The Governor’s Food Security Partnership
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Impact of Risk Factors on Premature Death

Health and Well Being

- Genetics: 30%
- Individual Behavior: 40%
- Social and Environmental Factors: 20%
- Health Care: 10%

### Social Determinants of Health

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**Health Outcomes**
- Mortality, Morbidity, Life Expectancy, Health Care Expenditures, Health Status, Functional Limitations

Poverty in PA

1 IN 8 Pennsylvanians live below the poverty line
(For a family of four, this means making less than $23,850 annually)

THAT’S **1.58 MILLION** PEOPLE IN POVERTY

522,000 are *children* & 173,000 are *older adults* (65+)

GOVERNOR TOM WOLF’S FOOD SECURITY PARTNERSHIP
Pennsylvanians Utilizing the Charitable Food Network

Housing

55% of client households chose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage at least once in the past 12 months (estimated).

PAY ONE: food or utilities

67% of client households said they had to choose between paying for food and utilities in the past 12 months.

PAY ONE: food or transportation

62% of client households chose between paying for food and transportation in the past 12 months.
Food Security Summit

• Food Security Summit on September 29, 2015 with follow up workgroup meetings.
• Leaders in the public, private and social sector met to discuss:

- Leveraging federal, community, and state resources
- Improving nutrition and access to state products
- Public-private partnerships
- Outreach, awareness, and advocacy
On September 29, 2015 Governor Wolf signed an executive order establishing the Governor’s Food Security Partnership; appointing the Governor’s Advisor on Food & Nutrition Programs; and coordinating strategies to improve nutrition in PA.
In 2007, the first Blueprint for a Hunger-free Pennsylvania was released.

In September 2016, the Governor’s Food Security Partnership updated the Blueprint and identified goals to improve food security in PA.
OUR GOAL: A HUNGER-FREE PA
This website is a resource for food security in Pennsylvania. Find information on food programs, Pennsylvania's blueprint to end hunger, data, resources, and more.

dhs.pa.gov/ending-hunger
Since the release of the Blueprint in September 2016, what has been accomplished and where are we going?
Goals: Improving Nutrition

BY 2020, EVERY COUNTY AND/OR REGION WILL HAVE A LOCAL FOOD ALLIANCE TO COMBAT HUNGER IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

- Identified 26 local food alliances/food policy councils
- Surveyed existing food alliances
- Convened a best practices meeting

☐ A workgroup will be established to target additional regions
Goals: Improving Nutrition

By 2020, Pennsylvania will improve access to healthy, nutritious food.

- The Department of Agriculture’s Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) program has distributed 5.05 million pounds of product from 91 different farmers to 814,000 households in all 67 PA counties.
- There are now 160 Healthy Corner Stores in PA.
- With the support of the Heinz Endowments, 200 children were engaged in container garden projects in 2017.
- The What A Waste program was piloted in 9 senior community centers in Pennsylvania from June 2016 through May 2017.
- Nutrition programs have grown in the Medicaid system.
  - A workgroup and additional initiatives will be established with government and non-profit sector co-chairs.
Goals: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

BY 2020, THE SNAP PENETRATION RATE WILL INCREASE FROM 90 PERCENT TO 98 PERCENT.

BY 2020, PENNSYLVANIANS WILL HAVE STREAMLINED ACCESS TO FOOD SECURITY INFORMATION AND BENEFITS.

BY 2020, DOUBLE SNAP BUCKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ALL HIGHLY ACCESSIBLE, HIGH-NEED FARMERS MARKETS AND ADDITIONAL SNAP RECIPIENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO SNAP EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND SNAP EDUCATION.
Goal: SNAP

- Elderly/Disabled Simplified Application Project (ESAP) has benefited over 355,000 people.
- Improved coordination between SNAP Education, SNAP Outreach, WIC and Healthy Corner Stores.
- DHS has established five 50/50 SNAP E&T sites with work on five additional sites underway.
- A contract with Work Ready vendors is providing slots to Able-Bodied Adults without Dependants, which enables them to enroll in the program and maintain their SNAP benefits.
- myCOMPASS PA mobile app allows document uploads, semi-annual reports, and document uploads.

- Target seniors.
- Reduce stigma.
Goals: School Nutrition Programs

By 2020, 60 percent of students benefiting from free and reduced price school meals will participate in school breakfast. This is an increase from 47 percent in 2014-15.

By 2020, the number of children benefiting from free and reduced price meals who are also linked to summer nutrition programs will increase from 20 percent to 30 percent.

- Grants are being established to expand the use of alternative breakfast models.
- Over 500,000 postcards were mailed to SNAP households to inform them about the summer feeding program.
- Establish workgroups to address both school breakfast and summer feeding.
- Grow partnerships to establish new summer feeding sites.
**Goals: Women, Infants and Children (WIC)**

**BY 2020, THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN WIC WILL INCREASE FROM OVER 245,000 TO 260,000.**

**BY 2020, WIC FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM REDEMPTION RATE WILL INCREASE FROM 308,000 TO 340,000 CHECKS ANNUALLY.**

- WIC brochures are now mailed to Medicaid households when a newborn is added to a case.
- Six local WIC agencies are co-located with Head Start/Early Head Start locations.
- 1 year-olds are now eligible to receive vouchers for the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program.
- Develop a mobile app for farmers market locations.
- Continue to grow partnerships.

28% of eligible individuals aren’t enrolled in WIC (estimated)
Website: dhs.pa.gov/ending-hunger

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