



Healthy Food For All Work Group

Agenda: Special Meeting re: Enhancing SNAP participation

8:00 – 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 7, 2014

Community Health Facility
First Floor Meeting Room
200 Maine Street, Lawrence

Item	Note	Action step
Welcome and introductions		
Brief review of last meeting, review of data for Dg Co		
Recent LJWorld article re: SNAP (food stamp) enrollment		
Locations/ events for SNAP outreach (see handout)		
Planning next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss setting goal for increasing SNAP enrollment		
Adjourn		

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Estimated Food Assistance Program Participation Rates by County for June 2011

Data Sources: Monthly MR600 Reports / US Census Bureau / EES & Other Economic Indicators
July 2011

County	SRS Region	Monthly Food Assistance Participants	* Estimated Food Assistance Eligibles	* Estimated FA Participation Rate
Allen	SE	2,118	2,773	76.4%
Anderson	SE	919	1,421	64.7%
Atchison	NE	2,438	3,073	79.3%
Barber	WE	296	715	41.4%
Barton	WE	3,359	4,936	68.1%
Bourbon	SE	2,775	3,378	82.1%
Brown	NE	1,346	2,058	65.4%
Butler	SC	5,705	7,613	74.9%
Chase	SC	241	519	46.5%
Chautauqua	SC	418	752	55.6%
Cherokee	SE	3,672	5,027	73.0%
Cheyenne	WE	132	456	28.9%
Clark	WE	150	340	44.2%
Clay	NE	549	1,295	42.4%
Cloud	NE	833	1,632	51.0%
Coffey	SC	743	1,226	60.6%
Comanche	WE	99	244	40.6%
Cowley	SC	5,253	6,694	78.5%
Crawford	SE	6,222	9,585	64.9%
Decatur	WE	194	491	39.5%
Dickinson	NE	1,425	2,440	58.4%
Doniphan	NE	639	1,282	49.9%
Douglas	MT	8,442	30,927	27.3%
Edwards	WE	254	475	53.5%
Eik	SC	289	743	38.9%
Ellis	WE	1,866	4,197	44.5%
Ellsworth	NE	374	852	43.9%
Finney	WE	4,811	8,393	57.3%
Ford	WE	3,849	6,286	61.2%
Franklin	MT	3,436	3,828	89.8%
Geary	NE	3,179	4,682	67.9%
Gove	WE	103	368	28.0%
Graham	WE	147	393	37.4%
Grant	WE	691	994	69.5%
Gray	WE	289	709	40.8%
Greeley	WE	46	167	27.5%
Greenwood	SC	861	1,463	58.8%
Hamilton	WE	189	429	44.1%
Harper	SC	524	1,044	50.2%
Harvey	SC	3,318	4,558	72.8%
Haskell	WE	256	573	44.7%
Hodgeman	WE	85	251	33.9%
Jackson	NE	955	1,897	50.3%
Jefferson	NE	1,313	2,107	62.3%
Jewell	NE	181	512	35.3%
Johnson	MT	22,474	48,224	46.6%
Kearny	WE	319	663	48.1%
Kingman	SC	600	1,014	59.2%
Kiowa	WE	169	375	45.0%
Labette	SE	3,319	4,804	69.1%
Lane	WE	88	219	40.2%
Leavenworth	MT	5,699	8,652	65.9%
Lincoln	NE	225	517	43.5%
Linn	SE	1,182	1,566	75.5%
Logan	WE	163	341	47.8%
Lyon	SC	4,771	7,231	66.0%
Marion	SC	814	1,607	50.7%
Marshall	NE	696	1,530	45.5%
McPherson	SC	1,956	3,233	60.5%
Meade	WE	315	613	51.4%
Miami	MT	2,891	3,658	79.0%
Mitchell	NE	334	756	44.2%
Montgomery	SE	5,591	7,692	72.7%
Morris	SC	423	900	47.0%

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Morton	WE	257	415	61.9%
Nemaha	NE	454	1,298	35.0%
Neosho	SE	2,550	3,832	66.5%
Ness	WE	132	348	38.0%
Norton	WE	306	778	39.4%
Osage	NE	1,791	2,343	76.4%
Osborne	WE	298	678	44.0%
Ottawa	NE	373	774	48.2%
Pawnee	WE	438	1,057	41.4%
Phillips	WE	401	819	49.0%
Pottawatomie	NE	1,254	2,371	52.9%
Pratt	WE	712	1,333	53.4%
Rawlins	WE	121	429	28.2%
Reno	SC	8,143	10,997	74.1%
Republic	NE	290	748	38.8%
Rice	SC	971	1,482	65.5%
Riley	NE	3,209	21,559	14.9%
Rooks	WE	460	785	58.6%
Rush	WE	270	504	53.6%
Russell	WE	659	1,194	55.2%
Saline	NE	6,668	8,996	74.1%
Scott	WE	344	511	67.3%
Sedgwick	WI	76,061	86,524	87.9%
Seward	WE	2,786	4,696	59.3%
Shawnee	NE	25,745	37,782	68.1%
Sheridan	WE	63	422	14.9%
Sherman	WE	660	1,226	53.8%
Smith	WE	233	637	36.6%
Stafford	WE	299	840	35.6%
Stanton	WE	168	338	49.7%
Stevens	WE	312	827	37.7%
Sumner	SC	2,543	3,491	72.8%
Thomas	WE	471	1,050	44.9%
Trego	WE	147	439	33.5%
Wabaunsee	NE	334	783	42.7%
Wallace	WE	75	256	29.3%
Washington	NE	298	847	35.2%
Wichita	WE	123	348	35.4%
Wilson	SE	1,328	1,843	72.1%
Woodson	SE	409	746	54.9%
Wyandotte	MT	32,910	43,503	75.6%
State Totals:		302,079	477,240	63.3%

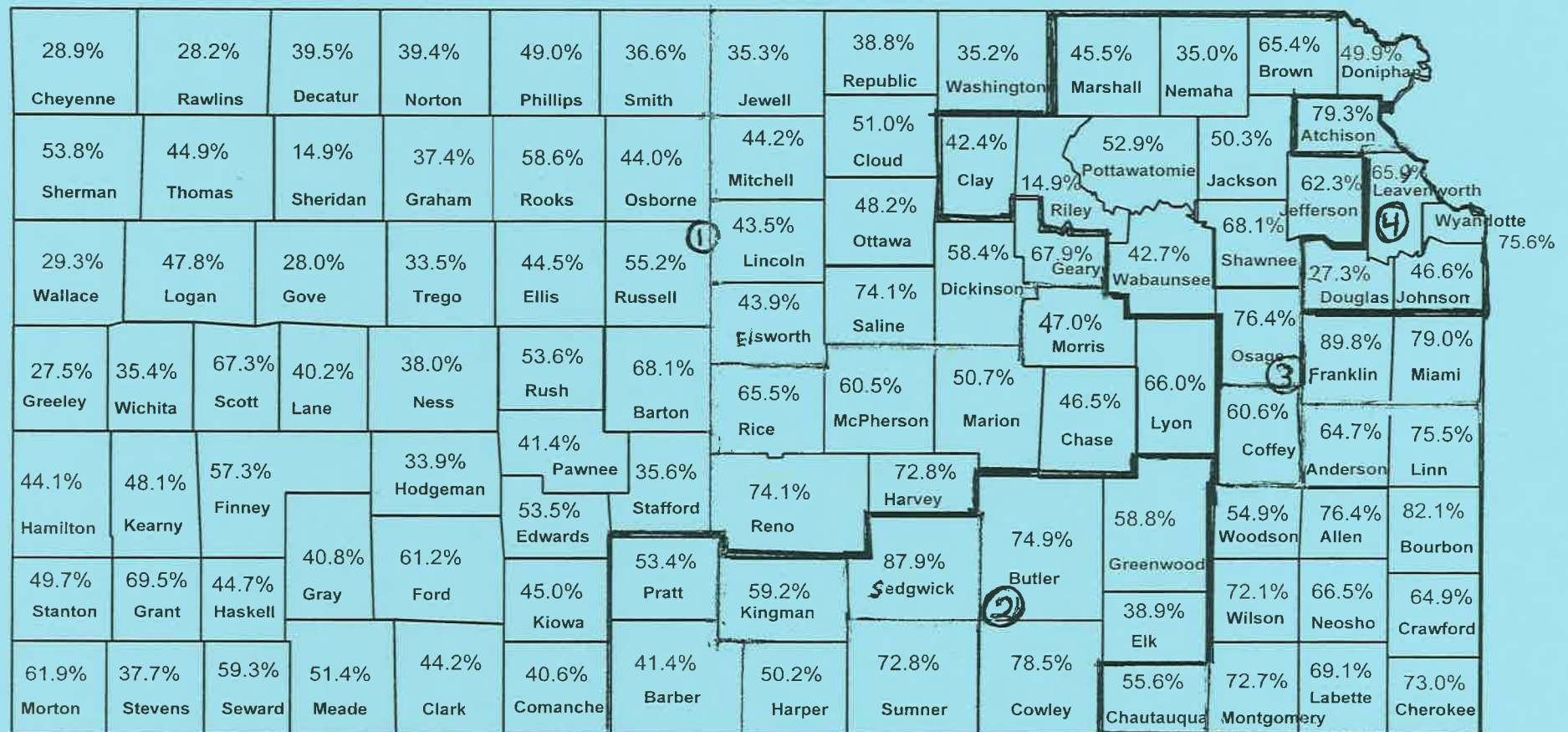
* Estimated FA eligibles used to determine the estimated participation rates are calculated for SRS internal management use and involve a variety of economic and program trend data. Included in those data sources are the most recent official State FA participation rates published by USDA (2 to 3 years old), US Census Bureau data, state unemployment rates, and actual SRS caseload figures as well as forecasted trends.

This estimate was last calculated in December 2010 (using new 2009 SAIPE published in December 2010).

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Food Assistance (SNAP) Participation Rates for Estimated Eligibles in SFY2011

July 2011



USDA Food Assistance Participation Rate for Kansas in 2008: 57.0%
USDA National Food Assistance Participation Rate in 2008: 66.0%

Estimated SNAP Participation Rate for Kansas in 2011: 62.1%
Estimated SNAP Participation Rate for Kansas in 2010: 67.4%

Note: Calculation of estimated eligibles is done prior to the SFY. Actual monthly eligibles are compared to these calculations to show estimated participation rates throughout the year.

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Average Monthly Food Assistance (SNAP) Participants by County in SFY2011 July 2011

126 Cheyenne	116 Rawlins	191 Decatur	317 Norton	381 Phillips	235 Smith	175 Jewell	300 Republic	334 Washington	710 Marshall	430 Nemaha	1,372 Brown	655 Doniphan
649 Sherman	472 Thomas	71 Sheridan	149 Graham	437 Rooks	292 Osborne	317 Mitchell	851 Cloud	562 Clay	1,234 Pottawatomie	944 Jackson	2,475 Atchison	5,634 Leavenworth
62 Wallace	169 Logan	95 Gove	124 Trego	1,903 Ellis	653 Russell	211 Lincoln	347 Ottawa	1,397 Dickinson	3,157 Riley	349 Wabaunsee	25,144 Shawnee	31,961 Wyandotte
43 Greeley	120 Wichita	341 Scott	86 Lane	164 Ness	294 Rush	345 Ellsworth	6,593 Saline	418 Morris	1,767 Osage	8,181 Douglas	21,932 Johnson	2,762 Franklin
186 Hamilton	307 Kearny	4,754 Finney	103 Hodgeman	487 Pawnee	336 Stafford	910 Rice	1,910 McPherson	796 Marion	226 Chase	4,641 Lyon	798 Coffey	928 Anderson
168 Stanton	660 Grant	238 Haskell	270 Gray	3,814 Ford	181 Kiowa	781 Pratt	7,942 Reno	3,305 Harvey	74,683 Sedgwick	5,566 Butler	868 Greenwood	410 Woodson
231 Morton	335 Stevens	2,800 Seward	292 Meade	141 Clark	94 Comanche	301 Barber	495 Harper	2,500 Sumner	5,159 Cowley	297 Elk	1,324 Wilson	2,026 Allen
										413 Chautauqua	5,423 Montgomery	3,320 Labette
												2,700 Bourbon
												6,092 Crawford
												3,668 Cherokee

Average Monthly Total Persons for Kansas in SFY2011: 296,542
Average Monthly Benefits per Person for Kansas in SFY2011: \$124.29

Average Monthly Total Households for Kansas in SFY2011: 136,995
Average Monthly Benefits per Household for Kansas in SFY2011: \$269.04

Nutrition advocates trying to increase food stamp enrollment in Douglas County

February 2, 2014

Several organizations are working to increase local enrollment in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in the hopes it will increase access to healthy food in Douglas County.

Douglas County has a low participation rate in SNAP, commonly known as food stamps. Only 27.3 percent of eligible residents were enrolled in the program in 2011, the most recent year the state has data available. Just over 8,300 Douglas County residents receive SNAP benefits, nearly half of them children.

Access to healthy foods has been identified as one of the five areas of need in the county over the next five years, according to the community health plan, [Roadmap to a Healthier Douglas County](#). The local wellness coalition, [LiveWell Lawrence](#), has a work group dedicated to expanding access to healthy foods across the county. Roughly 18,000 people in Douglas County don't have consistent access to nutritious food, [according to Feeding America](#).

Local nutrition advocates view the low SNAP participation rate as an opportunity to get money for groceries into the hands of low-income residents.

"We think it makes sense since that assistance is there to help people receive the nutrition their families need," said Christina Holt, chairwoman of the Health Food for All work group and a director in the [Work Group for Community Health and Development](#) at Kansas University. "Plus, it's good for the local economy. When people are receiving SNAP benefits, they use those benefits to purchase food from local vendors."

Some argue that the low participation rate can be explained, in part, by Douglas County's large population of Kansas University students. College students generally aren't eligible for food stamps unless they have small children or work at least 20 hours a week.

"Counties with large colleges or military bases show up with very low rates due to the number of college students and others who generally do not apply for food assistance," said Theresa Freed, spokeswoman for the Kansas Department of Children and Families. "Sedgwick County (87.9 percent enrollment) is an exception to this rule because it has a higher population of low-income residents to offset the college population."

Local groups have identified other barriers to SNAP enrollment, including an overly cumbersome application process and the sense of shame that can come with seeking government benefits.

"There's a lot of misinformation out there," said Ellen Feldhausen, spokeswoman for the [Harvesters Community Food Network](#), which serves Douglas County. "People do not stay on SNAP forever; the average length of time is a few months. There is a very low rate of error and fraud. And SNAP lasts most families 2.5 weeks out of the month — the benefits are very low. But that misinformation contributes to the stigma that makes people reluctant to sign up for SNAP."

Also, people often don't apply because they don't realize they're eligible or may have been denied enrollment years earlier, when the guidelines were different, said Shelley Paul, SNAP outreach coordinator for Harvesters (that organization has a hotline — 877-653-9522 — where callers can find out whether they may be eligible for SNAP). As of now, the benefits are

generally available to households earning less than 130 percent of the poverty level (roughly \$15,171 for a single person or \$31,005 for a family of four).

To increase participation in the federal program, local nutrition advocates have proposed training employees at social service agencies to assist with SNAP signup, providing more outreach at public events, holding a SNAP enrollment day and partnering with the schools to pass out information on SNAP to families who receive free or reduced-cost lunches.

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Host Sites for SNAP Outreach

2/7/2014

Organization	Street Address	City	Zip	DCF Access Point	Phone	Email
Community Health Facility	200 Maine St	Lawrence	66044	Yes	785-843-3060	info@ldchealth.org
Health Care Access	330 Maine St	Lawrence	66044	Yes		
Lawrence Workforce Center	2540 Iowa St	Lawrence	66046	Yes		
United Way Center for Human Services	2518 Ridge Ct	Lawrence	66046	Yes		
Lawrence Public Library	700 New Hampshire St	Lawrence	66044	Yes		
Just Food	1000 E 11th St	Lawrence	66044	No	856-7030	jf@justfoodks.org
Heartland Health Care Clinic	1 Riverfront Plaza #100	Lawrence	66044	No	841-7297	info@heartlandhealth.org
Douglas County Dental Clinic	2210 Yalse Rd	Lawrence	66049	no	312-7770	jill@dcdclinic.org
Trinity Interfaith Pantry	1011 Vermont Street	Lawrence	66044	No	(785) 843-6166	

Organization	Contacted by (name)	Contacted at (date/time)	Willing to host a SNAP Outreach Worker?	SNAP Outreach Worker Scheduled
Community Health Facility				
Health Care Access				
Lawrence Workforce Center				
United Way Center for Human Services				
Lawrence Public Library				
Just Food				
Heartland Health Care Clinic				
Douglas County Dental Clinic	Raven Naraore		Yes	Yes
Trinity Interfaith Pantry				

Event Name	Event Date(s)	Event Location	Event Sponsor
Free Dental Day	One day, annually in September	Douglas County Dental Clinic	Douglas County Dental Clinic
Kickin' It With WIC	One day, annually in September	Community Health Facility parking lot	Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department
Annual Xmas Community Dinner	One day, Christmas	First United Methodist Church	First United Methodist Church
Douglas County Fair	First week of August each year	Douglas County Fairgrounds	Douglas County 4-H
Cookin' with WIC	6-Mar-14	Health Dept.	WIC/Health Dept.
Family Promise/Homeless Shelter 5 K	26-May-14		
Haskell Health and Wellness Fair	April 2014, date not set	Haskell	Haskell
Cordley Family Night	September, date not set	Cordley School	Cordley School
Baker University Health Fair	April 2014, date not set	Baker University	Baker University
Eudora Bicycle Safety Fair - Bike Bonanza	TBD		Eudora Schools
Lawrence Bicycle Safety and Helmet Fair	Spring 2014		Lawrence Fire/Medical
Lawrence Fire/Med Car Seat Checks	TBD		
Just Food Cooking Classes	TBD/Multiple sessions	Just Food	Just Food
Alvamar Christmas @ Crossgate	TBD	Alvamar Country Club	Alvamar Country Club
Ballard Center	TBD		Ballard Center
Boys & Girls Club	TBD		Boys & Girls Club
Housing Authority	TBD		
Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine, P.A. (Panda Peds)	TBD		
Lawrence Pediatrics, PA	TBD		

Event Name	Event Contact Name	Event Contact Email	Event Contact Phone
Free Dental Day	Julie Branstrom	dcdcdirector@gmail.com	785-312-7770 ext. 207
Kickin' It With WIC	Linda Rippetoe	lrippetoe@ldchealth.org	785-843-3060
Annual Xmas Community Dinner	Brower Burchill		785-843-9199
Douglas County Fair	Margaret Kalb	mkalb2@ksu.edu	785.843.7058
Cookin' with WIC	Trish Unruh	tunruh@ldchealth.org	
Family Promise/Homeless Shelter 5 K	Judy Keller	jkeller@sunflower.com	
Haskell Health and Wellness Fair	Gary Goombi		785-749-8467
Cordley Family Night	Laurie Ramirez	lramirez@ku.edu	
Baker University Health Fair			
Eudora Bicycle Safety Fair - Bike Bonanza			
Lawrence Bicycle Safety and Helmet Fair			
Lawrence Fire/Med Car Seat Checks			
Just Food Cooking Classes	Jeremy Farmer/Leah Charles	jf@justfoodks.org / lcharles@justfoodks.org	785-856-7030
Alvamar Christmas @ Crossgate	Bryan Minnis		
Ballard Center	Megan Stuke/Kyle Roggenkamp	megan@ballardcenter.org / kyle@ballardcenter.org	785-842-0729
Boys & Girls Club	Colby Wilson/Monica Dittmer	cwilson@bgclk.org / mdittmer@bgclk.org	785-841-5672
Housing Authority			785-842-8110
Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine, P.A. (Panda Peds)			785.842.4477
Lawrence Pediatrics, PA			785-856-9090

Organization	Street Address	City	Zip	Contact	Phone	Email
Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department	200 Maine St	Lawrence	66044	Jolene Croxell	785-843-3060	jcroxell@ldchealth.org
Center for Community Outreach						
Roger Hill Volunteer Center						
Just Food						