

We're Here For You

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Oil Spill Crisis

The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is threatening the livelihoods of thousands of hardworking residents along our coast and making it difficult for families to put food on the table. Many families are reaching out for assistance for the first time. We're here to help.

Help for Families

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, offers monthly benefits to supplement a household's monthly food budget in order to provide the food families need for good health. SNAP was designed to help families put food on the table in times of crisis. Benefits are issued on an easy-to-use Louisiana Purchase Card that works like a debit card.

Eligibility

Eligibility for SNAP will depend on your household's monthly gross and net income; resources such as business accounts and lump sum insurance payments received from BP as a result of the spill will not be counted. For example, a family of four with a monthly gross income of up to \$2,389 and a monthly net income of up to \$1,838 is eligible. Your household only has to meet the monthly net income requirement if your household includes a person who is 60 years or older or someone receiving certain disability payments.

Eligible Food Items

With SNAP, you can buy breads, cereals, fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, poultry and dairy products and seeds or plants which produce food for the household. SNAP cannot be used to buy beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, tobacco, non-food items, foods to be eaten in the store or hot foods.

You can apply in 3 different ways:

- Fill out an application online at www.dcfslouisiana.gov/ApplyOnline
- Visit a DCFS Office
- Visit a SNAP Outreach site list below (locations as of July 21, 2010; subject to change)

Plaquemines Parish
LA Workforce Commission
1112 Engineers Rd.
Belle Chasse, LA

St. Bernard Parish
St. Bernard Comm. Center
1107 LeBeau St.
Arabi, LA 70032

St. Bernard Parish (Cont'd)
LA Workforce Commission
Mobile Unit
Ducros Museum & Library

Jefferson Parish
City Building
2654 Jean Lafitte Blvd.
Lafitte, LA

St Patrick Catholic Church
28698 Hwy. 23
Port Sulphur, LA

First Baptist Church
305 East St. Bernard Hwy.
Chalmette, LA 70043

Orleans Parish
Mary Queen of Vietnam
4626 Alcee Fortier Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70129

Terrebonne Parish
Council on Aging
113 Senior Center St.
Chauvin LA 70344

St. Tammany Parish
LA Workforce Commission
316 E. Howze Beach Rd.
Slidell, La. 70461

LA Workforce Commission
8201 W. Judge Perez, 2nd flr
Chalmette, LA 70043

BP Site
4375 Michoud Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70129

Lafourche Parish
BP Site-Tarpon Heights Center
16263 East Main St.
Cut Off, LA 70345

What you need to apply:

- Identification and Social Security card
- Proof of wages or self-employment for each person who works
- Proof of other income (contributions, child support, alimony, Social Security, SSI, VA, retirement checks, Unemployment)
- Proof that income has stopped within the last three months
- Housing, Medical and any Dependent care expenses
- Child support payments made to someone outside your home