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TO: Childcare Directors, Food Pantry Coordinators, & Chief Student Affairs Offices

FROM: Cheryl Hamilton, Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Life, Opportunity Programs, & Student Advocate

SUBJECT: Share Our Strength Microgrants Proposal

DATE: June 30, 2023

The State University of New York has partnered with the organizations No Kid Hungry and Hunger Solutions NY to expand resources and outreach to student parents to address childhood hunger. The collaboration is funded through a grant from No Kid Hungry, a national organization working to end childhood hunger and poverty in the United States. The grant broadens SUNY's outreach efforts and, with the help of Hunger Solutions NY, aims to link student parents statewide to federal nutrition programs such as SNAP, WIC, and the Summer Meals Program. Enrollment in federal nutrition programs provides a sustainable way for parenting students to access the food they need.

Microgrant Opportunity

To support this effort on SUNY campuses and childcare centers, SUNY will provide grants supported by the Share our Strength funding of up to \$1,000 to campuses and childcare centers to assist in conducting targeted outreach to the parenting student population. Campuses and childcare centers with a large population of parenting students are encouraged to apply. Activities can include, but are not limited to:

- Purchase technology to assist parenting students in prescreening for programs such as SNAP and WIC
- Connect with the local Nutrition Outreach and Education Program representative to help with SNAP enrollment
- Purchase sustainable materials to promote programs such as SNAP and WIC
 - Incentives for participation in enrollment events can be purchased

Who Can Apply

All applications must be submitted using the attached link. Student Association representatives, Childcare Center Directors, Campus Food Pantry Coordinators, and any official representatives of the Campus are encouraged to apply.

Submission Process

In order to apply, please fill out the [form attached](#). Awards will be made on a rolling basis until all funds are expended. Any questions can be directed to Gillian Kiernan at gillian.kiernan@suny.edu.