

USDA Food and Nutrition Service

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Fighting Hunger and Improving Nutrition for
Over 40 Years

USDA: Food & Nutrition Service

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS):

- ✓ *Increases food security* and
- ✓ *Reduces hunger in partnership with cooperating organizations* by providing children and low-income people access to food, a healthful diet, and nutrition education in a manner that supports American agriculture and inspires public confidence.

USDA-FNS: Programs

FNS administers 15 nutrition assistance programs.

- ❖ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/Food Distribution on Indian Reservations
- ❖ Summer Food Service Program
- ❖ Child and Adult Care Food Program
- ❖ School Lunch and Breakfast, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable, After School Snacks & Special Milk Programs
- ❖ The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- ❖ Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- ❖ Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC Program)
- ❖ Farmers' Market Programs (Senior and WIC)

For more information on programs and resources see: www.fns.usda.gov.

Working Across Programs

FNS believes partnerships are key to carrying out its mission to end hunger.

- Summer Food Service Program
 - TANF Emergency Contingency Funds
 - Recorded Webinars: www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Summer/webinar.htm

- School Nutrition Programs
 - Direct Certification
 - Categorical Eligibility

Program Simplification

- SNAP Options Benefiting TANF Clients
 - Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview
 - Transitional Benefits
 - Simplified Definitions of Income and Resources
 - Expanded Categorical Eligibility (ECE – also Broad Based categorical eligibility)
 - Simplified SNAP for TANF Households
 - Electronic Application Filing

Grant Opportunities

Hunger-Free Communities Grants:

- Application Due Date: September 1, 2010
- www.fns.usda.gov/fns/outreach/documents/hfc_letter.pdf

SNAP Grants Information Link:

- www.fns.usda.gov/snap/outreach/grants.htm

For information on processes and activities associated with FNS' discretionary grant opportunities:

- www.fns.usda.gov/fns/grants.htm

Tools and Resources

All FNS informational brochures, handbooks, toolkits and outreach materials are available for order or download free of charge. FNS provides free nutrition education materials for groups and individuals of all ages.

- Ordering Center: <http://snap.ntis.gov/>

www.partnerships@fns.usda.gov

- Leveraging Partnerships to fund SNAP Outreach
- Leveraging Partnerships to Fund Eligibility/Benefits Workers

Promising Practices

www.fns.usda.gov/snap/outreach/promising/Default.htm

State Partnership Toolkits

- www.fns.usda.gov/fns/fbco/tool-kit-2.htm

2010 Program Access Toolkit

- www.fns.usda.gov/snap/government/pdf/2010-toolkit.pdf