

Government Food Assistance Programs

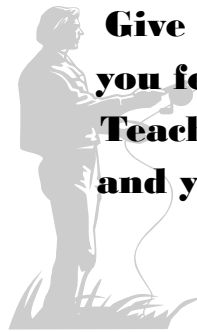
Federal Food Programs play an important role in providing low-income families and especially vulnerable children, with resources to meet at least part of their daily requirements for nutritious food. Five state departments administer these food programs.

Federal food programs are an intermediate response to hunger, not a long term solution. However, in addition to reducing hunger and preventing problems caused by serious under nutrition, federal programs return tax dollars to our communities. **In state FY2008, the food stamp program brought in more than 260 million dollars to our economy, while the child nutrition programs brought in more than 160 million dollars.**



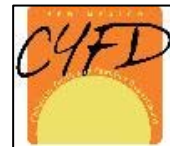
It doesn't cost the state to access these programs for our residents, and none of the programs are close to having full participation. One strategy for ending hunger in-

cludes maximizing utilization of government food assistance programs.



**Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day.
Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.**

Lao Tzu



Together We Can
End Hunger in New Mexico



**State Nutrition Action Plan
Committee**

**Coordinating Government
Services for the Food Insecure**

Government Food Assistance Programs in New Mexico

Aging and Long-Term Services Department: 1-866-451-2901

Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) provides funding for congregate meals and home delivered meals for people over the age of 60 and disabled adults.

Children, Youth & Families Department: Family Nutrition Bureau 1-800-328-2665

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides reimbursement for meals and snacks served to children in licensed public and non-profit child care centers (including Head Start) and, in for-profit centers that serve at least 25% low income families; in family and group child care homes for preschool children; and in after school programs operated by non-profits or schools.



Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides reimbursement for nutritious meals served to children 18 years and under during the summer. Meals are distributed at eligible meal sites such as school playgrounds and parks. Sponsoring organizations, through an application process, are approved to receive funds to pay for the meals served and their administrative costs.

Department of Health: (505) 476-8800

Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC) serves pregnant, post-partum, and breastfeeding women; infants up to 1 year, and young children up to age 5. Clients receive food benefits on an eWIC card along with nutrition education classes.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) provides commodity supplemental food to low-income pregnant women, breastfeeding women, postpartum mothers, infants under one year old, children up to their sixth (6) birthday, and seniors sixty (60) years and older. The food is distributed either at program provider's warehouses and/or at tailgate distribution sites throughout the state.

WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)

New Mexico provides food vouchers for fresh fruits and vegetables from farmers' markets to seniors sixty (60) years and older and low-income pregnant women, breastfeeding women, postpartum mothers, infants under one year old and children up to their sixth (6) birthday who are participating in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) or the WIC Program.

Children's Medical Services (CMS) provides for the nutrition needs of clients with special needs who meet program eligibility requirements. For information, contact (505) 476-8868.

Human Services Department: 1-800-283-4465

The Food Stamp Program provides funds to eligible families to purchase food.

Food Stamp Nutrition Education (FSNE) can help stretch food dollars by teaching about tasty and nutritious new recipes. These free classes are taught at sites throughout New Mexico. For information about classes in each county, call (877)993-3637.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) provides "USDA" food to eligible families.

USDA Commodity Food Distribution Program provides commodity food to schools, childcare centers and organizations participating in the summer food service program.

Homeless Meals Program (HMP) funded by the state legislature, provides funding for meals to eight non-profit agencies that serve homeless families and individuals.

Public Education Department: Student Nutrition Bureau (505) 827-1821

School Breakfast (SBP) and School Lunch (NSLP) provide nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free meals to children each school day.



Seamless Summer Feeding Waiver allows schools to participate in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) without completing a special application, and receive the SBP/NSLP meal reimbursement rate.

Severe Need Breakfast Program is funded at a higher rate, and is available for schools serving a large percentage of needy students.

After School Snack Program provides snacks to children after school.

Special Milk Program provides milk to children in schools and childcare institutions that do not participate in other Federal nutrition programs.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program (FFVP) provides fresh fruits and vegetables to children at no cost during the school day.



USDA/Tribal:

Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Many Native Americans live in remote areas where food costs are excessively high and access to food stamp offices is often limited. For this reason, the Food Stamp Act of 1977 created the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program. Participating families may select over 70 food items each month.

Contacts:

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Tel: (505) 552-9489

Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council
Tel: (505) 455-2288

Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, Inc.

Tel: (505) 867-3710

Pueblo of Zuni
Tel: (505) 782-4463

Navajo Nation
Tel: (928) 871-6537



Tribal/WIC Programs:

WIC serves pregnant, post-partum, and breastfeeding women; infants up to 1 year, and young children up to age 5. It provides food vouchers and nutrition education classes.

ACL (505) 552-6067

Crownpoint (505) 786-2185

Eight Northern Indian Pueblos (505) 455-2288
Farmington (505) 327-9951

Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos (505) 867-3351 ext 145
Gallup (505) 722-4767 or 722-5692

Navajo Nation (915) 871-6698

Pueblo of Isleta (505) 924-3180 or 924-3181

Pueblo of San Felipe (505) 867-2466

Pueblo of Zuni (505) 782-2929 or 782-7201

Santo Domingo Tribe (505) 465-1321

Shiprock (505) 368-1135 or 368-1138

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