

Health Hunger Free Kids Act Demonstration Project Grant

SNAP Enhancement (SNAP-E)

Status as of June 1, 2015

Agenda Item V Handout #1

Current Status:

- Bi-weekly phone conferences with USDA and Mathematica
- DWSS Requirements team established and growing
- Initial meetings with East Valley Family Services and Lutheran Social Services to review roles with project were conducted
- Test data forwarded to Mathematica was determined useable
 - Actual data transmission scheduled for July 1, 2015
- Continued discussion about possible ways to provide households with additional funding
 - Separate card recommended by USDA but would require more system changes than anticipated at grant proposal time
 - Other grant recipients have similar constraints
 - Requirement to track grant funded monies separately – main responsibility falls on SNAP – EBT vendor
 - DWSS EBT staff participating in all discussions and coordinating with EBT vendor discussions
- Nevada timing impacted by change in EBT vendors and development of new Rules Engine which has system on freeze until completed – anticipated late October to mid-November
- Pre Food Security Surveys must be completed by Mathematica prior to initiating enhanced funding
 - Initially anticipated that all grant recipients would implement projects simultaneously beginning January 1, 2016
 - Some discussion that this date might be moved to March 1, 2016
- Initial discussions with NDA about development of case management tracking data base

- Initial Demonstration Project Outreach and Opt-Out letters have been drafted

Target Audience Determination

- Consultation with funder indicated that needed to be within the \$3 M range to be competitive
- Grant requirement that majority of funding be for SNAP participants
- Based on outcomes of previous USDA research – Summer EBT – Grant proposal team proposed \$40/child/month
- Maximum study participants 5,000 (5,000 X \$40 X 12) \$2.4 M
- Census data was used to identify zip codes with 50% population at or below 75% of the Federal Poverty Level with similar demographics
- Identified potential zip codes and verified with available data – Three Square 2014 Census Report

Actual Data

Design: Identify SNAP eligible children 0-5 years of age residing in select zip codes (89030; 89101; 89104; 89106; 89108; 89110; 89119; 89121; 89122; 89412; 89156; and 89169) in households with gross income 75% or less of the Federal Poverty Level

18793 Eligible children as of January 1, 2015 representing 11,734 cases

Will be randomized by case into either:

SNAP-E Cohort 1 (n= 2,500): SNAP –E households will receive a \$40 monthly increase in SNAP benefits, per eligible child (age 0-5) for 12 months.

SNAP-E Plus Cohort 2 (n=2,500): SNAP –E households will receive a \$40 monthly increase in SNAP benefits, per eligible child (age 0-5) for 12 months, **PLUS** additional outreach, education and case management strategies that =focus on improving healthy food selections and maximizing access to the full range of Federal child nutrition programs and targeted case management to facilitate improved economic stability for very low-wage earning families

Control Group: The remaining eligible households residing in the select zip codes will receive their regular SNAP benefit and participate in the pre and post Food Security survey