**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
		- 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 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