

<b>Priority:</b> Social Determinants of Health			
<b>Focus Area:</b> Food Security			
<b>Goal 1:</b> Reduce food insecurity and improve Nevada's overall food security ecosystem to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.			
<b>SMART Objective 1.1:</b> 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. 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 and discussions. Also, the provision of opportunities to interact with local vendors, farmers, and community organizations to learn about local foods and resources is essential.			
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<b>Lead Agency:</b> Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS)		<b>Supporting Partners:</b> DHHS Nutrition Unit, NV Department of Agriculture (NDA), Food Banks, Food Pantries, Council on Food Security (CFS), Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and sponsors.	
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
<p><b>1.1.1</b> Present one (1) presentation to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (HHS) each Biennium.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A designated CFS council member will connect with the Joint Interim Standing Committee LCB support staff on HHS (JISCHHS) and request for a member of the CFS to present annually to the committee.</li> <li>CFS to identify a topic(s) to present to the Joint Interim Standing Committee each biennium, including recommendations that align with Objective 1.2 and 1.2.3 strategy.</li> <li>CFS to identify a member to present to JISCHHS who will prepare and present a presentation, follow up on Committee questions, and provide ongoing presentations as necessary and/or requested by JISCHHS and/or CFS.</li> </ul> <p><i>All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.</i></p>	<p>LCB to be initially contacted by 05/31/2024.</p> <p>LCB contacted again in 2026 by 05/31/2026.</p> <p>CFS identifies a member to present by 02/29</p> <p>A minimum of one (1) annual presentation by 12/31</p> <p>Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.</p>	<p>CFS completed two (2) presentations to JISCHHS by 2027.</p>

<p><b>1.1.2</b> 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/partners and service providers/vendors as identified by the food security partners, CFS, and the workgroup.</p>	<p><b>The Leader and Event Planning Lead will be the OFS in collaboration with CFS to arrange the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish an ongoing workgroup to determine logistics of the Fairs/Conferences.</li> <li>• A Survey with Food Security stakeholders/partners and service providers to determine the target audience, presenters (WIC, Child Welfare, Seniors, SNAP, food banks and pantries, transportation service, NDA, early education, mobile grocery shopping, etc.), location, remote option, vendors, date, and time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Target Audience for the fair/conference at minimum must include an invitation to the following programs: WIC, SNAP, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Summer Food Service Program, and food service vendors across the spectrum of food services, including at least one (1) agency with a fleet.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Identify potential source(s) of funding and/or sponsorship.</li> <li>• Establish a Venue/Location, Food, and Fairs/Conferences Schedule/Agenda.</li> <li>• Determine if guidelines are necessary.</li> <li>• Invitations to both conferences are to include legislative partners as identified by the CFS.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communication Lead will be OFS support staff.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emailing members, reminders, invites, and RSVPs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Day-Of-Support Lead will be OFS support staff.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note-Taking, Tech Support, Printing, Food Logistics, Greeter, Post Refection Survey, etc.</li> </ul>	<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>Efforts and presentations to be documented in the CFS Annual report by 01/31</p> <p>Schedule/Agenda for the Fairs/Conferences to be completed 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 CFS Annual 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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<p><b>Goal Indicators:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food insecurity rate</li> <li>• Number of clients served by food security service providers</li> <li>• Percent of population eligible for SNAP who participate</li> </ul>

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<p><b>SMART Objective 1.2:</b> 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).</p>			
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<p><b>Lead Agency:</b> Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS)</p>		<p><b>Supporting Partners:</b> CFS, OFS, sponsors, stakeholders/partners from Nevada tribal nations, housing, and the transportation sector. Supporting partners will also include NDA, The Division of Plant Health and Compliance works and Division of Food and Nutrition and local farmers.</p>	
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
<p><b>1.2.1</b> Recommend a revision of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS 232) to add up to Three (3) seats on the CFS for individuals who have lived experience with Food insecurity and/or homelessness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CFS to make recommendations to Nevada’s Legislature Interim Health and Human Service Committee through an interim HHS presentation.</li> <li>• CFS to make recommendations to the Director of the Health Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) through the CFS Annual Reports that are submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).</li> <li>• Seats to be specific to individuals from the housing and transportation section(s) and include at least</li> </ul>	<p>A presentation completed by 10/31/2024.</p> <p>Recommendation to DHHS Director by 01/31/2025</p> <p>CFS 2024 Annual Report with recommendations completed by 01/31/25</p>	<p>Three (3) additional seats for the CFS by 2027.</p>

	two (2) members from Nevada’s tribal communities (North/South).		
<b>1.2.2</b> Allow representative(s) from the housing, transportation sector, and tribal communities to present during the Food Security Fairs/Conferences and CFS.	<p>CFS to identify partners who can present at the CFS annually and the Fairs/Conferences that will improve awareness on policy and programs around the housing, transportation sector, and tribal communities to mitigate drivers of food insecurity.</p> <p><i>All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.</i></p>	<p>One (1) annual presentation to CFS by 12/31.</p> <p>One (1) presentation at each fair/conference (2025 &amp; 2027)</p> <p>Efforts and presentation to be documented in the CFS Annual Report each year.</p> <p>Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.</p>	<p>By 2027 completed a minimum of four (4) presentations.</p> <p>CFS Annual Reports to include summary of presentations.</p>
<b>1.2.3</b> Meet at minimum of one (1) time per biennium with the Legislature Interim Health and Human Services Committee	<p>CFS will brief 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> <p><i>All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.</i></p>	<p>One (1) presentation by CFS to the Legislature Interim Health and Human Services Committee in 2025 and again in 2027</p> <p>Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.</p>	<p>By 2027 completed a minimum of two (2) presentations.</p> <p>CFS Annual Reports to include summary of presentations.</p>
<b>Resources:</b> CFS, OFS, NDA, Southern Nevada Council on Food Security, and Northern Nevada Council on Food Security.			

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<b>SMART Objective 1.3:</b> Support new strategic partnerships and increase awareness among the food security ecosystem regarding service providers and funding opportunities that can assist with distributing food to people, particularly individuals at increased/higher risk for food insecurity. The Office of Food Security (OFS) and the Council on Food Security (CFS) will leverage a statewide Food Security Fair/Conference and other existing marketing to assist with awareness.			
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1.3.1 Support the state lead in needs related to the federal SNAP EBT Modernization Technical Assistance Center grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OFS and/or CFS to coordinator SNAP EBT Stakeholders/partners to present at the CFS annually.</li> <li>OFS and/or CFS to provide administrative support with identified partners to present at the CFS each year.</li> <li>Allow representative(s) from SNAP to present at both the Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference on SNAP EBT Modernization and other funding opportunities that can assist with distributing food to people.</li> </ul>	<p>One (1) presentation to CFS annually by 12/31.</p> <p>One (1) SNAP presentation at the Northern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/25.</p> <p>One (1) SNAP presentation at the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/27.</p> <p>Efforts and presentation to be documented in the CFS Annual Report</p>	Increase funding awareness among the Food Security ecosystem regarding the SNAP EBT Modernization and other grant funding.

		each year.  Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	
<b>1.3.2</b> Support a minimum of two (2) service providers in attending In-Person to both Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The workgroup established in 1.1.1 Strategy will work in collaboration with the CFS and OFS to assist in identifying a minimum of two (2) service providers to attend each Food Security Fair/Conference.</li> <li>OFS will work in collaboration with the workgroup and CFS to identify sponsors to support the attendance of a minimum of two (2) service providers who will attend both the Southern and the Northern Nevada In-Person Food Security Fairs/Conference.</li> <li>Transportation Service providers shall include but not limited to services that bring the food to the people and the people to the food with equity among the rural and urban communities.</li> </ul>	<p>Identification of partners by 03/31/2025 for Northern Nevada Fair/Conference.</p> <p>Identification of partners by 03/31/2027 for the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference.</p> <p>Northern Nevada Fair/Conference Attendance by 12/31/2025.</p> <p>Southern Nevada Fair/Conference Attendance by 12/31/2027.</p>	Support new strategic partnerships that can assist with transportation needs and efforts to distribute food to people.
<b>Resources:</b> <a href="https://www.fns.usda.gov/grant/snap-ebt-modernization-technical-assistance-center">https://www.fns.usda.gov/grant/snap-ebt-modernization-technical-assistance-center</a> , Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), the Grant Lab, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), and Nevada Food Banks.			

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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 WIC and SNAP benefits, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Summer Food Service Program, and any other additional summer food, school lunch, and breakfast programs. Increase awareness of existing campaigns that emphasize the benefits, requirements, and application processes for sponsors.

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<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Target Results</b>
<b>1.4.1</b> Support in the identification of partnerships to increase WIC and SNAP participation and support rural program efforts for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The OFS and/or CFS will collaborate with WIC, SNAP, DWSS, and academic partners to identify a representative who is willing to present at CFS about WIC, SNAP, and existing partnerships statewide. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation to include barriers preventing partners from accepting supplemental nutritional assistance applications, which will be tracked via CFS Annual Reports.</li> </ul> </li> <li>CFS to collaborate with NDA to Identify at minimum three (3) rural representatives for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and/or Summer Food Service Program to present during the CFS annually. This can include, but not limited to NDA program staff.</li> <li>Allow representative(s) from WIC, SNAP, the NDA Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program to present at both the Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference.</li> <li>CFS and OFS to collaborate with the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) Division of Food and Nutrition and school stakeholders (food distribution on Indian Reservations, school lunch and breakfast recipients, etc.) to increase awareness around NDA administered</li> </ul>	<p>Four (4) presentations to the CFS annually by 12/31.</p> <p>Identification of partners for CFS presentation by 04/30 annually.</p> <p>Identification of partners by 03/31/2025 for Northern Nevada Fair/Conference.</p> <p>One (1) presentation at the Northern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/25.</p> <p>Identification of partners by 03/31/2027 for the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference.</p> <p>One (1) presentation at the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference by</p>	<p>Increase participation in programs designed to reduce food insecurity.</p> <p>Sixteen (16) presentations to the CFS by 2027.</p>

	<p>programs aimed to improve food Security (Child and Adult Care Food Program, Food Distribution on Indian Reservations, School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, Summer Food Programs, etc.).</p>	<p>12/31/27.</p> <p>All efforts and presentation summaries are to be included in the CFS Annual Report.</p> <p>Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.</p>	
<p><b>Resources:</b> Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), Southern Nevada Council on Food Security, Northern Nevada Council on Food Security, State of Nevada’s Council on Food Security, Division of Public Behavioral Health-The Office of Food Security, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Nevada Department of Education, and Statewide Food Banks.</p>			