CalFresh Healthy Living in California Schools

Nutrition & Physical Activity Outcomes

In 2023-24, 92 school and school-based after school sites partnered with the local health department in their county to implement and evaluate *CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL)* programming. *CFHL* aims to improve students' health and wellbeing through interventions that promote healthy eating and physical activity.

To measure program outcomes, students reported their dietary intake and physical activity behaviors on a self-administered survey before and after the programming. This brief report describes the sample of students who participated in the evaluation and summarizes changes in their nutrition and physical activity behaviors.

Student Demographics Race/Ethnicity (n=3,880) Grade (n=3,880) Gender (n=3,701) 0% 20% 40% 60% High School (Grades 9-12) Non-binary Hispanic/Latino 66% 4% 1% Gender not listed 27% White 1% 10% Asian Boy 10% Black 46% Girl AIAN* 52% 2% NHPI* Elementary or Middle School (Grades 4-6) Other

96%

*NHPI=Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander AIAN=American Indian or Alaska Native

School Meal Outcomes

Ate school breakfast yesterday (n=3,312)

Before 35%

After 37%

Students who ate school breakfast increased by 6%

Ate school lunch yesterday (n=3,261)

Before 61%

After 62%

Students who ate school lunch increased by 2%







Nutrition Outcomes

Ate fruit yesterday (n=3,805)



Before



After



Whole fruit intake increased by 0.5 times/day

Ate vegetables vesterday (n=3,701)



Before





Vegetable intake stayed the same

Drank 100% juice yesterday (n=3,795)



Before





Juice intake stayed the same

Drank water yesterday (n=3,846)



Before





Water intake stayed the same

Drank sugary drinks yesterday (n=3,762)



Before





Sugary drink intake decreased by 0.5 times/day

Physical Activity Outcomes

Days of PE last week (n=3,880)



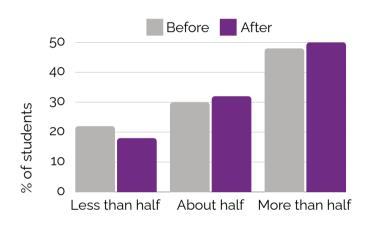






Student PE time stayed the same

Time physically active in PE last week (n=3,116)



Spending more than half of PE active increased by 4%

Met recommendation for physical activity last week (n=3,880)



Achieving 60 min of activity daily increased by 16%





