

FNS EVALUATION OF EQUITY IN SNAP-Ed

LISTENING SESSIONS WITH STATES AGENCIES

OVERVIEW

Appendix D. SNAP-Ed Equity Project State Agency Listening Session Flyer

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USDA's Food and Nutrition Service Agency (FNS) partnered with Accenture and Abt Associates (Project Team) to evaluate equity in program access and service delivery of States' SNAP Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant Program (SNAP-Ed) programs. The Project Team's evaluation approach will leverage a variety of methodologies, including a series of virtual listening sessions with key SNAP-Ed stakeholders to identify challenges and best practices in the equitable allocation of State SNAP-Ed funding and service delivery among diverse racial and ethnic groups, indigenous communities, individuals with disabilities, and urban and rural geographic locations. This evaluation will result in innovative strategies and action-oriented recommendations that will inform continuous program improvements, technical assistance, and trainings to address equity in State SNAP-Ed service delivery.

LISTENING SESSION FOCUS AREAS

END-TO-END SERVICE DELIVERY These sessions will provide insights on the full SNAP-Ed lifecycle, beginning from notification and promotion practices, through program planning and service delivery. Topics may include actions agencies use to promote SNAP-Ed services, needs assessment methodologies, and challenges and noteworthy practices delivering accessible and inclusive programs and services to historically underserved communities.

NOTIFICATION PRACTICES

These sessions will provide insights on the practices used to notify potential SNAP-Ed participants, specifically potential participants from historically underserved populations or communities. Topics may include actions agencies use to promote SNAP-Ed services, including direct notification, challenges and successes when reaching out to potential SNAP-Ed participants, and the extent to which SNAP-Ed promotion practices foster inclusivity.

PROGRAM PLANNING These sessions will provide insights on the approaches used to identify the population health-related nutrition and physical activity needs of populations and the extent to program planning practices target identified gaps and assets. Topics may include needs assessment methodology, and challenges and noteworthy practices in program planning, particularly for historically underserved populations.

SERVICE DELIVERY

These sessions will provide insights on the strategies used to develop and deliver inclusive and accessible SNAP-Ed programs and services to underserved populations. Topics may include strategies used to maximize program reach, practices used to develop inclusive programming, and challenges and noteworthy practices delivering services to historically underserved populations.

FURTHER QUESTIONS?

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