

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.**

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income	Gross Annual Income
1	\$1,832	\$21,984
2	\$2,470	\$29,640
3	\$3,108	\$37,296
4	\$3,747	\$44,964
5	\$4,385	\$52,620
6	\$5,023	\$60,726
7	\$5,663	\$67,956
8	\$6,304	\$75,648
For each additional member	+642	+7704
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) office, or you can apply online at www.connect.ct.gov (click "Apply for Benefits"). You can get the paper SNAP application in English at www.ct.gov/dss/lib/dss/pdfs/applications/w-1e.pdf or in Spanish at www.ct.gov/dss/lib/dss/pdfs/applications/w-1es.pdf.
- The following three organizations conduct outreach for DSS and can assist with applying for SNAP benefits:
 1. **The Community Health Center Association of Connecticut** works with the following community health centers, which will help you enroll in SNAP.

HARTFORD COUNTY AND TOLLAND COUNTY	WINDHAM COUNTY	NEW HAVEN COUNTY	FAIRFIELD COUNTY
Community Health Services Hartford 860-249-9625 Charter Oak Health Center Hartford 860-550-7500 Intercommunity, Inc. East Hartford 860-569-5900 First Choice Health Centers East Hartford, Manchester, Vernon 860-528-1359, ext. 241 Wheeler Clinic Bristol 860-920-4175	Generations Family Health Center Willimantic, Norwich, Putnam 860-450-7471, ext. 6300  Community Health Center Association of Connecticut	Cornell Scott Hill Health Center New Haven 203-503-3000 StayWell Health Center Waterbury 203-756-8021, ext. 3814	Norwalk Community Health Center Norwalk 203-899-1770, ext. 1203 Optimus Health Care Bridgeport, Stamford, Stratford 203-696-3260, ex. 3326 CIFC Greater Danbury Community Health Center 203-743-0100, ext. 254 Southwest Community Health Center Bridgeport 203-332-3542 Family Centers Greenwich 203-655-4693

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2. **End Hunger CT!** provides a SNAP eligibility screener (www.ctsnap.org) and call center (866-974-SNAP (7627)) to assist in determining eligibility. 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 using the screener and call center.
3. **The Connecticut Association for Community Action (CAFCA)** works with the following community action agencies that will help you enroll in SNAP:

Agency	Phone Number	Areas Served
Action for Bridgeport Community Development, Inc. (ABCD)	203-366-8241	Greater Bridgeport Area and Upper Fairfield County
The Access Community Action Agency (Access)	860-450-7400	Windham and Tolland Counties
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	Naugatuck Valley
Training Education and Manpower, Inc. (TEAM)	203-736-5420	Southeastern CT- New London County

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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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