What is GNAP?

- GNAP stands for Georgia Nutrition Assistance Program. This program was formerly known as SNAP (State Nutrition Assistance Program).
Why GNAP?

- In the budget session 2012-2013, the Georgia General Assembly and the state Department of Human Services contracted with the Georgia Food Banks (Feeding America network) to provide food assistance for TANF eligible clients and their children.
- The funding for GNAP is used to purchase high demand groceries by the seven Feeding America Food Banks in Georgia.
Why GNAP?

- The source of funding means that Food Banks and partner agencies will be assisting DHS determine the number of low-income, TANF eligible families that need food assistance.

- This program is designed to serve low income families with children.
Which agencies are eligible?

- Only agencies that serve a large percentage of children may participate in GNAP
  - Food pantries
  - Child care centers
  - After-school programs
  - Family shelters
  - Group homes for children
Which clients are eligible?

- Only families with children
- Clients must show at least one document to verify eligibility for GNAP foods
- Examples of documents showing eligibility include:
  - TANF EBT Card
  - TANF eligibility letter from DFCS
  - Food Stamp EBT card or WIC card
  - Public housing resident or Section 8 tenant
  - Medicaid card or Peachcare for Kids card
  - Child care voucher
What foods are available?

- Tuna
- Peanut butter
- Frozen chicken quarters
- Canned Beef Ravioli
- Frozen lasagna
- Canned peaches
- Canned fruit salad
- 100% fruit juice
- Frozen Turkey
- Canned chicken noodle soup
- Beef hotdogs

This is not a shopping list. Items are not guaranteed to be in stock.
What about record keeping?

- There is a separate report for GNAP food usage:
  1. Indicate the number of families receiving GNAP
  2. Type of eligibility for food pantry families
  3. At-risk, TANF, or Transitional TANF

- Reports are due by the 9th day of each month (ex: November’s report is due on December 9)
Defining at-risk families

- Low-income families at-risk of needing TANF cash assistance
- Ways to identify at-risk families:
  - Eligible for USDA commodities
  - Public housing resident or Section 8 tenant
  - WIC card or low-income family w/infant
  - Medicaid and/or Peachcare for Kids card
  - Free/reduced price school meals
  - Hourly wages of $8 or less
  - No employment, applying for TANF/Food Stamps
Defining TANF Families

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program
- Provides cash assistance for no more than 48 months
- Ways to identify TANF families:
  - TANF EBT card
  - TANF eligibility letter from DFCS
  - Food Stamp EBT card
After 48-month period, TANF family may be given additional support services

Ways to identify TANF Transitional Families:
- Child care voucher
- Transportation assistance
- Job skills classes
- Work uniforms
- Food Stamp EBT card
● **FA (Feeding America)** umbrella organization for certified food banks. Offices are located in Chicago.

● **EBT** (Electronic Benefit Transfer) Debit card to purchase food products and cash benefits.

● **GFBA (The Georgia Food Bank Association)** is comprised of seven regional food banks who are part of the **Feeding America** network.
Glossary

- **SNAP aka Food Stamps** (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) federal nutrition assistance program that provides support to families and individuals in need.

- **TANF** (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) the time-limited welfare reform programs for adults with children and provide monthly cash benefits to families for food, clothing, shelter, and other essentials.
**WIC** (Women, Infants and Children Program) healthcare and nutrition of low-income pregnant women, breastfeeding women, and infants and children under the age of five.
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