**SNAP Partner Call Minutes**

**Thursday, October 26th, 2023 @ 2:05**

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| **Meeting Leaders:** | Stephanie Cooke &  Misha Mayers | [**Zoom Link**](https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1607088831?pwd=SWpHNG1oQk96aFVkb1ZQdE1DMFVKUT09)  Meeting ID: 160 708 8831  Passcode: 539563  One tap mobile  +16692545252,,1607088831# |
| **Date:** | October 26, 2023 |
| **Time:** | 2:05 – 2:55 p.m. PST |
| **Location:** | Virtual Meeting: Zoom or Call |

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| **Time** | **Agenda Item** | **Purpose** | **Who** |
| **2:05** | Entrance music  [Mandinga, Ruben Gonzalez](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_VYHXEv5fU&list=PLApTigbDwVKm84KJyGKlviDVFznUdFaPJ&index=2)  **Welcome** | Introduction in chat:  Name, Pronouns,  Organization and Role. | Misha Mayers |
| **2:10-**  **2:30** | **Partner Spotlight** | * 211info * Family Tree Relief Nursery **unavailable** | Gabby Valdes,  Ashley Greiner |
| **2:30- 2:50** | **SNAP Updates & Announcements** | * Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) * SNAP Time Limits (Abled Bodied Adults without Dependents – ABAWD) * Increased benefits for COLA (Cost-of-Living Adjustment) * Other announcements | Stephanie Cooke, Jean Cubic |
| **ASh2:50-2:55** | **Vision Into Action**  **Community Voice Forum** | * Thursday, November 2nd   10:00-Noon [Join Meeting](https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1609613249?pwd=dkhOSVZxY09XYlU4bW5IUTVneitGUT09)   * Or share your thoughts via the   [Community Voice Survey](https://forms.office.com/g/hpezKLYh7z) | Misha Mayers |
| **2:55** | **Conclusion** |  |  |

Introduction: Welcome All

**Partner Spotlight: 211info**

Gabby Valdes (She, Her, Ella) SNAP Specialist

* PowerPoint
  + 211 is an independent non-profit agency call center that provides general information and referrals to the community about health and social services agencies
  + 211 Info empowers Oregon and Southwest Washington communities by helping people identify Navigate and connect with the local resources they need.
  + 211 info serve the state of Oregon and 4 counties in SW Washington
  + Contact information
    - Call : 211 or 1-866-698-6155
    - Text: Your Zip Code to 898211
    - Email: [help@211info.org](mailto:help@211info.org)
    - Search: Online: [WWW.211INFO.ORG](http://WWW.211INFO.ORG)

**SNAP Updates & Announcements**

Stephanie Cooke, SNAP Policy Analyst

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)

* PEBT is coming to an end
  + Issued final payment of PEBT for school year 2022-2023
    - Benefits were issued October 17th, 2023
    - Benefits were issued to eligible SNAP children under the age of 6
    - Benefits were issued late due to system delay
  + Issued about 43 million dollars for school year 2022-2023 to about 98,000 eligible SNAP kids under the age of 6
  + Issued over a billion dollars in SNAP benefits and PEBT entirety
* Call center will continue to be open until the end of November
  + Contact information: 844-ORE-PEBT (844-673-7328)
    - Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time
  + Pandemic EBT Website: [PEBT](https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/food/pages/pebt.aspx?utm_source=ODHS&utm_medium=egov_redirect&utm_campaign=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.oregon.gov%2Fdhs%2Fassistance%2Ffood-benefits%2Fpages%2Fp-ebt.aspx)

SNAP Time Limits (ABAWD)

* Three countable months has ended
* Households will have benefits closed or reduced starting in November
* Notices have been sent to families
* 28,000 individuals will be affected
  + Individuals have the opportunity to regain eligibility
* [Contacting the ABAWD Team](https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/food/Pages/snap-time-limits.aspx)
* [ABAWD Exemption report](https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/de1465.pdf)

Cost of Living Adjustment

* Cola went into effect October 1st
  + Benefit Level did not change
  + Increased 130% poverty level that is changed every year by FNS
  + Next Increase will be in March
* Staff form server has been updated and staff are aware of the change

Other announcements

* Federal partners have reassured to issue benefits for December 2023
  + More updates to come
* Portland Public Schools potential strike
  + Households with a striking member are not eligible to receive SNAP, unless the household was eligible for SNAP the day before the strike.
* November SNAP Partner Call will be cancelled
  + E-Meeting will be sent with updates
  + Please reach out to Misha [MICHELLE.MAYERS@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:MICHELLE.MAYERS@odhs.oregon.gov) for information you would like to know or if you’d like to share something in the e-meeting about your organization
* December SNAP Partner Call will resume as normal
  + Next Partner Call will be Dec 28th2023

Vision Into Action

* Join us learn more and share your thoughts
  + Community Voice Forum November 2nd 10:00-12:00
    - [Join Meeting](https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1609613249?pwd=dkhOSVZxY09XYlU4bW5IUTVneitGUT09#success)
  + If you can’t make this meeting you are welcome to share your thoughts through this [Community Voice Survey](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=6GOOZTmNnEmPSBOtyUUvTDjaVbtDqA5JrR1TVUHFsZtUOFdSR05PMEM4SEtQU1hGUFZWQkxMMVlKTC4u&web=1&wdLOR=cD454B01E-A65A-45B1-AEB2-78F438F9FCB5)

Conclusion

* [Crossroads](http://www.crossroadsc.org) Communities gained access to 2,060 space heaters
  + If your organization deals with vulnerable populations who are housed or sheltered that need access to this crossroads organization is providing them free of charge
  + Crossroads have partners in 7 counties, if you are outside of the counties you may pick up
  + Contact Information: 541-405-4210