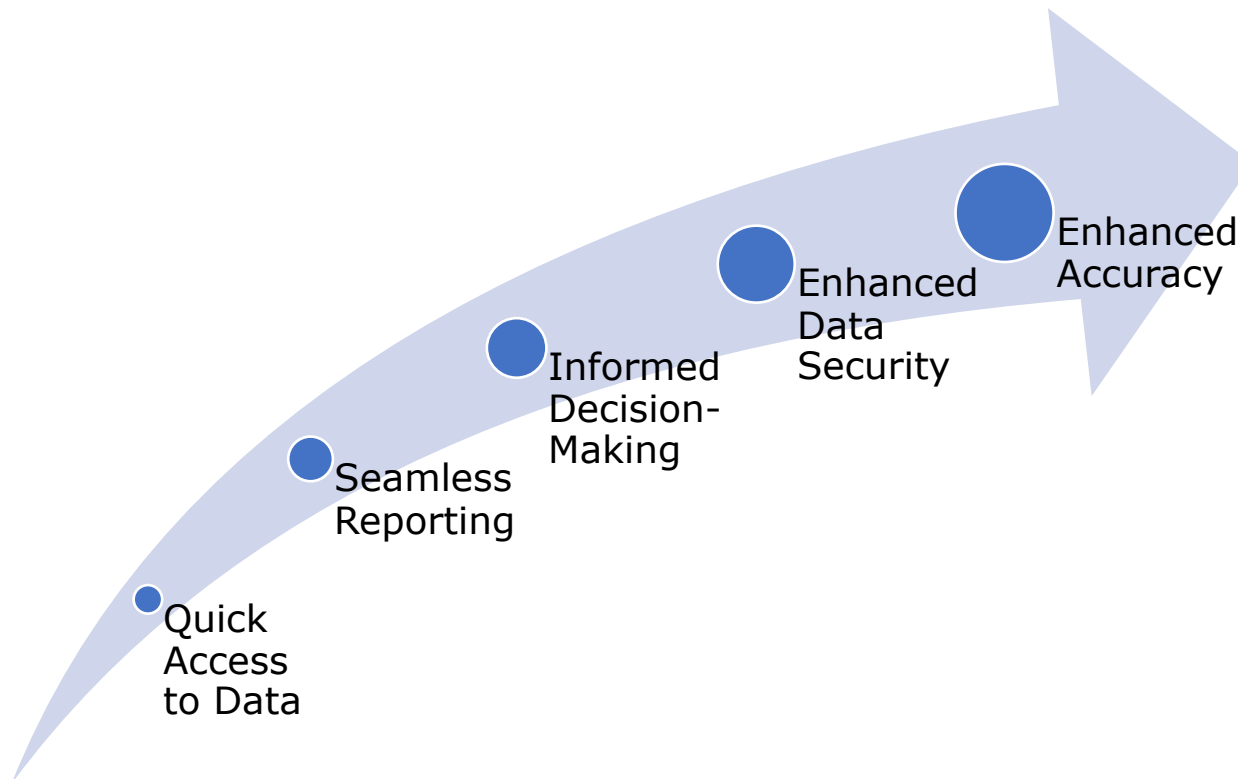# Data Quality

- CEPI Data Quality Team
  - Policies, Processes and Practices that control our data and ensure quality
  - Data quality emails are generated 2-3 times a collection
    - Identify anomalies, compare data volumes to previous collections, provide summaries
    - More than 10 DQs are DC/SNE/Economically Disadvantaged related
      - Sent DQs
        - DQ1027- Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility Counts for CEP Buildings: Significant Decreases
        - DQ1028- Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility Counts for CEP Buildings: High Count
        - DQ1029 -Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility (SNE) Student Count Comparisons: Significant Decreases
        - DQ1030 -Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility (SNE) Student Count: Rate is Less than 10 Percent.
        - DQ1901 -Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility (SNE) Student Count Comparisons: Significant Increases
        - DQ2011 -Economically Disadvantaged Summary – includes all economically disadvantaged categories with deduplicated aggregates and includes a 2-year comparison (Direct Cert, SNE free, SNE reduced, SNE extended, migrant, homeless)

      - Internal DQs
        - DQ1902 - Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility (SNE): Ratio of Reduced-Price Lunch Counts to Free Lunch Counts
        - DQ1903 - Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility (SNE) Comparison with Direct Certification
        - DQ1907 -Large decreases in SNE not picked up DQ1029 (threshold 10 percent)
        - DQ2205 -SNE Extended Eligibility District Summary
        - DQ2012 -District decrease in poverty
        - DQ2013 -District increase in poverty

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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

- CEPI General Collections are used for CEP notifications and eligibility postings and posted by MDE
  - Fall collection for district level eligibility posting
  - Spring collection for site level eligibility posting

- CEPI spring data is available in the Coordinated Application, making it simple to apply/reapply for CEP

- Nonpublic schools do not report in the general collection, but use Nonpublic School Student Roster Collection

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Student Data Collection Benefits

Quick Access to Data

Seamless Reporting

Informed Decision-Making

Enhanced Data Security

Enhanced Accuracy

Improved Student Outcomes

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Student Data Collection Challenges

Data is self reported by parents/guardians

- Reliability
- Incomplete or inconsistent information
- Language and cultural barriers
- Engagement and response rates

Data is self reported by schools

- Technology
- Staffing
- Validation and verification
- Privacy

SOM reporting requirements

- Legislatively required three times per year

Summer EBT and Student Data

Summer 2024

- Direct Certification data
- Free/Reduced Application data (from MSDS)
- Education Benefits form (Alternate Income form- from MSDS)

Summer 2025 and Beyond

- Direct Certification data
- Free/Reduced Application data (from MSDS)
- **Statewide Summer EBT application**

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Summer EBT Keys to Success

School Engagement

Efficient Planning

Learn & Adapt

Public Communication & Outreach

Stakeholder Engagement

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