

## **SNAP FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**

## WHO CAN APPLY?

Parents must apply together with their children. The program covers dependents up to age 22 who live with their parents. This rule applies, even if the child has his/her own children. When parents live apart, a child can be counted in the household of either parent, but not for both parents. If both parents are SNAP recipients, the children can get benefits in the household in which they eat most of their meals. Households hosting **foster children** may choose to either include the foster children **and** their income in the SNAP household or apply as a household without the foster children and without counting their income.

## **INCOME GUIDELINES**

You may be eligible for SNAP, even if you work, are unemployed, do not pay rent or do not have children. The value of your car, house, life insurance, or savings does not count.

People in household	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Additional
Gross monthly Income	\$2,096	\$2,823	\$3,552	\$4,279	\$5,006	\$5,735	\$729

\*If your income is above these limits, you may still be eligible if there is a person over age 60 or a person on disability in your household.

- ✓ The cost of childcare needed when a household member works, and paid by the household, is <u>deducted</u> from the family income.
- ✓ Child support received is <u>counted</u> as income.
- ✓ **Child support paid** to a child outside the home is <u>excluded</u> from income.
- Children's Income Unearned Income of children (ex. Social Security benefit) is counted as household income. Wages of children under age 18 and in school at least half time are <u>not counted</u> as household income.

## **OTHER PROGRAM BENEFITS**

- ✓ School aged children in SNAP households are eligible for free school breakfast and lunch.
- ✓ The household also qualifies for reduced gas, electric, phone and broadband rates.

