



Break-Out Session #1 1:00-2:15pm

Native American 101

Meeting Room: Pyramid

Presented by: Stacey Montooth, Executive Director, Nevada Department of Native American Affairs & Daphne Hooper, Director of Indigenous Community Relations for UNR

This session offers a foundational understanding of Native American history, culture, and values—especially relevant to food access and service delivery. Learn how historical trauma, tribal sovereignty, and cultural traditions shape the experiences of Native neighbors today, and explore respectful, informed ways to engage and serve Indigenous communities.

Disaster Planning: Is Your Food Pantry Prepared?

Meeting Room: Sage

Presented by: Token Barnthouse, Special Projects & Assistant to the CEO

Is your pantry ready for an emergency? From wildfires to snowstorms, this session will walk you through practical steps to develop a disaster response plan. Learn how to protect your inventory, support your staff and volunteers, and continue service to neighbors during unexpected disruptions.

Trauma-Informed Service & De-Escalation: Communicating with Care

Meeting Room: Topaz 2

Presented by: Ro Gil, Community Impact Manager

This session blends trauma-informed principles with practical de-escalation tools. Learn how language, tone, and environment impact your neighbors' experiences—and explore a Neighbor Language Policy that fosters dignity, respect, and empathy in every interaction. * This session builds off the trauma-informed de-escalation training and concepts offered at last year's conference.

Beyond the Pantry: Raising Your Voice Against Hunger

Meeting Room: River Rock

Presented by: Shane, Piccinini, Government Relations

Advocating for hunger relief doesn't require a megaphone or a trip to the Capitol. In this session, you'll learn how small, everyday actions—like signing a letter, responding to an email, or sharing your pantry's story—can influence real change. Discover how your pantry can be part of the movement for food equity without stretching your already-full plate.

Strategic Planning

Meeting Room: Topaz 1

Presented by: CoSpero Consulting

In this session, we'll reflect on both the challenges and opportunities within our network. Through open discussion, we'll explore how FBNN can best support partners with training, accountability, and a shared commitment to dignity.

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Become a SWAP Pantry: Supporting Wellness at Pantries

Meeting Room: Sage

Presented by: Frankie Ortiz, Health Equity Manager & Sonya Hernandez, Health and Nutrition Partnership Coordinator

Curious about how to promote nutrition without judgment? The SWAP (Supporting Wellness at Pantries) model uses a red-yellow-green ranking system to highlight more nutritious food choices while preserving client dignity and choice. This session will walk you through how SWAP works and what it takes to get started. Participating pantries will be onboarded to the program, receive implementation materials, and be supported throughout the process. To be eligible, pantries must offer some level of choice (e.g., clients select foods or use a modified selection system) and agree to provide occasional feedback to FBNN.

Food Sourcing

Meeting Room: Topaz 1

Presented by: Sarah Gotcher, Food Donation Coordinator & Mat Cooper, Director of Food Resourcing
Learn how FBNN sources food and gets it into the hands of our partner pantries. We'll walk through the different channels we use such as government programs, retail rescue, food drives, and purchased product and explain how each contributes to the overall supply. Understanding where the food comes from can help pantries plan better, communicate with clients, and collaborate with us more effectively. Join us to learn more about the process and ask questions about how it all works behind the scenes.

TEFAP: The Emergency Food Assistance Program

Meeting Room: Topaz 2

Presented by: Dulce Matson, TEFAP Program Specialist

This session will cover program basics, eligibility, compliance, and upcoming changes. We'll be joined by representatives from the Nevada Department of Agriculture. It's a great opportunity to ask questions, share feedback, and strengthen your understanding of this critical resource.

Service Requirements Listening Session: California Partners

Meeting Room: Pyramid

Presented by: Sarah Sanchez, Director of Programs and Community Engagement, Ro Gil, Community Impact Manager, & Charles Dunn, Data Analyst

This open forum is designed specifically for our California-based partners. We'll be hosting a listening session to share your experiences, identify service gaps, and offer insight into what's working and what's not. Your voice will help shape more equitable and effective services for all.

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Roundtables: Choose Your Focus

Meeting Room: River Rock

This is your time to connect! Join peers for informal, facilitated roundtable discussions. Bring your questions, challenges, and success stories to share in a collaborative, solution-focused environment.

- **Volunteer Management**

Presented by: Vickie Jarman, Volunteer Coordinator

Learn strategies to recruit, retain, and recognize volunteers while sharing ideas that strengthen and support your volunteer program.

- **The ABCs of Grant Writing: A Beginner's Roundtable**

Presented by: Melanie Barkley, Grants Manager

Are you new to grant writing and not sure where to begin? Join us for an interactive round table explicitly designed for beginners. We'll walk through the essential building blocks of grant writing—from understanding funder expectations and gathering organizational information to craft clear proposals and setting yourself up for success. Ask questions, share experiences, and learn practical tips in a supportive, collaborative environment. Whether preparing your very first proposal or looking to strengthen your confidence, this session will give you the tools to take the next step in your grant writing journey.

- **SNAP Outreach**

Presented by: Karla Lopez, SNAP Outreach Supervisor

Explore how SNAP can support the neighbors you serve and learn ways our outreach team can partner with your agency.

- **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**

Presented by: Cheryl Le, Program Manager & Julie Colon, Programs Coordinator

Learn how the Summer Food Service Program helps ensure kids have access to nutritious meals when school is out. Join the discussion to explore ways partner pantries can participate and support summer meal sites in their communities.

- **Marketing/Digital Outreach**

Presented by: Aramelle Wheeler, Marketing & Communications Manager

Discover effective ways to tell your story, engage your community online, and spread the word about your agency's impact.

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