



Status of Child Hunger in Florida and the Role of Advocacy as a Solution

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1 IN 7 FLORIDA KIDS MAY NOT BE GETTING ENOUGH TO EAT



EXPERIENCES RELATED TO FOOD INSECURITY

- Unable to eat healthy and nutritious foods
- Worrying you or members of your family won't have enough food to eat
- Eating only a few kinds of foods
- Eating less than you think you should
- Being hungry but not eating
- Skipping a meal
- Not eating for a whole day
- Household running out of food



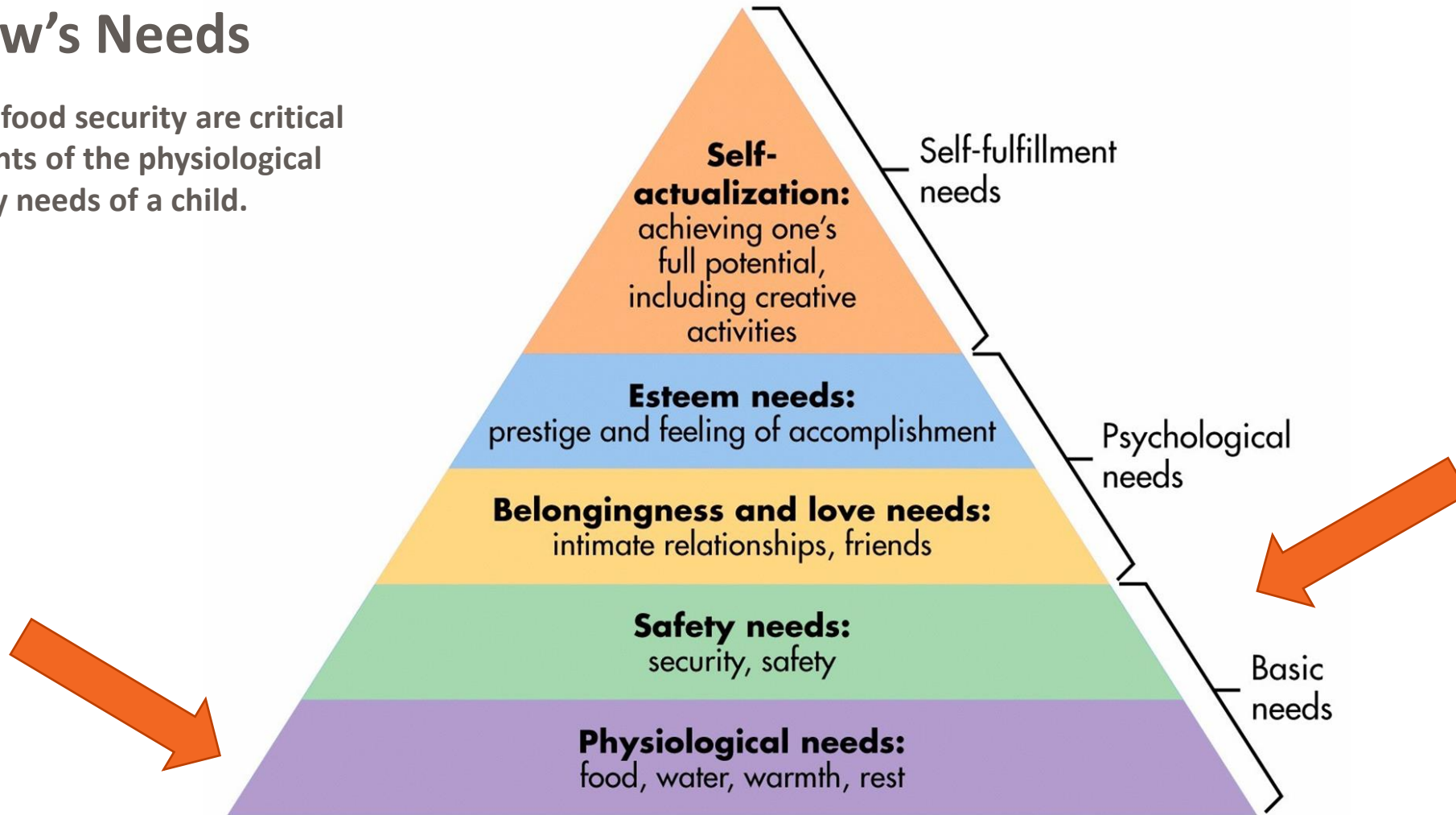
47%

of parents surveyed in January 2023 expressed they experienced one of more symptoms of food insecurity in the last year.

Access to food is an education issue

Maslow's Needs

Food and food security are critical components of the physiological and safety needs of a child.



The good news.

PROGRAMS ALREADY EXIST TO FEED
KIDS.





Connecting Kids to Food and Families to Resources

- Breakfast After the Bell
- Breakfast in the Classroom
- Second Chance Breakfast
- Schools as Nutrition Hubs
- Creative Marketing
- Youth Engagement Activities
- SNAP in Schools
- Expanding access to summer meals



The Role of Advocacy

- Federal programs require federal advocacy
- Increase participation and eliminate barriers
- Where are there opportunities within state policy to do the same?
- Considerable support for feeding kids in our state – but it's all in the details

What makes it hard for you to feed kids?



How No Kid Hungry Can Partner in Advocacy Efforts

- We don't receive any federal or state funding
- Work closely with a lobbying firm in Tallahassee
- Shared advocacy goals
- Access to data and best practices
- We can be “Grandma”



Additional Resources

No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices

<https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/>



THANK YOU

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