

ATTACHMENT 16: FDPIR STUDY INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE

STUDY OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

BROCHURE - RESPONDENT INTERVIEW VERSION

Panel 1: Cover

Topic: Name of study

Notes: Will also include food and food distribution pictures

Panel 2: Inside Left

Topic: Description of Project

Study of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

The Study of the Food Distribution on Indian Reservations will collect information about people who are in the FDPIR program and also provide updated information on local program operations across the nation. In some places, FDPIR is referred to as the “commodities” program. The food distribution study is funded by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is being conducted by Urban Institute, NORC at the University of Chicago, and Support Services International (SSI).

The last nationally representative study of FDPIR participants and programs was completed in 1990. Since then, many changes and improvements have occurred in the FDPIR program, including changes to eligibility rules, foods offered, and food delivery options. This study is needed to measure progress and see what else can be done to better serve the community.

Twenty-five tribes and tribal organizations were sampled using a scientific method and invited to take part in the household survey. The sites selected represent many areas across Indian Country, including reservations in 11 states and tribal service areas in Oklahoma. In each place, about 32 FDPIR participants will be randomly selected to take part in a survey. You will be speaking for many others just like yourself. Your interest and participation is greatly appreciated.

Panel 3: Inside Middle
Topic: Continuation of Project Description

With your tribe's permission, a NORC interviewer will call or visit your home to discuss your participation and answer any questions you may have. He/she will show you proper identification and will also have additional materials to share with you about the project. There is also a toll free number (800-XXX-XXXX) to call if you have any questions about the interview or the interview process.

The survey questions are easy to answer and cover topics you are very familiar with. Some of the topics covered include FDPIR and other contributions to your food supply, food costs, where your household obtains food, health and diet concerns, your use of other food assistance programs, nutrition education, and your overall satisfaction with the food distribution program. Your participation is voluntary. If you don't want to answer certain questions, that's OK too.

If you agree to participate, the interview will take about 40 minutes and you will receive a \$25 gratuity to express our appreciation for your time.

Panel 4: Inside Right
Topic: Questions and Answers

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT THAT I PARTICIPATE? *You were selected using scientific research methods and represent many people like yourself. Your input will help us identify ways to continue to improve FDPIR, making it the best possible program for participants. Those selected cannot be replaced. Your valuable input would be lost. Remember, the interviewer will answer any questions you have and is willing to conduct the interview at any time convenient for you.*

WILL ANYONE FIND OUT WHAT MY ANSWERS ARE? *Absolutely not! Your answers and name/address are never linked together. The answers from all people taking the survey nationally are grouped together. All NORC interviewers sign a confidentiality pledge not to reveal any names of participants or discuss the project with anyone besides the survey staff.*

DOES MY TRIBAL COUNCIL KNOW ABOUT THIS PROJECT? *Yes. USDA has consulted with all of the tribes involved in the study. The study team has received permission from Tribal leaders to conduct the survey in your community. Your interviewer will give you the specific information on how permission was given and by whom. Also be assured that these officials do NOT know the addresses, names, or answers of anyone participating in the interview. That is secured information only known by the study staff.*

HOW WILL PARTICIPATING HELP MY COMMUNITY? *Your participation helps paint a complete picture of the national food distribution program. This will help USDA learn about program participation and how to better serve communities.*

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DECIDE NOT TO PARTICIPATE? *That's OK. Participation is completely voluntary. No one except the study staff will know you choose not to participate. There is no effect on your household's food assistance benefits.*

WHERE WILL THE INTERVIEW TAKE PLACE? *Most interviews will be conducted on the phone. If you prefer, the interview can be conducted at your home or another place that is convenient for you.*

Panel 5: Back left

Topic: Description of Urban Institute, NORC at the University of Chicago, and SSI

URBAN INSTITUTE

The Urban Institute, a nonprofit research organization based in Washington, DC. As with all of its research, the Institute has no “agenda” with respect to Native American persons or the FDPIR Program other than an interest in seeking to understand the policies and program features that work and work best. The Institute’s research team combines outstanding research skills with knowledge of Native American-focused programs and of food assistance programs.

NORC at the UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

NORC is an independent non-profit organization that conducts social science research that serves the public good. NORC works with federal agencies, Tribes, foundations, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and businesses. NORC projects in Tribal communities have involved communications, health disparities, educational attainment, workforce development, and historical trust fund accounting. NORC is committed to safeguarding the confidentiality of personal information and survey responses.

SUPPORT SERVICES INTERNATIONAL, INC. (SSI)

Support Services International, Inc. (SSI) is a Native American-owned firm that has studied the FDPIR Program, Indian housing, economic development, health, and social services. Its areas of expertise include program evaluation and policy analysis, policy review, development and analysis, and survey and evaluation research.

Panel 6: Middle back
Topic: How to reach us...

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