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2023 Policy Priorities

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Hello and Welcome

2022 Was an Eventful Year

- ▶ CMS adoption of Global Malnutrition Composite Score measure
- ▶ White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health
- ▶ 50th Anniversary of Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs
- ▶ Addition of malnutrition and food insecurity questions in annual survey of OAA participants (NSOAAP)
- ▶ Largest increase in regular appropriations funding for OAA in history

What Can We Look Forward to in 2023?

- ▶ Implementation of the Global Malnutrition Composite Score
- ▶ Implementation work on national strategy from White House Conference
- ▶ Federal focus on nutrition security
- ▶ Farm Bill
 - ▶ 80% is domestic nutrition programs
- ▶ First meeting of Committee for Dietary Guidelines of America (2025-2030)
- ▶ Master Plans on Aging
- ▶ Telehealth and ending of Public Health Emergency

118th Congress Finally Underway

- ▶ Democrats control Senate, Republicans control House with narrow margin
- ▶ Senate Committee on Agriculture: Chair Stabenow (D-MI), Ranking member Boozman (R-AR)
 - ▶ Decides Farm Bill
- ▶ Senate HELP Committee Chair: Sanders (D-VT), Ranking Member Cassidy (R-LA)
- ▶ Senate Appropriations Committee: Chair Murray (D-WA), Vice Chair Collins (R-ME)
 - ▶ Funding
- ▶ Senate Committee on Aging: Chair Casey (D-PA), Ranking member Braun (R-IN)

An exciting start in the House

- ▶ House Committee on Agriculture: Chair Thompson (R-PA), Ranking member Scott (D-GA)
 - ▶ Farm Bill
- ▶ House Committee on Ed. and Labor: Chair Foxx (R-NC), Ranking member Scott (D-VA)
 - ▶ Older Americans Act
- ▶ House Committee on Ways and Means: Chair Smith (R-MO), Ranking member Neal (D-MA)
 - ▶ Medicare and Medically Tailored Meals
- ▶ Appropriations Committee: Chair Granger (R-TX), Ranking member DeLauro (D-CT)
 - ▶ Funding

DMT Focus Areas

- ▶ Malnutrition Quality Improvement and Global Malnutrition Composite Score Measure
 - ▶ Monitor CMS Implementation
 - ▶ Community referral piece of GMCS: identifying and promoting successful community partnerships as part of the malnutrition quality measure (MQii)
 - ▶ Advocate for hospital systems to take up quality measure components
 - ▶ Connect participating hospitals with community-based nutrition entities for patient referrals and care transitions
 - ▶ Look for possible adoption in other rules

Advocacy

▶ Farm Bill

- ▶ Advocate to include improving food quality in USDA programs (CSFP, CACFP), malnutrition-related policy and references, and potential legislation on access to SFMNP, senior hunger task force, etc.
 - ▶ Connected to GAO report DMT asked for in 2017, formally requested by Senators Murray and Casey
- ▶ Markups starting in March, goal is markup for entire bill by August

▶ Food is Medicine

- ▶ Advocacy for legislation
- ▶ Identifying and lifting-up examples

Advocacy

- ▶ **Dietary Guidelines for Americans**
 - ▶ Monitor each DGA committee meeting and advocate for focus on older adult nutrition
 - ▶ First meeting Feb 9th
- ▶ **Funding**
 - ▶ OAA nutrition program/USDA nutrition programs
 - ▶ Nutrition research, including NIH/USDA
 - ▶ Dedicated funding for DGA work
- ▶ **Monitor Legislation**
 - ▶ New legislation like Senator Casey's expected bill
 - ▶ Possible OAA oversight hearings

State-Level Advocacy

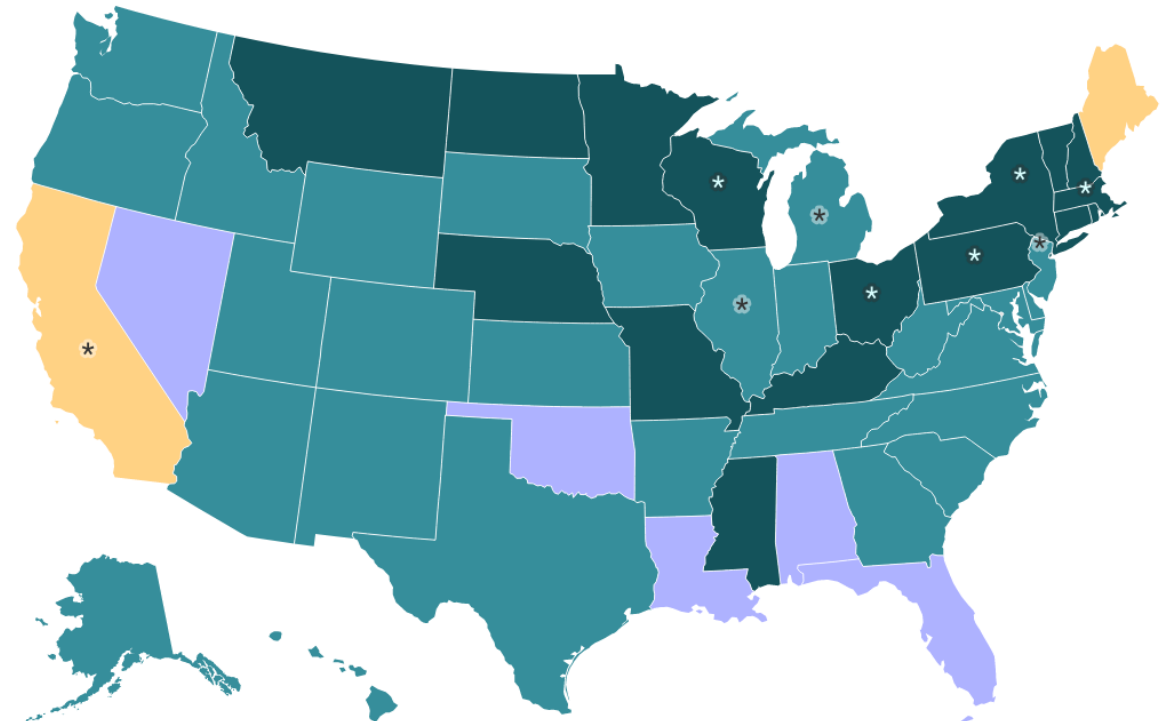
- ▶ State/local coalition development and engagement
 - ▶ Get the word out about DMT's 2021 state legislative toolkits for legislators and advocates
 - ▶ Working with state advocates to increase the number of states with Malnutrition Awareness Week proclamations/resolutions
 - ▶ Working with states that are developing Master Plans on Aging to ensure the inclusion of nutrition-related policies in these plans

State legislative session start dates, 2023

Showing each state based on when its regular legislative session begins in 2023.

State legislative session begins in ...

Dec. First week of Jan. Later in Jan. Feb. - April



* State has full-time legislators

Where You Can Get Involved



Thank You and Resources

- ▶ DMT Website
 - ▶ <https://defeatmalnutrition.today>
- ▶ Full 2023 Policy Agenda
 - ▶ <https://defeatmalnutrition.today/sites/default/files/documents/Defeat%20Malnutrition%20Today%202023%20Agenda.pdf>
- ▶ DMT Advocacy Toolkits
 - ▶ <https://defeatmalnutrition.today/advocacy-toolkits>
- ▶ Dietary Guidelines for Americans - sign up for updates
 - ▶ https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USOPHSODPHPHF/subscriber/new?topic_id=USOPHSODPHPHF_146
- ▶ Hearings on Farm Bill and Food is Medicine
 - ▶ <https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/hearings>

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