

2018 Food Security in Nevada: Nevada’s Plan for Action

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LEAD

Goal 1: Align and enhance collaboration efforts of state and non-state agencies to strengthen statewide food security strategies.

Objectives

- 1.1: Identify and outline state and non-state agency roles in supporting the reduction of the meal gap.
- 1.2: Develop a Collaboration Recommendations Report by conducting a statewide evaluation of local and state plans addressing food security and determinants of hunger.
- 1.3: Develop an implementation plan for coordinating an annual Nevada Food Security Summit.
- 1.4: Establish subcommittees targeting specific food security implementation goals as needed; as determined by the Governor’s Council on Food Security (GCFS).
- 1.5 Evaluate how to increase efficiencies and collaboration among commodity food program agencies.
- 1.6 Develop a Promotional Messaging Plan that will align and coordinate food security promotion and messaging statewide.

Goal 2: Identify and support state and local policies that increase food security in Nevada.

Objectives

- 2.1: Identify, track, and support legislative policies related to food security.
- 2.2: Support State policies encouraging use of mechanisms such as outreach, waivers, barrier reduction, and pilot programs related to increasing food security in Nevada.
- 2.3: Support State and local policies encouraging the use of Nevada farm products in Nevada institutions, including schools, senior centers, and child care centers.
- 2.4: Develop and implement an education campaign to promote the benefits of state and local nutrition programs to policymakers.

FEED

Goal 1: Support strategies that increase participation in state/federal nutrition programs.

Objectives

- 1.1: Identify and support strategies to increase participation in the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP) among the eligible population(s).
- 1.2: Identify and support strategies to increase participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) among the eligible population(s).
- 1.3: Identify and support strategies to increase rural capacity for administering CACFP and SFSP.
- 1.4: Identify and support strategies to increase participation across the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), focusing on recipients who may be eligible for both programs.
- 1.5: Support strategies to increase food banks’ capacity for offering a variety of nutritious foods, including fresh produce, animal protein, and dairy products.

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- 1.6: Support the implementation and enforcement of the Nevada School Wellness Policy (NSWP).
- 1.7: Support the development and implementation of a statewide food resource asset map.
- 1.8: Develop and implement a statewide media outreach campaign targeting low-income Nevadans to promote state and local food resources (e.g., federal nutrition programs, food bank programs, etc.).
- 1.9: Identify and support strategies to increase participation in nutrition programs and services intended to support self-sufficiency among older Nevadans.

Goal 2: Support client-centered strategies that increase access to nutrition programs and resources that address determinants of hunger.

Objectives

- 2.1: Support the development and implementation of a single, statewide client tracking database.
- 2.2: Support the use of a shared client database among community partners.
- 2.3: Support state agency efforts to implement a ‘one-stop-shop’ system for assistance programs.

GROW

Goal 1: Support initiatives to strengthen Nevada’s food system and increase access to local foods.

Objectives

- 1.1: Conduct an evaluation of Nevada’s food system to identify facilitators and barriers to the production and expansion of local foods, including the use of local foods within the food security network and Nevada institutions.
- 1.2: Enhance collaboration among state and non-state agencies supporting school gardens and farm-to-school initiatives.
- 1.3: Develop and implement a statewide media outreach campaign targeting low-income Nevadans promoting Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) and farmers market coupons programs.

DATA

Goal 1: Establish evaluation and reporting processes to enhance data collection to drive future strategies and track progress in improving food security in Nevada.

Objectives

- 1.1: Develop a reporting protocol for the GCFS Annual Report.
- 1.2: Research and establish a methodology for conducting a statewide, comprehensive assessment of the food banks’ service network areas, including an analysis of Nevada’s food insecure population.
- 1.3: Develop a Nevada-specific report regarding Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) related to food security.
- 1.4: Support information technology upgrades making it easier for state and local nutrition programs to streamline data collection processes.