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I am afraid to apply for assistance due to my legal status.

I am scared of deportation and leaving my children behind. Objectives – To answer the following:

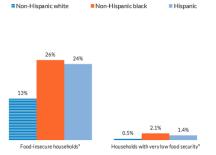
- Do states provide federal programs to immigrant families who not qualify for programs?
- 2. What other programs can recent immigrant families benefit from?
- 3. How can the rates of child poverty be lowered?







Percentage of Children (Ages 0-17) in Food-Insecure Households, by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2016



Either adult or children or both were food-inaccure. At times they were unable to acquire adequate food for active, healthy living to all household members because they had insufficient money and other resources for food. In the second of the contract of the contract of the food intake was reduced below a level considered adequate by their congress. From to 2006, the category "with very low food security among children" was labeled refood income that huge arong children". USA introduced the new label based on recommendations by the Committee on "food insecure with huge arong children". USA introduced the new label based on concernmendations by the Committee on "food insecure with huge arong children".

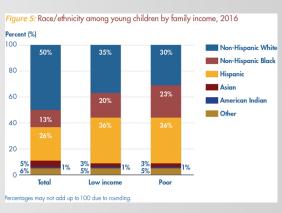
National Statistics.
Source: Coleman-Jensen, A., Rabbitt, M. P., Gregory, C. A., & Singh, A. (2017). Statistical supplement to household food security in the United States in 2016 Table 5-3]. Washington, DC: United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service.
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 Studies have proven that children with food insecurities, demonstrate lack of reading skills and poor health status.

Food Insecurity

- Food insecurity can cause malnutrition, poor health, and developmental issues.
- 36% of young children in Hispanics families are low income and/or poor.
- 37% of poor young children in the US are located in the Northeast.



Relevant Legislation & Policy

Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity
Reconciliation Act 1996: known as "welfare reform" that
requires work in exchange for time-limited assistance



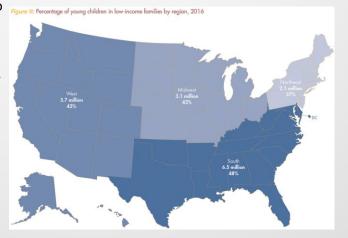
Farm Security and Rural Investment Act 2002: known as the "Farm Bill" covers a wide range of programs, income support, and domestic food programs

Inclusive States vs. Exclusive States

After the 2002 Farm Bill passed, seven states – California, Connecticut, Maine, Minnesota, Nebraska, Washington, and Wisconsin – used state-funded food assistance programs to provide support to some immigrants who were not covered by the federal food assistance program.

 In New Jersey, families who receive Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) known as "food stamps" are lawfullypresent non-citizen. However, they must satisfy other eligibility requirements.

> Methods: Online Research Relevant Literature



Quick Facts

- Immigrants who have lived in the United
 States for five years or less are ineligible to
 receive SNAP benefits.
- More than 21% of children in the United States live in families with income below the federal poverty threshold.
- 15% of children in New Jersey live in poor families.
- 1 in 4 low-income children are children of Immigrants.