



NYC SNAP TASK FORCE MEETING

Facilitated by Food Bank For New York City

Thursday, June 18, 2020 • 1:00 – 2:30 pm

AGENDA

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) update**
- III. **Dept. of Social Service (DSS) update**
- IV. **National Updates – presented by Ellen Vollinger, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)**
- V. **Research Packet Overview**
- VI. **Mediation Analysis Report – May 2020**
- VII. **Food Bank Presentation – Tier Engagement Network (TEN)**

Meeting Notes:

Nancy Miranda –Foodbank presented Pandemic EBT and resources to outreach communities.

Pandemic-EBT is NYS program to provide families with school-age children funds to purchase foods, to replace the free meals students would have received at school due to school closures. This is a NY State-run program through OTDA, but we want to ensure a wide outreach and awareness campaign to let families know of this critical benefit.

Please see below links that you can use to download and share flyers from our partners Community Food Advocates and Hunger Free NYC. Also, because this is a NY state-run program, we have also included their official P-EBT frequently asked questions page.

NOTE: All questions on P-EBT should be directed to OTDA email (currently there is no state phone number): otda.sm.eisp.PEBT@otda.ny.gov

- **NY state OTDA Pandemic-EBT FAQ:** <https://otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Pandemic-EBT.asp>

[New York State Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer \(P-EBT\) Food Benefits Frequently Asked Questions | SNAP COVID-19 Information | SNAP | OTDA](https://otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Pandemic-EBT.asp)

- OTDA Home Programs & Services SNAP SNAP COVID-19 Information P-EBT Frequently Asked Questions. Frequently Asked Questions for the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Food Benefits Answers to many commonly asked questions about the P-EBT food benefits for New York State residents: What are P-EBT food benefits?
otda.ny.gov

- **Community Food Advocates P-EBT flyers** (multiple languages: English, Spanish, Haitian Kreyol, Mandarin and Cantonese, French and Korean): <https://www.communityfoodadvocatesnyc.org/p-ebt>

[P-EBT | CFA NYC](https://www.communityfoodadvocatesnyc.org/p-ebt)

Info Session held on May 27, 2020. Pandemic EBT: Food Support for All NYC Public School Students

www.communityfoodadvocatesnyc.org

- **Hunger Free NYC flyer:** <https://www.hungerfreeamerica.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/NYC%20P-EBT%20One%20Pager.pdf>

[NYC P-EBT One Pager - hungerfreeamerica.org](https://www.hungerfreeamerica.org)

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www.hungerfreeamerica.org

Hunger Solution: Krista and Sherry from Hunger Solution added advocates on P-EBT call for school summer meals .NY Senator to expand the P-EBT through the summer.

DSS Updates: Ariel Salazar presented two updates:

Client started receiving noticed on their recertification's case due July. Waiting for USDA extension for July recertification, no notification yet.

SNAP interview waiver expiring June 30, 2020, DSS seeking an extension.

Nancy Miranda- presented the SNAP Taskforce Package

Jeff Lin from Food Bank presented on OTDA: COVID -19 June Extension. The EA benefits will be issued as supplements only to SNAP households that have not or will not receive the maximum household benefit, based on the household's size, for June 2020. The supplement will be the difference between the amount of SNAP benefits the household received for the month and the maximum benefit

amount for the household's size.

Nancy Miranda presented , NYC-Human Resources Administration- Manual Process for Issuing Vault Cards to CA and SNAP Applicants Effective Monday May 18, 2020 a manual process was developed to issue vault cards to CA (Cash Assistance) and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) applicants who apply for assistance and need a CBIC (Common Benefit Identification Card) can be referred to one of the seven open Job Centers to give some relief to the Brooklyn OTC (Over the Counter) site.

Applicants who receive a vault card will still get a permanent card in the mail.

The seven open Job Centers include Waverly (013), Crotona (46), Rider (38), Clinton Hill (67), Coney Island (63), Richmond (99) and Queens (53).

Mediation Analysis Report Presented by Nancy Miranda

Partner's questions to HRA

Derek Singh from HRA – High volume of new applicants. Making challenge to complete other than tyoe of cases such as case changes.

More than 30 days no action on new applicants – Derek inform significant increase in new applications, have many challenges meeting the time line. Temporary block recertified, soon USDA makes decision to extend or not extend the recertification period for July, HRA will be able to turn it on or off for recertification's and IVRS.

Presentation – Foodbank – Tiered Engagement network Program(TEN) .

Presented by Joyce Williams and Kathleen Giunta from Food Bank