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Navajo Nation provides resources to support families impacted by SNAP pauses and federal shutdown

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Navajo Nation Office of the Speaker, Department of Health, and Division for Children and Family Services are notifying families affected by temporary pauses in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) about assistance programs available to eligible individuals impacted by the ongoing federal government shutdown.

The agencies have compiled resources for Navajo families residing in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah—the three states that make up the Navajo Nation.

Federal officials have announced that SNAP benefits may be reduced or only partially funded during the month of November due to disruptions caused by the federal shutdown, placing thousands of Navajo households at risk of food insecurity.

The Navajo Nation encourages affected households, including SNAP clients and furloughed federal employees, to contact available food assistance programs and service providers for support. Each agency may require valid identification and supporting documentation, such as state-issued SNAP disenrollment letters or furlough verification.

The Navajo Department of Health and the Navajo Division for Children and Family Services continue to provide emergency and ongoing assistance programs for qualifying households, including:

Navajo Food Distribution Program

Website: <https://ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/Department/Division-of-Public-Health-Service/Food-Distribution-Program>

Note: Households currently receiving SNAP must provide proof of disenrollment by the State SNAP Agency.

Phone: (928) 871-6429

Navajo WIC Program

Website: <https://wic.navajo-nsn.gov>

Phone: (928) 871-6698

Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Website: <https://www.nntanf.org/>

Phone: (928) 810-8553 / (866) 347-2403

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

Website: <https://www.ndcfs.org>

Phone: (928) 871-6556

General Assistance Program

Website: <https://www.nntanf.org/>

Phone: (928) 810-8553 / (866) 347-2403

Local Chapter Emergency Support

Website: <https://www.nndcd.org/>

Phone: (928) 871-6221

Food Banks and Non-Profit Partners:

- Navajo United Way – <https://navajounitedway.org> – (928) 871-6661
- United Way of Northern Arizona – <https://nazunitedway.org> – (928) 871-6661
- San Juan County United Way (NM) – <https://www.sjunitedway.org> – Call 211 for local resources.
- St. Jude Food Bank (Tuba City, Ariz.) – (928) 283-6886
- St. Mary's Food Bank (Arizona service areas) – <https://azfoodhelp.org>
- Chinle Neighborhood Food Center (Chinle, Ariz.) – (480) 932-7777
- The Community Pantry (Gallup & Grants, NM) – (505) 726-8068 / (505) 287-5090
- Echo Food Bank (San Juan County, NM) – (505) 326-3770
- Roadrunner Food Bank (NM) – (505) 349-5340 / (575) 523-4390

Families are encouraged to visit program websites, call service providers, or contact their local chapter for assistance. Even households not currently enrolled in federal or tribal food programs may be eligible for emergency support.

For additional information, including resource locations, program details, and future announcements, please visit:

- Navajo Department of Health – www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov
- Navajo Division for Children and Family Services – www.ndcfs.org
- Navajo United Way – navajounitedway.org
- Navajo Nation Division of Community Development – www.nndcd.org

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