

SNAP Facts

Concerning Homeless Households

SNAP is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

SNAP is the new name of the Food Stamp Program and its main purpose is to provide recipients with enough resources to purchase nutritious food. SNAP increases a household's ability to buy more nutritious foods by supplementing their food budget in order to maintain their health.

You do not have to have a permanent address to get SNAP benefits.

Being homeless does not mean that you must go hungry. You do not need a fixed address to be eligible for SNAP. However, if you have a reliable place to get mail it will make applying for and maintaining your SNAP benefits much easier.

You can get SNAP benefits even if you don't have a place to cook or sometimes stay at a shelter that provides meals.

You do not need a place to cook. SNAP can help homeless households buy food at stores and purchase prepared meals at certain group dining centers. SNAP benefits can be used to buy many nutritious foods that don't need to be cooked. Also, if you stay at a shelter run by a non-profit group, you may qualify for SNAP benefits.

You can own a car and still get SNAP benefits.

The value of your vehicle does not impact your eligibility for SNAP.

You can get SNAP benefits even if you don't have identification.

You do not need to have a driver's license or birth certificate to apply for SNAP benefits. You may verify who you are by having someone identify you. Shelter staff can provide this information. However, you will need to know your Social Security number or apply for one. Shelter staff can provide assistance on how to obtain a Social Security number.

You may be eligible to receive benefits within 7 days.

If you have less than \$150 in monthly gross income and not more than \$100 in resources you may be able to qualify for **Expedited Services**. This means you can receive help within 7 days. However, if your income and resources are too high for expedited service, then you should receive your benefits within 30 days.

Still have questions about SNAP?
For more information call toll free:
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