

NEVADA STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023 – 2028: ACTION PLAN

Current Year:
2023-2024

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**Priority: Social
Determinants of Health**

Focus Area: Food Security

Goal 1: Reduce food insecurity and improve Nevada's overall food security ecosystem to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.

SMART Objective 1.1: Improve collaboration, communication, coordination, and information and data-sharing among food ecosystem partners by developing and delivering a well-designed presentation to the Nevada legislature on food insecurity and food needs in Nevada. Collaborating with existing organizations like DPBH and CFS, as well as other relevant food ecosystem partners, to increase the effectiveness of these presentations. This collaboration will allow the presentations to include actionable goals and strategies and bring forth successful programs and initiatives implemented in other states. Host two (2) Food Security fairs/conferences in Southern and Northern Nevada, bringing together local food ecosystem partners, community members, and policy makers, to engage through various keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and panel discussions. Also, the provision of opportunities to interact with local vendors, farmers, and community organizations to learn about local foods and resources is essential.

Priority Population(s): Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide, focusing on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.

Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food Security

Supporting Partners: DHHS Nutrition Unit, NV Dept. of Agriculture, Food Banks, Food Pantries, and Council on Food Security (CFS), and sponsors.

Strategies

Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)

Timeline

Target Results

1.1.1 Present one (1) presentation to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (HHS).

- DPBH will connect with the Joint Interim Standing Committee LCB support staff on HHS (JISCHHS) and request for a member of the CFS to present to the committee during the 2023-2024 Legislative Interim.
- CFS to identify a topic(s) to present to the Joint Interim Standing Committee, including bill draft request for Objective 1.2 Strategy 1.2.3 adding seats to CFS.
- CFS to identify a member to prepare and present a presentation and follow up on Committee questions.

LCB contacted by 11/30/2023.

CFS identifies a member by 02/29/2024.

A presentation completed by 10/31/2024.

One (1) presentation to JISCHHS.

<p>1.1.2 Organize and host two (2) Food Security Fairs/Conferences: one, (1) in Southern Nevada and one (1) in Northern Nevada. Fairs/Conferences to include stakeholders and vendors for early education, child welfare, seniors, WIC/SNAP, home delivery programs, food banks, food pantries, and mobile provider services. home-delivery programs, mobile grocery shopping, WIC/SNAP Applications, and pilot programs that allow WIC/SNAP benefits to participate.</p>	<p>The Leader and Event Planning Lead will be OFS in collaboration with CFS to arrange the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an ongoing workgroup to determine logistics of the Fairs/Conferences. Specifically, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survey Food Security stakeholders to determine presenters, location, remote option, vendors, date, and time. ○ Identify potential source(s) of funding and/or sponsorship. ○ Establish Venue/Location, Food, and Fairs/Conferences Schedule/Agenda. ○ Establish guidelines and target audience. <p>Communication Lead will be OFS support staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailing members, reminders, invites, and RSVPs. <p>Day-Of-Support Lead will be OFS support staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note-Taking, Tech Support, Printing, Food Logistics, Greeter, Post Refection Survey, etc. <p>Hold Fairs/Conferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least eight (8) Stakeholder Presentations, at least three (3) Transportation Service vendors, any other recommended vendors? 	<p>Workgroup Established by 02/29/2024.</p> <p>Survey to Partners by 05/31/2024.</p> <p>Funding Source and sponsors Identified by 12/31/2024.</p> <p>Fairs/Conferences Finalized Schedule/Agenda 3 months before Fair/Conference Date.</p> <p>Northern Nevada Fair/Conference held, and Post Reflection Surveys completed by 12/31/2025.</p> <p>Southern Nevada Fair/Conference held, and Post Reflection Surveys completed by 12/31/2027.</p>	<p>One (1) Fair/Conference in Southern Nevada and one (1) Fair/Conference in Northern Nevada with a summary report that includes a provider and vendor list, conference presentation summaries, and a contact list to assist in the elimination of the hunger gap in Nevada.</p>
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Resources: <https://www.roomtoread.org/media/cqglk30h/step-by-step-guide-to-holding-a-summit.pdf>

Goal Indicators (See Last Page):

- Food insecurity rate
- Number of clients served by food security service providers
- Percent of population eligible for SNAP who participate

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SMART Objective 1.2: Partner with local farmers, food vendors, tribal communities, and other community organizations to support initiatives aimed at increasing mobile access (food trucks, community gardens, mobile markets, etc.) to healthy foods throughout the State of Nevada, specifically the underserved and remote areas (Churchill County, Elko, Esmeralda County, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Lyon, Storey, Douglas, and White Pine).

Priority Population(s): Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.

Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS)

Supporting Partners: CFS, OFS, and stakeholders from Nevada tribal nations and housing and the transportation sector.

Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
<p>1.2.1 Request a revision of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) to <i>add up to three (3) seats</i> on the CFS for individuals who have lived experience with food insecurity and/or homelessness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFS to add a bill draft request (BDR) to interim HHS presentation. • CFS to discuss committee’s interest in carry the BDR with committee chair and/or other legislators if committee is not interested. • OFS to provide a legislator draft language/detail for BDR. • Seats to be specific to individuals from the housing and transportation section(s) and include at least two (2) members from Nevada’s tribal communities (North/South). 	<p>Presentation completed by 10/31/2024.</p> <p>BDR Draft by 10/31/2025.</p>	<p>One (1) BDR with requested changes to CFS membership during 2025 Legislative Session.</p>
<p>1.2.2 Allow representative(s) from the housing, transportation sector and tribal communities to present during the Food Security Fairs/Conferences and CFS.</p> <p>1.2.3 Meet semi-annually with Nevada’s federal delegation and the NV Legislature Interim Health and Human Services Committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify representatives to present that will improve awareness on policy and programs that housing, transportation, and food security partners can work on to mitigate drivers of food insecurity. • Brief Nevada’s federal delegation and the NV Legislature Interim Health and Human Service Committee on food security issues and identify programs/policies that will increase food security; and make presentations regularly to county/city boards to raise awareness about need and programs. 	<p>One (1) presentation by 12/31/2024.</p> <p>One (1) presentation by 12/31/25.</p> <p>One (1) brief prepared for mid-year updates by 1/31/2024.</p> <p>One (1) brief prepared for end of year updates by 7/15/2024.</p>	<p>Two (2) presentations to CFS and two (2) briefs for Nevada’s federal delegation and the NV Legislature Interim Health and Human Services Committee to increase awareness increased among the target audience.</p>

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SMART Objective 1.3: Support new strategic partnerships that can assist with transportation needs and efforts to distribute food to people, particularly individuals at increased/higher risk for food insecurity through federal SNAP EBT Modernization Technical Assistance Grant and the Food Fairs/Conferences by completion of three (3) grant applications and engaging at least three (3) transportation service providers in Southern and in Northern Nevada to attend each Food Security Fair/Conference.			
Priority Population(s): Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children and seniors.			
Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS)		Supporting Partners: OFS, CFS, SNAP stakeholders, six (6) transportation service providers, food banks, food pantries, and sponsors.	
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.3.1 Support the state lead in applying for a federal SNAP EBT Modernization Technical Assistance Center grant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFS to assist in identifying at least three (3) funding opportunities that are applicable with adequate timeframes to apply. OFS to apply for funding opportunities. 	Identification of partners by 04/31/2025. Three (3) applications submitted by 10/31/2025.	Three (3) grant applications completed.
1.3.2 Support at least three (3) service providers in attending In-Person to both Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The workgroup established in 1.1.1 Strategy will work in collaboration with the CFS and OFS to assist in identifying at least three (3) transportation service providers to attend each Food Security Fair/Conference. OFS will work in collaboration with the workgroup and CFS to identify sponsors to support the attendance of at least three (3) transportation service providers who will attend both the Southern and the Northern Nevada In-Person Food Security Fairs/Conference. 	Identification of partners by 03/31/2025 for Northern Nevada Fair/Conference Identification of partners by 03/31/2027	Identification and attendance of at least three (3) transportation service providers at both Fairs/Conferences.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The providers can be different for each Fair/Conference and must have a vehicle fleet to support food distribution efforts. 	<p>Northern Nevada Fair/Conference Attendance by 12/31/2025.</p> <p>Southern Nevada Fair/Conference Attendance by 12/31/2027.</p>	
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Resources: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/grant/snap-ebt-modernization-technical-assistance-center>

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SMART Objective 1.4: Utilize existing outreach channels and participate in marketing opportunities to inform eligible individuals and eligible households about the WIC/SNAP benefits, including targeted campaigns that emphasize benefits and requirements, and provide information on the application process through various methods including mobile distribution programs. Establish an up-to-date monitoring and evaluation framework that tracks key metrics surrounding food insecurity, applications for WIC/SNAP, mobile access to food, and any other relevant data. Use this data to assess the effectiveness of the interventions, make real-time improvements, understand areas requiring more attention, and determine any future policy and programmatic changes.				
Priority Population(s): Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children and seniors.				
Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS).	Supporting Partners: The state Department of Education, two (2) school districts, OFS, WIC/SNAP partners, and CFS.			
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)		Timeline	Target Results
1.4.1 Support in the identification of partnerships to increase WIC and SNAP participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFS to assist in identifying at least one (1) partner in Southern Nevada and one (1) partner in Northern Nevada who can partner with an identified school district regarding SNAP/WIC. • OFS will collaborate with the identified partners to ensure the school districts have the SNAP/WIC materials and tools 		Identification of partners by 04/30/2024. Determine appropriate marketing materials and Tools by 12/31/2024.	Applications submitted for WIC and SNAP.

	<p>on how to apply for SNAP/WIC and support navigators in attending school events to assist with filling out applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement targeted marketing materials, and work with new partners to accept supplemental nutrition assistance applications. 	Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	<p>Marketing materials developed.</p> <p>Established partnerships with the Department of Education and two (2) School Districts.</p>
1.4.2 Allow representative(s) from WIC/SNAP to present during the CFS annually and at both the Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to include barriers on preventing partners from accepting supplemental nutritional assistance applications. 	<p>One (1) presentation to CFS Annually starting in 2024 due by December 31 until 12/31/2027.</p> <p>One (1) presentation at the Northern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/25.</p> <p>One (1) presentation at the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/27.</p>	<p>Barriers on preventing partners from accepting supplemental nutritional assistance applications and CFS recommended solutions to tracked through the Annual CFS reports.</p>
1.4.3 Support rural capacity building efforts to administer Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFS to Identify at least three (3) rural stakeholders for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program in collaboration with OFS. • Determine support needs of partners. • Establish an up-to-date monitoring and evaluation framework to track key metrics surrounding food insecurity, applications for WIC/SNAP, mobile access to food, and any other relevant data. • Use data to determine targeted interventions and future policy and programmatic changes. 	<p>Identify stakeholders by 12/31/2024.</p> <p>Establish a monitoring and evaluation framework by 12/31/2025.</p> <p>Collect and analyze data by 03/31/2026.</p>	<p>Identification of at least three (3) partners.</p> <p>Efforts provided to support stakeholders.</p>

		Support efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	
Resources:			

Baseline and Target data for the food security indicators for the State health Improvement Plan:

Measures	Baseline	Targets	Measurement Alignment
Decrease in household food insecurity ⁽¹⁾	13 percent (2021)	10 percent (2028)	Food Security Strategic Plan (measure = reduce food security by 1 percent in 2023, page 23) Healthy People 2030
Increase number of clients served by food security service providers compared to the previous year/period	3000 Individuals (2021)	5000 Individuals (2028)	Food Security Strategic Plan (measure on page 23)
Percent of population eligible for SNAP who participate	71% (2021)	80% (2028)	Food Security Strategic Plan (Goal 1, Objective 1)

BASELINE

1. The Strategic Plan aims to reduce the food insecurity rate by 1% each year, with an overall target of 5% by 2028. However, looking at the trend over the past decade, food insecurity in Nevada has not dipped below 10%. Therefore, we propose setting the target at 10% for 2028. A target like this is more plausible, considering the historical trend. It's also important to remember that these targets are not final and can be revised during the implementation of the plan.
2. As for the objective to expand the number of service recipients from 3,000 individuals in 2021 to 5,000 by 2028, we understand that this greatly depends on the program's capacity. We suggest that the target consider capacity growth over the period and factor in feasibility based on resources and outreach efforts.
3. Goal 1, Objective 1, focuses on the augmentation of participation in the SNAP program among eligible users. Despite a decline from 91% in FFY 2018 to 70% in 2021, the target for 2028 is set at 80%. (Note: the dip to 70% considers potential COVID-19 impacts).

TARGET

1. Reducing household food insecurity: If you continue reducing food insecurity by 1% each year, as mentioned in the Food Security Strategic Plan, by 2028, the target would be to decrease household food insecurity to 5% (starting from 13% in 2021).
2. Increasing clients served by food security service providers: An increase from 3,000 (2021) to 5,000 (2028). This is an approximate increase of 333 clients per year.
3. Increasing Participation in SNAP: If the participation in 2021 was 70%, with a target of 80% in 2028, this implies an approximate yearly increase of 1.4%.