

**FOOD ASSISTANCE IS AN
INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE**



SNAP

- **Touches the lives of people who need help to put food on the table**
- **Supports those whose wages are too low to lift them out of poverty**
- **Raises food expenditures and improves nutrient availability**
- **Responds to changing economic conditions**
- **Boost to the economy**



SNAP

- **One of the largest safety net programs in the US**
- **Serves over 45 million**
- **Nearly 75% are families with children**
- **More than 28% are seniors or disabled persons**



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- **Caseload Growth – April 2012**
 - Still increasing
 - 303,901 recipients
 - 142,969 households = ave. of 2.1 persons per HH



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- **Average household**
 - 32% have 1 adult with children
 - 11% are two parent with children
 - 32% are elderly and disabled
 - 20% adults with no children




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- **Income Information**
 - 31% have earned income
 - 27% have Social Security income
 - 23.5% have SSI income
 - 11% has child support income
 - 14% have no income

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- **Time on Assistance**
 - Average time is 17 months
 - 41.5% on for 1 year or less
 - 27% on for 6 months or less

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- **Statewide approximately 63% of estimated eligible persons receive Food Assistance**
 - **Kansas average monthly benefits = \$37,511,135**
 - **Participation rate varies greatly from county to county**
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HOW DOES THIS IMPACT LOCAL ECONOMY?

- **July 2011**

- Monthly Food Assistance participants 302,079
- Average monthly benefit per person x \$124
- Monthly revenue for food \$37,457,796

- Estimated Food Assistance Eligibles 477,240
- Average monthly benefit per person x \$124
- Potential monthly revenue \$59,177,760



HOW DOES THIS IMPACT LOCAL ECONOMY?

Let's look at your county and the economic impact

- How many participants are in your county?
- What is the participation rate for estimated eligibles?



HOW DOES THIS IMPACT LOCAL ECONOMY?

- **June 2011 Example – Geary County – 67.9%**
 - 3,179 participants x \$124 = \$394,196 x 12 months = \$4,730,352 a year

Potential Economic benefit

- 4,682 potential participants x \$124 = \$580,568 x 12 months = \$6,966,816 a year

(a difference of **\$2,236,464**)

HOW DOES THIS IMPACT LOCAL ECONOMY?

- **June 2011 Example – Smith County – 36.6%**
 - 233 participants x \$124 = \$28,892 x 12 months = \$346,704 a year

Potential Economic benefit

- 637 potential participants x \$124 = \$78,988 x 12 months = \$947,856 a year

(a difference of **\$601,152**)

PARTNERSHIPS

**SRS – Determines Food Assistance benefits for
Vision Card for consumers**

**K-State Extension – Provides nutrition
information for consumers**

**Grocery stores – Provides healthful food and
information**

**K-State Center for Engagement and Community
Development – Helping rural communities**





WHAT'S NEXT?

Future Opportunities –

How can we benefit the communities we live in?

