SNAP Outreach for Community Organizations

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The SNAP rate for Montgomery County households increased from 6.7% in 2015 to 6.8% in 2016.

Large percentage of eligible residents may not be receiving benefits.
Department of Health and Human Services

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Food Stamps

Energy Assistance

Child Care

Care for Kids

Emergency Services

Wheaton NON
@Catholic Charities
12247 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20902
301-942-1790

Silver Spring/Long Branch NON
@ TESS Center
8513 Piney Branch Road
Silver Spring, MD 20901
240-773-8260

Gaithersburg NON
@ Family Services
200 Girard St. Suite 203
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
240-773-1151
What is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)?

• In Maryland SNAP is known as the Food Supplement Program (FSP). Nationwide the program was formerly known as Food Stamps.
• SNAP is the largest nutrition assistance program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It serves as the first line of defense against hunger.

Benefits of SNAP (from Food Research and Action Center)
• SNAP helped lift 3.6 million Americans out of poverty in 2016.
• SNAP reaches key vulnerable populations — 78 percent of SNAP households include a child, an elderly person, or a person with disabilities.
• SNAP is good for local economies – each dollar in federally funded SNAP benefits generates $1.79 in economic activity.
Who is eligible for SNAP?

- Maryland Residents
- U.S Citizens
- Permanent Residents (lawfully admitted who meets 5 year residency requirement)
- Some refugees and asylees

What about individuals who are undocumented?

If individuals are undocumented they are not eligible to receive benefits themselves.........HOWEVER, if they have U.S Citizen children or children with legal documentation & a social security number they can apply for them.
What documents are needed to apply?

• Proof of identity *drivers license, passport*

• Social Security Cards and Birth Certificates for eligible children applying

• Social Security number *(SSN)* required for all members in your household that are applying for SNAP

• Proof of Maryland residency/living expenses *lease, utility bill, or letter from landlord*

• Proof of income, *paystubs or letter from employer if self-employed*

• Proof of utility expenses *heat/air conditioning, electric, gas and/or telephone bills*
What are the income guidelines for SNAP?

The maximum monthly income is 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), based on household size:

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<td>Max. Income (GROSS)</td>
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The maximum amount is based on the number of eligible people in your household:

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<td>Max. Benefit</td>
<td>$194</td>
<td>$357</td>
<td>$511</td>
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How does the application process work?

1. **Submit Application**
2. **Sent to Regional office**
3. **May take up to 30 days to process application**
4. **Receive determination in mail**
5. **Be Interviewed (Must meet all financial/eligibility factors)**

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How long do the benefits last?

If benefits are approved, one must renew every 6 months.

Changes must be reported within 10 days and be submitted with supporting documentation.
Maryland Hunger Solutions

Improve Public Policies

Education

Advocacy

Outreach

Maximize Participation in federal nutrition programs
MD Hunger Solutions Supports Providers with:

• Outreach
  • MD Hunger Solutions outreach staff on site to talk with community members

• Materials
  • Prescreen

• Referrals
  • Community members information given to MD Hunger Solutions staff to reach out and complete a FSP application

• MyDHR trainings- Like this one!
  • Contact Ashley for additional information (contact info on last page).
myDHR Application Portal

https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us
Contacts/Links

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  • www.mocofoodcouncil.org

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