



FOOD BANK

OF NORTHERN NEVADA

What is SNAP?

- SNAP stands for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It is a federal program for low-income Americans that provides them with electronically deposited benefits to pay for food, at grocery stores or markets. It is the largest program working to fight hunger in America and helps millions of low-income Americans put food on the table. SNAP supports America's economy and creates jobs. SNAP benefits are delivered monthly through electronic debit (EBT) cards, which they are used to purchase groceries at one of the more than 238,000 authorized retailers nationwide.

Who is the FBNN SNAP Team?

- FBNN's SNAP Team travels throughout Northern Nevada to assist individuals and family with their SNAP Applications. The team consists of three staff members focused in Washoe County and one staff member focused in Rural Nevada Counties.

What does the FBNN SNAP Team do?

- FBNN's SNAP Team travels throughout Northern Nevada to assist individuals and family with their SNAP Applications. The FBNN SNAP Team covers 13 counties of central and Northern Nevada. FBNN SNAP outreach in rural Nevada counties occurs 19 times at 15 sites in a month. In Washoe County, we do SNAP outreach 94 times at 28 sites each month.

How does FBNN partner with Nevada Department of Welfare and Supportive Services?

- FBNN has a strong partnership with The Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) and The USDA Food and Nutrition Service. The 2007, FBNN was one of the partners chosen to begin the Demonstration Project, which added community partners to assist with SNAP application assistance and interviews. Nevada is one of the few states that has continued the demonstration project. This partnership allows FBNN to assist with the SNAP application, collect all required documents and verifications, and conduct the required interview. The ability to do the interview with the client during the application increases the likelihood of the clients receiving benefits, as the top denial reason is client non-cooperation (not completing the interview).

Does the team help with any other services?

- The FBNN SNAP team assists with SNAP, Medicaid, and Energy Assistance. Each member of the team is a Certified Community Health Worker and is trained to assist clients on multiple levels.