

The SNAP Outreach Program

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Utah's Job Connection

Introductions

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

- Formerly known as Food Stamps
- Created in 1977 with the passage of the Food Stamp Act
- Renewed every 5 years in the Farm Bill
- Largest federal anti-hunger program
- Most successful federal anti-poverty program





Why SNAP Outreach?

1. 1 in 6 (17.4%) Utah households are food insecure based on projections ran by Northwestern University in May 2020.
2. In 2016-17, 12.9% of Utahns struggle to afford enough food (FRAC).
3. In 2018, Child food insecurity in Utah is 16.4% (Feeding America)
4. Utah also ranks last (50) in the nation in School Breakfast participation (FRAC)
5. In 2016, 10.4% of Utahns are potentially eligible for SNAP but not participating in the program (USDA)

SNAP's Impact

- SNAP's Benefits Help Families (From the CBPP)
 - SNAP enables low-income households to spend more on food than their limited budgets would otherwise allow, it helps ensure that they have enough to eat.
 - SNAP kept 48,000 Utahns out of poverty, including 24,000 children, on average per year (2013-2016).
 - Adults who receive SNAP have fewer sick days, make fewer visits to a doctor, are less likely to forgo needed care because they cannot afford it, and are less likely to exhibit psychological distress.
 - Other researchers have shown that children receiving SNAP are less likely than low-income non-participants to be in fair or poor health or underweight, and their families are less likely to make tradeoffs between paying for health care and paying for other basic needs, like food, housing, heating, and electricity.

SNAP's Enrollment in Utah

- According to the USDA, as of 2019, 70 percent of Utahns eligible for SNAP are enrolled in the program.
- Utah ranks 47th in the percentage of eligible people enrolled in SNAP.
- As of April 2020, Utah has seen a 5 percent increase in SNAP cases, a significant spike.
- There was a caseload decrease from April to May of about 5,000 individuals, this is due to the \$600 weekly federal unemployment benefit. This expires in July, so we could see a spike in SNAP applications as well as emergency food visits.

SNAP

POLICY UPDATES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Families First Coronavirus Response Act

- Increase SNAP benefits to meet immediate rising need (This did not make any new people eligible- it was just to cover the anticipated caseload growth) **(FFCRA)**
- Allows states to submit requests to provide meal replacement benefits through SNAP, known as “Pandemic EBT” , Utah is anticipating implementation of Pandemic EBT in July. Benefits will be \$308 per child covering March 18 through May 31) **(FFCRA)**
- Extends certification periods and adjust reporting requirements for recipients – Utah did NOT apply for this waiver **(FFCRA)**
- Pilots an online purchasing program **(FFCRA)**
- Allowed states to apply for a waiver to issue the maximum SNAP benefit to all households, regardless of earned income. **(FFCRA)**

DWS Policy Changes

- DWS is providing the maximum allotments of SNAP, this is be extended on a month to month basis based on a public health emergency declaration
- DWS will implement P-EBT in collaboration USBE
- Suspension of ABAWD work requirements and time limits. This suspension applies during the period of April 1, 2020, through the end of the month subsequent to the month in which the public health emergency declaration¹ by the Secretary of Health and Human Services based on an outbreak of COVID-19 is lifted.

Federal Legislation

- Heroes Act
 - DOA in the Senate
- Congress is expected to take up an additional legislation in July-August 2020 regarding relief and COVID-19.
- UAH is advocating that our federal delegation support the following provision in any upcoming federal relief package:
 - An increase in minimum benefit from \$16 to \$30 dollars
 - A 15 percent increase in the maximum benefit, until economic measures show that unemployment is no longer significantly elevated
 - The extend the suspension of time limits for SNAP E&T and ABAWDs, as well work requirements for TANF's Family Employment Program.
 - Extending as needed waivers that streamline the delivery of school meals, including Pandemic EBT.
 - Suspending administrative actions that limit or eliminate SNAP access.

SNAP Resources

HOW TO EDUCATE YOUR CLIENTS ABOUT SNAP

UAH's SNAP Calculator

■ <https://uah.org/get-help/calculator>

■ Income

- Earned Income
- Unearned Income

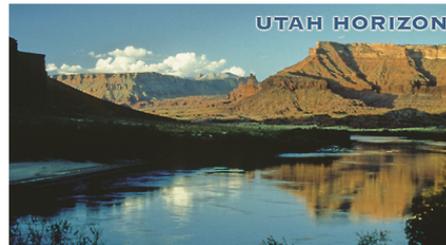
■ Expenses

- Childcare Costs
- Child Support Costs
- Rent/Mortgage
- Utilities

The screenshot shows a web form titled "benefit calculator" with a list of input fields. Each field is preceded by a red question mark icon. The fields are: "How many people in your household?", "Expected Gross Earned Income (per month)", "Expected Gross Unearned Income (per month)", "Monthly Childcare Costs", "Monthly Child Support Costs", "Rent or Mortgage", and "For utilities, I pay:". The last field has a dropdown menu with "All utilities" selected. The form is set against a light blue background.

UAH's Pamphlet

- To order copies of UAH's pamphlet, please contact Alex (cragun@uah.org)



You May Be Eligible for SNAP (Food Stamps)

You may be eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) but you need to talk to an eligibility specialist about your eligibility.

- ⇒ You are encouraged to apply for SNAP today.
- ⇒ Benefits start with the day of application.
- ⇒ Apply online at jobs.utah.gov/mycase.
- ⇒ You may also apply at a employment center, or we can mail an application to you, however you may lose benefits due to mailing delays.
- ⇒ No documents are needed to file an application.
- ⇒ You may be eligible for expedited service (receiving SNAP within seven (7) calendar days).
- ⇒ Identity is the only verification you need if you are eligible for expedited SNAP.

You may turn in an incomplete application as long as it has your name, address and signature. However, the entire application must be completed in order for your eligibility for SNAP to be determined.



Usted Puede Ser Elegible para el Programa de Asistencia de Nutrición Suplementaria

Usted puede ser elegible para el Programa de Asistencia de Nutrición Suplementaria (SNAP) pero hay que consultar a un especialista para hablar sobre su elegibilidad.

- ⇒ Se le anima a solicitar SNAP hoy.
- ⇒ Los beneficios comienzan desde el día que sometes la aplicación.
- ⇒ Tenemos la solicitud en línea en jobs.utah.gov/mycase.
- ⇒ También se puede aplicar en un centro de empleo (Workforce Services) también nos puede enviar una solicitud por correo o fax, sin embargo, puede perder beneficios debido a los retrasos de correo.
- ⇒ No se necesitan documentos para presentar una solicitud.
- ⇒ Usted puede ser elegible para el servicio urgente SNAP (recibir los beneficios dentro de los siete días del calendario).
- ⇒ Probar tu identidad es la única verificación que necesita si usted es elegible para servicio urgente de SNAP.

Puede entregar una solicitud incompleta, siempre y cuando tenga su nombre, dirección y firma. Sin embargo, toda aplicación debe ser completada a fin de que su elegibilidad para el programa

Other Resources

DWS – <http://jobs.utah.gov/>

- Apply Online
- myCase: <https://jobs.utah.gov/mycase/>
- Online policy manual
- Eligibility
 - 801-526-0950
 - 866-435-7414
- Constituent Services
 - 801-526-4390
 - 1-800-331-4341



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Other Resources

DWS (continued)

- Fair Hearing Request
 - Phone: 1-877-837-3247
 - Form: <https://jobs.utah.gov/appeals/490.pdf>
 - Fax: 877-824-6534
 - Mail: Department of Workforce Services – Fair Hearings, PO Box 143245, Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Horizon Card Help Desk

- 1-800-997-4444

Comunidades Unidas (Español)

- 801-487-4143



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Questions?

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The logo for Utahns Against Hunger is contained within a thin black rectangular border. It features the text "UTAHNS" in a small, orange, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the word "AGAINST" is written in a larger, orange, sans-serif font. A horizontal line is drawn across the bottom of "AGAINST". At the bottom of the logo, the word "HUNGER" is written in a large, bold, orange, sans-serif font.

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