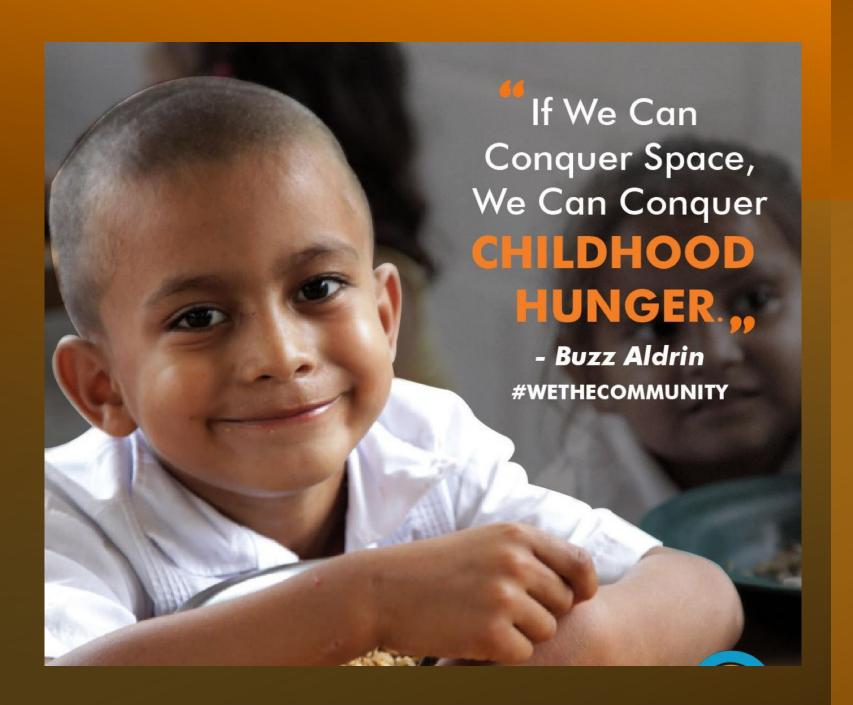


## PARTNER AGENCY GNAP TRAINING



- •This training will last approximately 1 hour.
- 45 min presentation
- •15 min Q&A
- •Please keep microphone on mute during the presentation (virtual).
- Please hold all questions until the end(in person)or type them into the chat(virtual)
- ·We will be providing answers to questions at the end.

# Learning Objectives:



1. Explain the GNAP program.

2. What is the Food Bank's role in GNAP

3. What is the Partner Agency's role in GNAP.

4. Review.



Georgia
Nutrition
Assistance
Program
(GNAP)

## What is the Georgia Nutrition Assistance Program (GNAP)?

- Georgia General Assembly and Department of Human Services (DHS) offer grant funding to Georgia food banks to provide food assistance to eligible families with children.
- This funding utilizes federal TANF (Temporary Assistance For Needy Families) dollars and as such is subject to those program provisions.
- The focus of the program is to purchase and distribute nutritious foods to Georgia families with children that participate in TANF or are at risk of TANF eligibility.
- This service assists families during periods of financial crisis and transition out of crisis to maintain their households and keeps families intact.





## What's new with GNAP?

- GNAP food can now only be distributed to our neighbors during a set 4-month distribution window.
- Per DHS this allows the program to stay in compliance with changes in the federal TANF law that funds GNAP and governs how often families can receive services.
- GNAP product will only be available in ACFB inventory 4 months out of the year.
- This year that window is May 1 August 31, 2023
- All GNAP product must be ordered and distributed out of Food Bank and partner agency inventories between May 1 – Aug 31



## ACFB Role in GNAP

- Purchase and distribute nutritious foods to provide continuing support to eligible families with children.
- Works with partner agencies to identify and distribute GNAP food to eligible families with children
- Ensure distribution of GNAP food happens within the 4-month distribution period. No food purchased with GNAP funds may be distributed to households outside the four-month period selected by each food bank.
- At the end of the 4-month distribution period, the Food Bank will verify that all GNAP food inventory has been fully distributed to households within the 4-month distribution period.

# Examples of Food that might be Available

- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Pop-Top Canned Meals (Ravioli, Lasagna, Spaghetti, etc..)
- Canned Fruit
- Beef, Chicken, and Turkey Chubs

- Rice (Brown, White, Yellow)
- Dry Beans (Black Lentils, Pinto, & Navy)
- Canned Vegetables (Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Mustard Greens)

This is not a shopping list. Items are not guaranteed to be stock.



# Which Agencies Are Eligible?

Only Partner Agencies that serve children may participate in the GNAP program. These include:

- Food Pantries
- Childcare Centers
- After-School Programs
- Family Shelters
- Group Homes For Children
- Schools

Partner Agencies that do not serve children will not be able to participate in the GNAP program.

## Partner Agency Role

#### Identify

- Identify Families Eligible to receive GNAP food.
- Low-income families with children under age 18, and children age 18 and attending school full-time.

#### Distribute

• <u>Distribute all GNAP food to eligible</u> <u>families within the 4-month</u> <u>distribution period</u>.

#### Report

 Report monthly on the number of families served, their eligibility category, pounds of GNAP distributed and the remaining GNAP food in inventory.

## Which Families Are Eligible At Food Pantries?

- Only households with minor children living in the home can receive GNAP.
  - A minor is considered a child under age 18, and children age 18 and attending school full-time.
- A family must fall into one of the following categories to qualify for GNAP:
  - At-risk Families
  - Families receiving TANF Transitional services
  - Families currently enrolled in TANF
- Neighbors will self-declare their eligibility by either
  - A) affirming they currently receive TANF cash assistance,
  - B) affirming they currently receive TANF transitional services
  - C) affirming they meet one of the At-Risk conditions
- Adults without children cannot receive GNAP foods.

The vast majority of families you serve will be in the "At-Risk" category.

This should be reflected in the records and reports you compile and submit to the Food Bank

 Georgia DHS identifies At-Risk families as having household income below 200% of the federal poverty line. You can identify these families by asking them if they meet at least one of the At-Risk qualifying conditions.

# How to Identify At Risk Families:

- They are a current SNAP recipient.
- They receive USDA / TEFAP commodities.
- They are enrolled in Medicaid.
- Public housing resident or Section 8 tenant.
- Children who participate in the free or reduced-price school meal program.
- They earn hourly wages at \$8 per hour or less.
- They are enrolled in the WIC program.
- They receive state unemployment wage benefits.

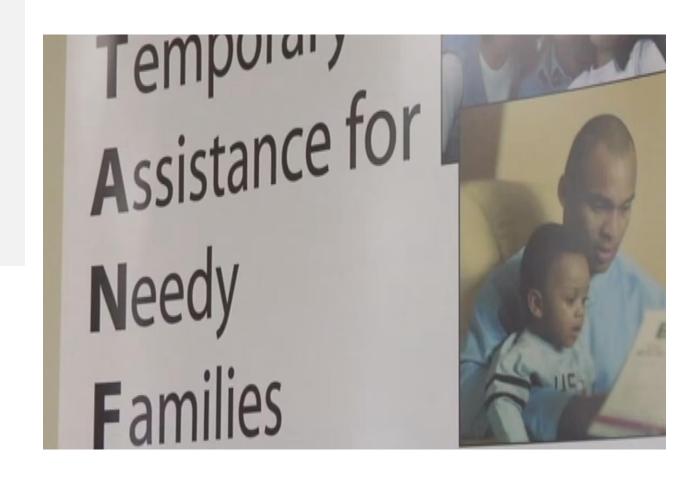


## How To Identify TANF Enrolled Families

Families who participate in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program receive monthly cash assistance from the government.

To help a family know if they are enrolled in TANF you can ask if they have received one of the following:

- TANF EBT card
- TANF eligibility letter from DFCS



Because of the small number of families participating in TANF, very few of your GNAP families will qualify for GNAP as TANF recipients.

## How to Identify TANF Transitional Families

After the cash assistance 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:

- Childcare vouchers
- Transportation assistance
- Job skills classes
- Work uniforms

TANF Transitional families will still have:

- TANF EBT card
- TANF eligibility letter from DFCS

Even fewer families receive TANF transitional services so this will be a very small number of families



# What About Record Keeping for Food Pantries?



There are two separate reports on E-Harvest used to report GNAP food distribution:

1<sup>st</sup> Report: GNAP Households Report

- Indicate the number of households receiving GNAP
- Capture how the household is eligible for GNAP (TANF, TANF Transitional, or At-risk)
- The total # of households served by each category are submitted to the State Monthly. Accurate reporting is very important to maintain funding. Please be sure to accurately record the number of households in the correct fields.

2<sup>nd</sup> Report: GNAP On Hand Report

 Indicate the # of lbs. of GNAP food distributed that month and the # of lbs. of GNAP food still on hand on the last day of the month.

Reports are due by the 9<sup>th</sup> day of each month (Ex. March report is due on April 9th)

## GNAP HOUSEHOLDS REPORT



#### Record Keeping Form

	Agency Intake Form	
	Name	
	Address	
		r of Seniors
	(Total living in home) (Ap. d 17 and younger or age 15 and still in school)	
	Is Household GNAP Eligible?  Are there children aged 17 or younger or  18 or older still going to school living in the ho  What evidence can they show that makes them eligible for (Check all applicable, in some cases, 2h for example, they may have no evidence.)	GNAP?
]	Children 18yo still going to school?	Yes
2	2. At Risk:	
	a. They are a current SNAP reciplent  b. They are eligible for USDA ZEFAP commodities	Yes Yes
	c. They receive Section & nousing vouchers	Yes
	d. Their children participate in the free or reduced-price.	Yes
	school meal program	
	a They are envelled in the federal WIC program	Vac

f. They earn hourly wages at \$8 per hour or less.

h. They receive state unemployment wage benefits.

g. They are enrolled in Medicaid.

3. TANF

4. TANF Transitional Services

## **E-Harvest Reporting**

Report Date: February V 2015 V 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:	0 0
On Premise/Congregate Feeding Programs:  1. Total number of meals served during GNAP foods as ingredients:	, o.u.i	0

Submit

### **E-Harvest Reporting**

#### **GNAP Report - February 2023**

Submit Report Print

#### **Activity**

Did you use GNAP product for distribution and/or meal preparation this month?

o Yes o No

#### **Pantry/Grocery Programs:**

Total:	185
Number of at-risk families	150
Number of Transitional TANF families	25
Number of TANF families	10

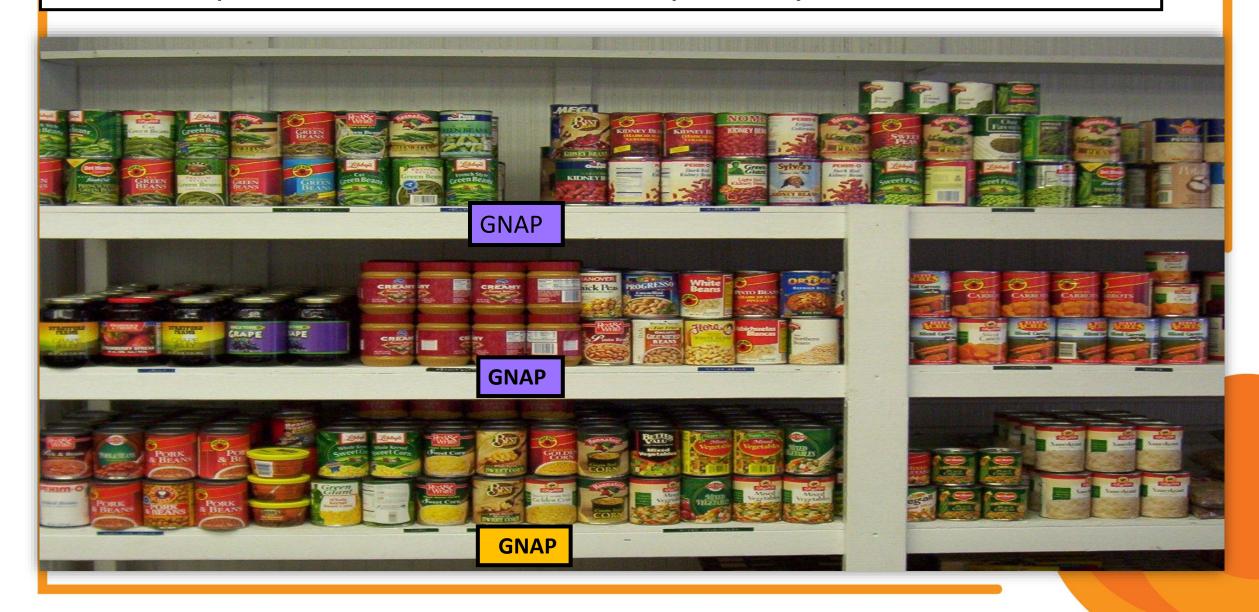
#### **On Premise/Congregate Feeding Programs:**

Total number of meals served using GNAP foods as ingredients:

# GNAP INVENTORY REPORT



## All GNAP product must be stored separately and labeled GNAP.



## Monthly On Hand Report

• Month: February Year: 2023



\*Required Reports

#### **Required Reports**

These reports are required before placing a new order

**GNAP On Hand Entry** 

#### February 2023

Monthly Service Report

#### **Current Monthly Reports**

These reports can be edited throughout this

Save GNAP On Hand

GNAP Pounds: 1,020.00

GNAP On Hand: 150.00

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# On Premise Meals and GNAP





Who Is Eligible for On Premise Meals with GNAP Ingredients?

01

Children under age 18, and children age 18 and attending school full-time.

02

Children receiving prepared meals are considered eligible and do not require any specific form or application.

03

On premise meal programs that do not 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 UTILIZE 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 9<sup>TH</sup>
DAY OF EACH MONTH
(MARCH'S REPORT IS DUE ON
APRIL 9TH)

SEE SAMPLE MENU NEXT
SLIDE

## Meal Count Calendar

• Month: August Year: 2020

unday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
B L D S	B L D S	B L Breakfast 21 (G) D Snack 23 (G) S	B Breakfast 22 (G) D Snack 25 (G) S	B Breakfast 24 (G) D Snack 25 (G) S	B L Breakfast 21 D Snack 23 (G)	B L D S
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## **E-Harvest Reporting**

**GNAP Report - March 2023** 

Submit Report Print

Activity  Did you use GNAP product for distribution and/or meal preparation this month?	o Yes o No	
Pantry/Grocery Programs:  Number of TANF families  Number of Transitional TANF families  Number of at-risk families  Total:		
On Premise/Congregate Feeding Programs:  Total number of meals served using GNAP foods as ingredients:		

## **Backpack Distributions and GNAP**





Who Is Eligible for Backpack distributions with GNAP Ingredients?

Only children under age 18, and children age 18 and attending school full-time.

Schools that are classified as Title 1 automatically qualify for Backpack meals.

## What About Record Keeping for Backpack GNAP Meals?

A BACKPACK PROGRAM UTILIZING GNAP INGREDIENT(S) MUST ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:

PROVIDE VERIFIABLE DATA (PHYSICAL PAPERWORK) REGARDING THE NUMBER OF BACKPACKS USING GNAP FOOD AS INGREDIENTS.

REPORTS ARE DUE BY THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF EACH MONTH (MARCH'S REPORT IS DUE ON APRIL 9TH)



Backpack Agencies

#### Meal Count Calendar

Month AUGUST Year: 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	/	Wednes	day	Thursd	ay	Friday	Saturda	У
B L	B	B L		B L		B L		B G 7 L 50 Backpacks	B L	
D S	D S	D S		D S		D S		D (BrownBags)	D S	
В	В	В		В		В		B G 14	В	
L D S	L D S	L D S		L D S		L D S		L 50 Backpacks D (BrownBags) S	L D S	
В	В	В		В		В		B G 21	В	
D S	D S	D S		D S		L D S		L 30 Backpacks D (BrownBags) S	L D S	
В	В	В		В		В		B 28	В	
L D S	L D S	L D S		L D S		L D S		L 50 Backpacks D (BrownBags) S	L D S	
В	В	В		В		В		В	В	
L D S	L D S	L D S		L D S		L D S		L D S	L D S	

Total Individuals: 180 BrownBags: 180 GNAP Meals: 130

## **E-Harvest Reporting**

**GNAP Report - March 2023** 

Submit Report Print

Activity		
Did you use GNAP product for distribution and/or meal preparation this month?	o Yes o No	
Pantry/Grocery Programs:		
Number of TANF families		
Number of Transitional TANF families		
Number of at-risk families		
Total:		
On Premise/Congregate Feeding Programs:		
Total number of meals served using GNAP foods as ingredients:		

## Monthly On Hand Report

• Month: February Year: 2023



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## Review



## Recap: Food Pantries and GNAP

TRUE or FALSE: A woman with her son who is 18 and enrolled in school comes in. Are they eligible to receive GNAP commodities?

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

- TANF
- TANF Transitional
- •
- GNAP foods must be stored \_\_\_\_\_ and labeled
- True or False: Cynthia who is 30 yrs old, unemployed, and caring for her senior mother can receive GNAP.
- True or False: Michael lives alone and receives food stamps. Does Michael qualify for GNAP?



# 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 can 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.

## Day of GNAP Distribution RECAP:

### **Received GNAP:**

- Households with children living in the home. (17yrs or younger or 18yrs old still in school)
- Partners serving neighbors with children.



## Not Eligible for GNAP:

Households that DO NOT have children living in the home.

On premise meal programs that do not serve children will not be able to receive GNAP commodities.

## Key Takeaways:

GNAP is a program for agencies that serve children...

All GNAP Food must be distributed within the 4-month ACFB GNAP distribution period to eligible families with children.

A family must fall into one of three categories to quality for GNAP: TANF, TANF transitional or At-Risk.

Accurate distribution and Inventory numbers must be reported by the 9th each month.