SNAP Outreach
Community Partnership
SNAP is…

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**

A federal program that alleviates hunger and improves nutrition by increasing the food purchasing power of low income households, enabling them to obtain a more nutritious diet by preparing food at home.
Who receives SNAP?

- Low-income U.S. citizens and certain qualified documented non-citizens are potentially eligible to receive SNAP benefits if they apply.
- Nationally, about 4 out of 5 households contain a child, a senior, or a person with disabilities.
- Anyone who is eligible for SNAP benefits can receive them, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs or past civil rights activity.

Benefits of SNAP Participation

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<th>To communities:</th>
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<td>• Move to self-sufficiency</td>
<td>• $1 in SNAP benefits generates $1.70 in economic activity for the community.</td>
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<td>• Healthier diets</td>
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<td>• Childhood nutrition</td>
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<td>• Expands food budget</td>
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How much can participants receive?

- Benefits levels are calculated based on household size, monthly income (net @100% FPL), deductions, and expenses. Assets/resources may effect eligibility but not benefit amount.
- In 2016, the average monthly SNAP benefit in Arizona was $120 per person.
SNAP Outreach Community Partnership

• **WHAT:** Reaching out to eligible low-income people who are not currently participating in SNAP and share information about the nutrition benefits of SNAP to help them make an informed participation decision.

• **WHO:** The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) works with state and local agencies, advocates, employers, community and faith-based organizations.

• **GOAL:** Increase participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
A collaborative network of government, community and faith-based agencies working toward a common vision: A Food-Secure Arizona.

- New community partners welcome
- Especially outside Maricopa County
Community Partners

- Partners from all sorts of backgrounds - health care organizations, faith-based organizations, food banks, public housing services, community action agencies, and more - reach out to their communities.
- Partners are reimbursed 40% for SNAP Outreach activities and expenses.

Funding
Allowable activities and expenses are outlined, as are unallowable activities and expenses.

Training & Support
- Arizona Self-Help (ASH)
- SNAP Eligibility
- Monthly Partner calls/webinars
- Partner hotline

Materials
- Brochures
- Pens
- Flyers
- Bags
### Community Partner Responsibilities

- Monthly reporting to obtain reimbursements
- Monthly partner calls
- Consumer surveys; conducted twice a year
- Mandatory trainings throughout the year

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<td>Provide materials at your office or when tabling events.</td>
<td>Help people make informed decisions about applying for SNAP benefits.</td>
<td>Provide application assistance by helping people begin the eligibility process.</td>
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Outreach & Education

- Participate in community/outreach events (or meetings) being hosted by your agency or participating in events held by another agency to provide information about SNAP eligibility

- Provide outreach materials or have information tables on-site/in-office or at events for clients

- Education of clients and distribute applications and materials (e.g. clinical visits)

- Create an application packet (e.g. folder with a paper application, ASH flyer, brochure, business card, and where to find the nearest local DES office)

- Provide information on application process and documents required to clients
Provide access to:

- A computer to prescreen through [www.arizonaselfhelp.org](http://www.arizonaselfhelp.org) or another prescreening tool
- A computer to apply online through [www.healthearizonaplus.gov](http://www.healthearizonaplus.gov)
- Equipment for clients to copy, scan, print, or fax documents for application
- Paper applications as requested by applicants
- A telephone to call DES
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- Applying online through [www.healthearizonaplus.gov](http://www.healthearizonaplus.gov)
- Copying, scanning, printing and/or faxing documents
- Completing paper applications as requested
- Tracking their case via MyFamilyBenefits website
- Contacting DES via telephone
Thank You

New partners are always welcome.

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