

## Addendum C: Information on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) New Increased Income Guidelines Effective October 1, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

New increased income guidelines are in effect as of October 1, 2024. If your children qualify for free school meals or milk, you might also qualify for **SNAP** (formerly called Food Stamps). SNAP helps people buy food for themselves and their families. SNAP benefits are issued each month on plastic debit cards. You can use SNAP benefits to buy food at major supermarkets, neighborhood grocery stores, online at participating retailers, and some farmers' markets authorized to accept SNAP. For more information, visit [www.ct.gov/snap](http://www.ct.gov/snap).

### How to Qualify

If and how much SNAP you qualify for depends on:

- your household's income;
- allowable deductions to your household's income (examples include monthly shelter expenses, medical bills, and court ordered child support);
- your household size; and
- at least 5 years U.S. residency for qualified non-citizens.

If you have access to the Internet, you can go online to see if you may be eligible for SNAP. Go to [www.connect.ct.gov](http://www.connect.ct.gov) and click "Am I Eligible?" **Owning your own home or owning a car will not prevent you from being eligible for SNAP.**

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| Household size             | Gross monthly income | Gross annual income |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1                          | \$2,510              | 30,120              |
| 2                          | \$3,407              | 40,880              |
| 3                          | \$4,304              | 51,640              |
| 4                          | \$5,200              | 62,400              |
| 5                          | \$6,097              | 73,160              |
| 6                          | \$6,994              | 83,920              |
| 7                          | \$7,890              | 94,680              |
| 8                          | \$8,787              | 105,440             |
| For each additional member | +\$897               | +10,760             |

Larger households = higher incomes

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### To Apply or Get More Information

- To find your local Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) office, call **United Way's free referral number 2-1-1** (free call statewide) or visit <https://portal.ct.gov/dsshome> and click on Office Locator.
- You can find a list of all **Connecticut Department of Social Services** (DSS) offices, or you can apply online at [www.connect.ct.gov](http://www.connect.ct.gov) (click "Apply for Benefits"). You can get the paper SNAP application in English and Spanish at <https://www.ct.gov/snap> (Click "Apply").
- **The Connecticut Association for Community Action** (CAFCA) works with community action agencies that will help you enroll in SNAP (refer to table below).

| Agency                                                           | Phone number | Areas served                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| The Access Community Action Agency (Access)                      | 860-450-7400 | Windham and Tolland Counties                       |
| Alliance for Community Empowerment (Alliance)                    | 203-366-8241 | Greater Bridgeport Area and Upper Fairfield County |
| Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc. (CAANH)               | 203-387-7700 | Greater New Haven Area                             |
| The Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut, Inc. (CAAWC) | 203-744-4700 | Northwestern CT and Lower Fairfield County         |
| Community Renewal Team, Inc. (CRT)                               | 860-560-5600 | Hartford and Middlesex County                      |
| Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc. (HRA)                | 860-225-8601 | New Britain and Bristol Areas                      |
| New Opportunities, Inc. (NOI)                                    | 203-575-9799 | Greater Waterbury, Meriden, and Torrington Areas   |
| Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (TVCCA)         | 860-889-1365 | Southeastern CT- New London County                 |
| Training Education and Manpower, Inc. (TEAM)                     | 203-736-5420 | Naugatuck Valley                                   |

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1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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