Webinar 1: Introduction and SNAP Overview

September 17, 2014
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  - The presentation will be recorded.
Agenda

• Introduce Webinar Series and CBPP SNAP Team
• SNAP Overview
• Next Up in the Series
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What is the SNAP Academy?

- Objectives
- Series Review
- Logistics
- Partners
What is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)?
How Does SNAP Work?

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Grocer

Grocery bag
SNAP has a 5 Step Application & Enrollment Process

1. Application
2. Verification
3. Interview
4. Decision
5. Issuance
Two Step Process

Application
Verification
Interview
Decision

Issuance
Who Participates in SNAP?

- **Children**: 45%
- **Adults living with children**: 14%
- **Elderly**: 23%
- **Nondisabled, Non-elderly adults not living with children**: 9%
- **Disabled adults**: 9%

Source: CBPP analysis of data from USDA Food and Nutrition Service, FY 2012
# Benefit Levels

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SNAP Lifts Family Income

SNAP benefits for a family of 3 with different income sources

Poverty line: $1,649

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Treats each income source as the only income. Benefits are for FY 2014. Uses mean shelter expenses for each household. Source: CBPP analysis of FY 2012 USDA QC data, inflated for FY 2014.
SNAP’s Long-Term Impact on Individuals

Children With Access to Food Stamps Fare Better Years Later
Percentage-point change for disadvantaged children by age 19 when food stamps became available

- Stunted growth: -6%
- Heart disease: -5%
- Obesity: -16%
- High school completion: 18%

SNAP within the Safety Net

Federal Safety Net Spending, 2013

Billions of Dollars

- SNAP: $82.5 billion (21%)
- Unemployment Compensation: $70.7 billion (18%)
- EITC and Child Care Tax Credits (CTC): $79.1 billion (20%)
- Housing Assistance: $46.7 billion (12%)
- Other income support*: $45.1 billion (11%)
- TANF: $17.1 billion (4%)
- SSI: $56.5 billion (14%)

Source: Office of Management and Budget, FY 2015 Historical Tables, FY 2013 Outlays

*Other income support includes other food spending, foster care, child support enforcement, child care block grants, energy assistance, refugee assistance, and other.
SNAP is an Entitlement

Funding is available to serve all eligibles

Reaches

4 in 5
Funding Limits The Reach of Other Programs

- Rental Assistance
- TANF Cash Assistance*
- Child Care Assistance

Reaches
1 in 4
1 in 4
1 in 6

*State policy choices also limit TANF’s reach to eligible people.
SNAP Confers Eligibility to Other Programs

- Family with Children
  - 98% of Households Eligible for Medicaid (expansion states)
  - 100% of kids eligible for free school meals
  - 100% of age appropriate group eligible for WIC
SNAP and Communities

$1 in SNAP benefits generates about $1.70 in economic activity.
CBPP Webinar Series
Planned Webinars

• Household Composition & Special Populations – 10/14/14
• Budgeting and Income – 11/19/14
• Deductions – 12/17/14
• Applications – 1/21/15
• Renewing Benefits/Recertification – 2/18/15
Special Topic Webinars

• Employment & Training Demos
• Assessing Recent Caseload Decline
*National Resources*

**CBPP Food Assistance Webpage**

Additional Resources

- The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)
- Food Action and Research Center (FRAC)
Partner Resources

• Alameda County Community Food Bank:
  – www.accfb.org

• Center for Civil Justice:
  – http://www.ccj-mi.org/

• Hunger Free Vermont
  – http://www.hungerfreevt.org/

• Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
  – http://mlri.org/

• Ohio Association of Food Banks
  – http://www.benefits.ohiofoodbanks.org/
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