








End Child Hunger in Alabama (ECHA) is a public movement addressing the critical issues of hunger and food insecurity facing Alabama's children and youth. In 2013, ECHA was launched as an effort to move Alabama into the top 25 percent national in child food security. Since its beginning as the first outreach initiative of the Hunger Solutions Institute at Auburn University, ECHA's network has grown to include public and private sector partners from around the state.

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*Our mission is to ensure that every child in Alabama has access to nutritious foods so that they can develop into healthy, educated, and productive adults. Here's what we were doing to make this possible:*

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-  Increase Alabama families' economic stability: ECHA supports programs that strengthen financial self-sufficiency for both individuals and families.
-  Cultivate a strong regional food system: ECHA advocates for an accessible and nutritious food system from production to distribution to ensure both a strong economy and healthy citizens.
-  Build public will to end childhood hunger: ECHA strives to make child hunger a priority on the public agenda by utilizing community partnerships.
-  Improve the food assistance safety net for Alabama's children: ECHA works to expand access and improve the quality and quantity of food assistance programs across the state.
-  Support community action to enhance children's health and prevent obesity: ECHA promotes investment in healthy, livable communities through education linking food insecurity to obesity and chronic disease.