



CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

A Voice for Washington's Children, Youth & Families

Restore State Food Assistance

Washington's success depends on great educational outcomes for all children

One in 5 Washington children lives in a household that doesn't have enough food to get by. That's why more than one million Washingtonians receive federal food stamp benefits, and approximately 15,600 legally residing immigrants use State Food Assistance (SFA).

Yet families who receive SFA get just 75 cents on every dollar of the federal food stamp allocation. This year, we call on legislators to restore equity to our food-assistance system by fully restoring SFA. The cost is \$10 million per biennium, or 0.26 percent of the total state budget.

What is State Food Assistance?

State Food Assistance is a food stamp look-alike program created by the State Legislature in 1997. It gives families a means of feeding their kids in hard times.



More than 15,000 Washington children live in families who need State Food Assistance to put food on the table. Legislators must restore State Food Assistance.

Facts about State Food Assistance

- 15,605 individuals, living in 10,948 households, received SFA in November 2014.
- Total individuals in households receiving SFA tally 33,000, including 15,500 children.
- For every \$5 in economic input, State Food Assistance delivers \$9 in economic activity to Washington's communities.
- Child nutrition is a proven antidote to absenteeism, tardiness, and low test scores in K-12. Programs like State Food Assistance play a key role in ensuring academic success.

“When the food stamps were cut, that was hard. We couldn't get the children the other things they needed, like clothes and supplies for school.”

—*Father, Auburn, Wash.*

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Communities Support State Food Assistance

Sixty-nine community and statewide organizations call for full restoration of State Food Assistance for our children, elders, and families.

Anti-Hunger and Nutrition Coalition (statewide)	Hunger Intervention Program (Seattle)	South King County Food Coalition
API CHAYA (King County)	International Community Health Services (King County)	Spokane Valley Partners
Asia Pacific Cultural Center (Puget Sound Region)	Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle	St. Leo Food Connection (Tacoma)
Asian Counseling and Referral Service (King County)	Latino Education and Training Institute (Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish Counties)	Statewide Poverty Action Network
Asian Pacific Islander Coalition of Pierce County	Legal Voice (statewide)	Tacoma Community House
Auburn Food Bank	Lifelong AIDS Alliance (King County)	Tenino Food Bank
Ballard Food Bank	Lourdes Salazar, President and Diana Lindner, MD, FAAP, of Eastside Latino Leadership Forum (East King County)	UFCW Local 21 (statewide)
Bothell Community Kitchen	Maple Valley Food Bank	Unite HERE Local 8 (statewide)
Catholic Community Services of Western Washington	Michael Woo and Tammy Nguyen of Got Green (King County)	United Way King County
Casa Latina (King County)	Multi-Service Center - Federal Way	United Way of Snohomish County
Centerstone (King County)	National Association of Social Workers - WA Chapter	University District Food Bank (Seattle)
Des Moines Area Food Bank	Northwest Harvest (statewide)	Vashon Maury Community Food Bank
El Centro de la Raza (King County)	Nutrition First (statewide)	Washington Assoc. of Community Action Programs
Entre Hermanos (King County)	Odyssey World International (Spokane)	Washington Community Action Network
Ethiopian Community Mutual Association (King County)	OneAmerica (statewide)	Washington Food Coalition
El Comité Pro-Reforma Migratoria y Justicia Social (King County, Pierce County)	Parents Organizing for Welfare & Economic Rights	Washington State Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County	Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane	Washington State Catholic Conference
Faith Action Network (statewide)	Seattle Food Committee	Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Vancouver, Washington	Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness	Washington State Farmers Market Association
FISH Food Banks of Pierce County	SEIU Healthcare 775NW	Washington State Food and Nutrition Council
Food Bank at St. Mary's (Seattle)	Senior Services (King County)	West Seattle Food Bank
Food Lifeline (statewide)	Solid Ground (King County)	White Center Community Development Association
Hopelink (North/East King County)		White Center Food Bank
		Within Reach (statewide)