

# Help Families Access More Food



The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides a modest amount of money to low-income households, which can be used to purchase food items only. Nationally, SNAP benefits enable 12 times the number of meals provided by Feeding America's network of food banks. The program is available to all children, adults and seniors who meet requirements set by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. SNAP is under-utilized, and there are individuals and families visiting food programs in the Foodbank's network who may be eligible for this resource who do not currently receive it. Some families may need help applying for the program. Pantries should connect them to the Foodbank by providing a SNAP referral.

How to help:

1. Ask individuals if they already receive SNAP benefits. If they don't, send their name and contact information to the Foodbank. Our SNAP team will contact the individual within one business day. If using PantryTrak, you can easily refer individuals to us. To learn more, contact Amber Levesque at [alevesque@acrfb.org](mailto:alevesque@acrfb.org) or 330.777.1059.
2. Sign up for [advocacy alerts](#). Currently, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate are discussing the Farm Bill, and specifically, funding for SNAP. This is an important aspect of the food safety net, and programs are encouraged to contact their government officials to advocate for SNAP.

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