



Wisconsin Food Pantry Conference Call
Hosted by Feeding Wisconsin and TEFAP
Thursday, October 13th, 2022

Notes can be found: https://feedingwi.org/programs/pantry_network_engagement.php

- 1. Introductions: please type your name, food pantry/organization in the chat**

- 2. Nutrition Benefits and [FoodShare updates](#)**
 - a. Public Health Emergency Order
 - i. PHE will be extended through at least January 11, 2022.
 - ii. That being the case, unless the PHE is extended beyond that 90 day cycle once again, any enhanced benefits, including SNAP/FoodShare emergency allotments may end in February, 2023.
 - b. FoodShare Benefit Updates
 - i. Those enrolled in FoodShare, are getting additional FoodShare benefits in October to help during the COVID-19 pandemic. All FoodShare members are getting at least \$95 in additional benefits each month. Some households will get more to bring their benefit amount to the maximum monthly benefit amount for their household size. These additional benefits will be deposited on October 15th.
 - ii. Summer P-EBT: Final issuance will be 10/29.

- 3. TEFAP Updates (Carol)**
 - a. **TEFAP Income Eligibility**
 - i. Reminder that matching pounds of TEFAP foods with equal amount of donated foods was reinstated 10/1/22.
 - ii. Reminder as of 10/01/22 the income eligibility changed to a maximum of 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Please make sure you are using updated forms.
 - b. **TEFAP Reach and Resiliency**
 - i. Round 1: Our grant partners have begun work on the assessment portion of the grant. Partners are gathering large amounts of data in order to help produce a resource tools. These tools will be used to identify areas that would be better served with the expansion of TEFAP into their area.

- ii. Round 2: USDA has announced the second round of funds and TEFAP is in the planning stages to apply in FY 2023 for the second year of Reach and R. funding. The USDA thinks the Requests for Applications will be requested in early winter. Implementation of funds into infrastructure building will occur as the assessment process develops into this second grant year.
- c. **USDA Announcement**
<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/09/14/usda-invests-nearly-2-billion-leverages-american-agriculture-feed> additional funds being released:
 - i. The funds, provided through [USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation](#), or CCC:
 - ii. Nearly \$1 billion to purchase food for emergency food providers like food banks.
 - iii. USDA has not announced a timeline or the amount WI TEFAP will receive.

4. WISCAP(Johnathan if there) - Poverty Matters Conference

- a. Will be Oct 18-19, 2022, at the Madison Marriott West
- b. Conference agenda is posted and registration is live
- c. More information at <https://www.wiscap.org/povertymatters>

5. Future Call Topics - Based on Pantry Coordinator Survey

November 2022	Winding down COVID resources
December 2022	Educational materials and recipes/Healthy & nutritious food options
January 2023	Fundraising
February 2023	Culturally appropriate food options
March 2023	Mobile and outdoor pantry best practices
April 2023	Food safety
May 2023	Creating a nutrition policy to guide donations and purchases

6. Ongoing Monthly Calls in 2022 (Place links in chat)

- a. Will occur the Second Thursday of the month at 11am
- b. You can find more information, including call recordings and meeting notes on the Feeding Wisconsin website:
https://feedingwi.org/programs/pantry_network_engagement.php
- c. Notes can be found here: https://feedingwi.org/programs/pantry_call_notes.php
- d. You can register for the calls to get a calendar invite here:
https://secure.everyaction.com/gQfwP1eFGkO-Ri_RQ808IQ2

e. NEXT CALL - November 10th at 11am

7. Indoor shopping best practices/Order ahead online ordering pilots

- a. Karl Buelow, Operations Manager at Oshkosh Area Community Pantry (920-651-9960 ext. 3, outreach@oacptoday.org)
 - i. [PowerPoint](#)
<https://feedingwi.org/content/2022%2010%2013%20Presentation%20KPB.pdf>
- b. Christopher Zoellner, Food Shelf Manager at Channel One Regional Food Bank in Rochester, MN (507-424-1731, christopherzoellner@channel-one.org)
 - i. Pre shifts meeting- expectations with staff and volunteers
 - ii. Welcoming
 - 1. Clean environment
 - iii. Variety and choice shopping
 - 1. Ask guest
 - a. Survey's
 - b. Intake
 - iv. Safety
 - 1. Pre-think your plans
 - 2. Rules and procedures
 - a. Back up plan
 - b. Back up plan to the back up plan
 - c. Food always accessible
 - d. Is it safety or a barrier to your guest?
 - e. Masks and Covid reminders
 - i. Not forced just asked if they needed
 - f. November 2020 opened indoor
 - g. Health department about numbers on the floor
 - h. Rules and regulations not just posted on the wall
- c. Q&A for Karl and Christopher
- d. Any order ahead programs who would like to share their models?
- e. Open Discussion

Thank you all for joining the call and for all that you do to support ending hunger in your community.