SNAP RARE Training

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

“First line of defense” against hunger.
# Community Impact

## Whom Does SNAP Reach?

In Fiscal Year 2016, it reached:

- **735,000** Oregon residents, or **18%** of the state population (**1 in 6**)
- **44,219,000** participants in the United States, or **14%** of the total population (**1 in 7**)

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Source: CBPP analysis of data from USDA Food and Nutrition Service, FY 2015
SNAP works. Many Oregonians that work use SNAP to help afford healthy food when budgets are tight—you can too!

SNAP is easy to use. SNAP benefits are loaded onto a card each month that works like a debit card. SNAP is accepted at grocery stores and many farmers’ markets.

APPLYING FOR SNAP IS EASY! CALL 2-1-1 OR VISIT OREGONHUNGER.ORG/APPLY-FOR-SNAP
Application Process

• Applications accepted in person, via mail & online

• 4 step process
  – Submitting a completed application
  – Having an interview
  – Collecting needed verification
  – Eligibility decision and benefit issuance
Application for Services

What do I need to do to get benefits?

1. Pick up an application (DHS 0415F).
   
   You can get an application by:
   
   • Printing one from https://apps.state.or.us/Forms/Served/de0415F.pdf;
   • Calling your local self-sufficiency office to have one mailed to you;
   • Picking one up at your local self-sufficiency office; or
   • For SNAP food benefits only, you may apply online by going to: https://apps.state.or.us/connect
     
   To find the closest office, dial 211 or go online to: www.oregon.gov/DHS/Offices/Pages/index.aspx.

2. Fill out the application.
   
   • Child care, Employment Related Day Care (ERDC): For low income working families. More information can be found at the following website:
     
     http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/assistance/CHILD-CARE
     
     To apply, fill out pages 1–5. Read pages 11–13 and sign page 13.

   • Food benefits, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Help to buy food.
     
     To apply, fill out pages 1–6. Read pages 10–13 and sign page 13. You can submit pages 1 and 2 to start the application process.

   • Medical assistance: To apply for health coverage, go online to: OregonHealthCare.gov or call 1-800-699-9075 or 711 (TTY) Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. to request an application.

   • Cash assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF): For very low income families with dependent children, those who are in the late stages of pregnancy, or Refugee cash assistance: For refugees who are within their eight months in the United States.
     
     To apply for cash assistance, fill out the entire application.

3. Turn in the application. You can mail, fax or drop the application off at your local self-sufficiency office (you can make a date-stamped copy for your records). If you are a newly arrived refugee within 8 months of U.S. arrival and reside in Multnomah, Washington or Clackamas counties, turn in your application at the local refugee resettlement office. You will be served in the Refugee Case Service Project (RCSP).

4. Make an appointment for an interview with a caseworker. We may go over the application with you in an interview. It is important to make it to your interview. If you need to reschedule, please let us know.
Online Application

https://apps.state.or.us/onlineApplication/
## 2017 Oregon Household Income Guidelines

185% of the Federal Poverty Level

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Monthly amounts go up $645 for each additional person.
Interview

• Interview is required for every eligibility determination, it can be in-person at a DHS office or over-the-phone

• Generally each office can accommodate same/next day service for interviews when you turn in the application in-person, if you submit an application online they will call you to schedule an interview

• At or after the interview a worker makes an eligibility determination, or will pend case for additional documentation
Required Documentation

- Identification
- 30 days proof of income
- Social Security number
Electronic Benefits Transfer Card

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What can be purchased with SNAP benefits?

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<td>Food from supermarkets, farmers’ markets, grocery stores and other authorized SNAP retailers</td>
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<td>Seeds and plant starters used to grow in a garden</td>
<td>Tobacco products</td>
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<td>Foods intended to be cooked at home such as bake-at-home pizza</td>
<td>Vitamins or Medicine</td>
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Double Your SNAP Dollars
At the Farmers Market

Follow these simple steps:

1. GO Go to your farmers market information tent

2. SWIPE Swipe your EBT card for tokens to buy SNAP eligible foods

3. MATCH We match up to $10 a day with Double Up Food Bucks for fruits and vegetables

4. SHOP Shop at the market!
...EASY, RIGHT?

- See back for market locations -

www.DoubleUpOregon.org
Reporting Changes

**Required to report**

- Change in income, only if it exceeds 130% of the federal poverty level
- An ABAWD’s work hours reduced below 20 hours per week.

**Recommended to report**

- Changes in address or contact information to continue receiving information from DHS.
- An increase in housing costs
- A reduction in income
Maintaining SNAP is easy!

At the 6-month mark, participants are required to complete an Interim Change Report form and provide updated information on income and household size to receive SNAP for months 7-12.

At the 11-month mark, participants will receive a letter with recertification instructions and will need to complete the application process by the end of the 12-month mark.
New SNAP Time Limits

UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS

3 MONTHS IN 3 YEARS
This is the amount of time individuals may access SNAP benefits - unless the person meets an exemption or complies with certain work requirements.

THE CLOCK IS TICKING
Time limits will kick in on January 1, 2017 for Clackamas County which means many "able-bodied adults without dependents" (ABAWDs) could be without SNAP benefits after March 31, 2017.

WHO IS AFFECTED?
Anyone who can answer "yes" to all of the following questions:

- Currently receiving SNAP benefits?
- Live in Clackamas, Multnomah, or Washington Counties?
- Between the ages of 18 and 50?
- Do NOT have a child under the age of 18 living with you?

HOW CAN I KEEP MY BENEFITS?
Individuals can stay eligible for SNAP by doing work-related activities for 20 hours a week, or an average of 80 hours a month. Activities include:

- Work for pay
- Work in exchange for goods or services
- Work as an unpaid volunteer
- Participate in an approved training program

ARE THERE EXEMPTIONS?
Yes. But you must call DHS to verify. If you qualify for one of the exemptions* below you do not have to do the work-related activities to keep getting food assistance.

- Physical or mental health makes you unable to work
- Pregnant
- Homeless
- Receiving unemployment
- In an alcohol or drug treatment program (e.g. AA)
- A student (at least half-time)
- Taking care of a disabled person living with you

*There are additional exemptions. Please call the numbers below for more information.

Call now to protect your benefits!
503-731-4777 (Clackamas), 971-673-2422 or 971-673-2333 (Multnomah), or 503-693-4769 (Washington County)

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