



Georgia Nutrition Assistance Program (GNAP)



What is the Georgia Nutrition Assistance Program (GNAP)?

- Georgia General Assembly and Department of Human Services offer grant funding to Georgia food banks to provide food assistance to eligible families with children.
- Funded with federal **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** money
 - TANF is a federally funded grant program that allows states to create and administer their own assistance programs.
 - TANF replaces the federal programs previously known as "welfare," and enables states to offer a wide variety of social services.
 - In the state of Georgia, TANF is limited to 48 months of modest cash assistance.





Food Pantries and GNAP



GNAP and Food Banks

- Assists the Department of Human Services in determining the number of low-income, TANF eligible families that need food assistance.
- Allows Georgia Food Banks, such as the Atlanta Community Food Bank, to purchase high-demand groceries throughout the fiscal year.
- Eligible partner agency food pantries have access to these products through the e-Harvest ordering system.



Which Agencies Are Eligible?

- Only agencies that serve a large percentage of children may participate in GNAP. These include:
 - Food pantries
 - Child care centers
 - After-school programs
 - Family shelters
 - Group homes for children
- Agencies that do not serve children or only occasionally serve children will not be able to receive GNAP foods.



Which Families Are Eligible At Food Pantries?

- Only households with children living in the home
 - A minor is considered a child if they are 17 or younger
- Adults without children cannot receive GNAP foods
- A family must fall into one of the following categories to qualify for GNAP:
 - TANF
 - TANF Transitional
 - At-risk
- The next few slides explain how to categorize families. Families may fall into more than one category.



Ways to Identify TANF Families

- Families on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program receive cash assistance from the government for no more than 48 months.
- **TANF Families** will have one of the following:
 - TANF EBT card
 - TANF eligibility letter from DFCS



Ways to Identify TANF Transitional Families

- After the 48-month period, a family on TANF may be given additional support services.
- **TANF Transitional families** may receive the following services for a short length of additional time:
 - Child care vouchers
 - Transportation assistance
 - Job skills classes
 - Work uniforms
- TANF Transitional families will still have:
 - **TANF EBT card**
 - **TANF eligibility letter from DFCS**



Ways to Identify At-risk Families

- At-risk families are low-income families that are susceptible to needing TANF cash assistance
- Families qualify as “**At-risk**” if they meet one of the criteria below:
 - Food Stamp EBT card
 - Eligible for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) commodities
 - Public housing resident or Section 8 tenant
 - WIC card, Medicaid, Peachcare for Kids card
 - Free/reduced price school meals
 - Hourly wages of \$8 or less



What About Record Keeping for Food Pantries?

- There is a separate report for GNAP food usage:
 - Indicate the number of households receiving GNAP
 - Capture how that household is eligible for GNAP (TANF, Transitional TANF, or At-risk)
- Reports are due by the 9th day of each month (March's report is due on April 9th)
- See sample GNAP intake form in packet



Food Pantry Record Keeping

Name _____

Address _____

Number in Family _____ Number of children _____ Number of seniors _____

Is Family GNAP Eligible?

Are there children under the age of 18 living in the home?

What evidence can they show that makes them eligible for GNAP?

(Check all applicable. In some cases, 3h for example, they may have no evidence to show.)

1. TANF Yes
2. TANF Transitional Services Yes
3. At Risk:
 - a. Food Stamp EBT card Yes
 - b. Eligibility for USDA commodities Yes
 - c. Public Housing resident Yes
 - d. Section 8 voucher program participant Yes
 - e. Current WIC card Yes
 - f. Medicaid card Yes
 - g. Peachcare for Kids card Yes
 - h. Hourly wages of \$8 hour or lower Yes
 - i. Free/reduced price school breakfast or lunch Yes
 - j. DFCS/TANF Transitional Services Yes

(Individual that has used up all 48 months of TANF assistance, however the state is providing transitional services such as; child care, MARTA tokens, transitioning from Welfare to Work)

When served? How much received?

Date	Pounds	Received GNAP?



EHarvest Reporting

Report Date: Agency Code:

Agency Name:

Contact Info:

Pantry/Grocery Programs:

1. Number of TANF families

2. Number of Transitional TANF families

3. Number of at-risk families

Total:

On Premise/Congregate Feeding Programs:

1. Total number of meals served during GNAP foods as ingredients:

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 stock.



Food Storage Requirements

- All GNAP product must be stored separately and labeled GNAP.
 - Frozen
 - Refrigerated
 - Dry
- *Partner Agencies must also adhere to Atlanta Community Food Bank food storage requirements.*



Recap: Food Pantries and GNAP

TRUE or FALSE: A woman with her son who is 18 comes in. They are eligible to receive GNAP foods.

What is the third category a family must fall into to receive GNAP?

- TANF
 - TANF Transitional
 - AND?
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- TRUE or FALSE: There is a separate report to record your GNAP usage?
 - GNAP foods must be separately _____ and _____ from other products





On Premise Meals and GNAP



Who Is Eligible for On Premise Meals with GNAP Ingredients?

- Only children, 17 and younger, are eligible to receive GNAP meals
- Children of prepared meals are considered eligible and do not require any specific form or application.
- On premise meal programs that do not serve or only occasionally serve children will not be able to receive GNAP foods.



What About Record Keeping for On Premise GNAP Meals?

- A meal is considered a GNAP meal if you have used any GNAP ingredient(s).
- Be able to provide verifiable data (physical paperwork) regarding the number of meals using GNAP food as ingredients.
- Reports are due by the 9th day of each month (March's report is due on April 9th)
- See sample menu in packet



Meal Count Calendar

Month: August Year: 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Total Indiv: 25 Total Brkfst: 466 ~ Total Snack: 498 ~ Total Meals: 964 ~ Total GNAF Meals: 715

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Report Date: February 2015 Agency Code:

Agency Name:

Contact Info:

Pantry/Grocery Programs:

1. Number of TANF families

2. Number of Transitional TANF families

3. Number of at-risk families

Total:

On Premise/Congregate Feeding Programs:

1. Total number of meals served during GNAP foods as ingredients:

Submit



Recap: On Premise Meals and GNAP

- True or False: Recipients of prepared meals are automatically considered eligible for GNAP without a specific form or application.
- True or False: On premise meal programs that occasionally serve children are able to receive GNAP foods.
- True or False: If you only use 1 GNAP ingredient, it doesn't count as a GNAP meal towards your total monthly count of GNAP meals served.
- True or False: There is a separate report for GNAP meals and your agency will need to provide verifiable data regarding the number of meals using GNAP ingredients.



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