

Addendum C: Information on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your children qualify for free school meals or milk, you might also qualify for **SNAP** (formerly called Food Stamps). SNAP helps people buy food for themselves and their families. SNAP benefits are issued each month on plastic debit cards. You can use SNAP benefits to buy food at major supermarkets, neighborhood grocery stores, and some farmers' markets authorized to accept SNAP.

How to Qualify

If and how much SNAP you qualify for depends on:

- your household's income;
- allowable deductions to your household's income (examples include monthly shelter expenses, medical bills, and court ordered child support);
- your household size; and
- at least 5 years U.S. residency for qualified non-citizens.

If you have access to the Internet, you can go online to see if you may be eligible for SNAP. Go to

www.connect.ct.gov and click "Am I Eligible?"

Owning your own home or owning a car will not prevent you from being eligible for SNAP.

Effective October 1, 2021		
Household size	Gross monthly income	Gross annual income
1	1,986	23,832
2	2,686	32,232
3	3,386	40,632
4	4,085	49,020
5	4,785	57,420
6	5,485	65,820
7	6,185	74,220
8	6,885	82,620
For each additional member	+699	+8,388
Larger households = higher incomes		

To Apply or Get More Information

- To find your local Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) office, call **United Way's free referral number 2-1-1** (free call statewide).
- You can find a list of all **Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)** offices, or you can apply online at <https://www.connect.ct.gov/access/jsp/access/Home.jsp> (click "Apply for Benefits"). You can get the paper SNAP application in English at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DSS/Common-Applications/W-1E.pdf> and in Spanish at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DSS/Common-Applications/W-1ES.pdf>.
- The following two organizations conduct outreach for DSS and can assist with applying for SNAP benefits:
 1. **End Hunger CT!** provides a SNAP outreach call center (866-974-SNAP (7627)) to assist in applying for as well as maintaining eligibility for SNAP benefits. If you are eligible for SNAP, you will stretch your food dollars, support your school and community, and your kids get school meals at no cost. Many families are surprised they qualify – it is quick, easy and confidential to check by calling one of our trained associates
 2. **The Connecticut Association for Community Action (CAFCA)** works with community action agencies that will help you enroll in SNAP (see table on page 2):

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Agency	Phone number	Areas served
The Access Community Action Agency (Access)	860-450-7400	Windham and Tolland Counties
Alliance for Community Empowerment (Alliance)	203-366-8241	Greater Bridgeport Area and Upper Fairfield County
Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc. (CAANH)	203-387-7700	Greater New Haven Area
The Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut, Inc. (CAAWC)	203-744-4700	Northwestern CT and Lower Fairfield County
Community Renewal Team, Inc. (CRT)	860-560-5600	Hartford and Middlesex County
Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc. (HRA)	860-225-8601	New Britain and Bristol Areas
New Opportunities, Inc. (NOI)	203-575-9799	Greater Waterbury, Meriden, and Torrington Areas
Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (TVCCA)	860-889-1365	Southeastern CT- New London County
Training Education and Manpower, Inc. (TEAM)	203-736-5420	Naugatuck Valley

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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