

Connecting Schools and Community



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Community Partner Program

What Is The Community Partner Program?



- Initiative of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
- Purpose: engage community-based organizations as Community Partners in helping people apply for, and manage, their public benefits on-line via the HHSC web portal:





Your Texas Benefits

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Should I apply

Apply for benefits

View my case

Find an office

FAQs



Should I apply?

You don't need to login

Before you apply, you can fill out a short form to see what benefits you might get.

Apply for benefits

You need to login

You can apply online for:

- SNAP food benefits (food stamps)
- Health-care benefits (Medicaid and CHIP)
- Cash help for families (TANF)
- Medicare savings programs
- Long-term care

You can save your online form and work on it at different times.

View my case

You need to login

After you send us the application form, you can:

- Check the status of your case.
- See your benefits and amounts.
- Report changes to your case.
- Renew your benefits.
- Print a Medicaid card.
- View Medicaid services.
- Upload files you want to send to us.
- View items you sent us online.
- Check your interview time.

Learn more about Texas benefit programs: Go to [How to Get Help](#)

Are you, or do you want to be, a Community Partner? [Go to start page.](#)

Main Benefit Programs Available on YourTexasBenefits.com



SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

Medicaid

CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program)

TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)

Benefits of YourTexasBenefits.com



- Unified application process for benefits
- Access to HHSC information 24/7
- Services are not transportation or time dependent
- Download temporary Medicaid card
- Report changes and Renew benefits
- Upload all verification documents



Benefits of YourTexasBenefits.com



- Reduced data entry and automated verifications
- Integrated with HHSC computer system
- Allows state staff to focus on determining eligibility
- Faster process of determining eligibility



Who Is Involved?



Importance of the Community Partner Program



Texas' child food insecurity rate is **27.4%**



1,700,000
Texans eligible for SNAP
but not receiving it

Nearly **one in five Texans live in poverty**

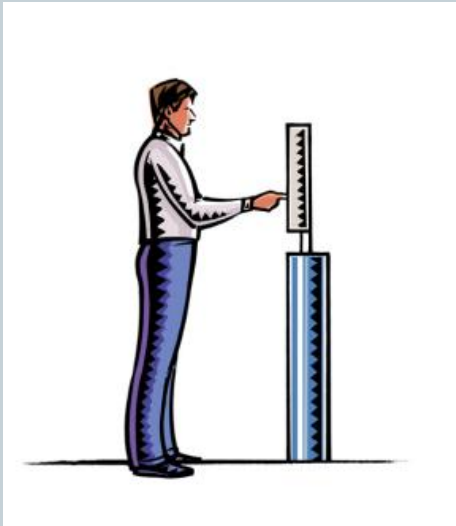
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Partnership Levels

Partnership Level I: Self Service Site

- Provide access to a computer and an internet connection
- Display posters or other printed materials



Partnership Level II: Assistance Site

- Provide access to a computer and an internet connection
- Certify and help maintain employees/volunteers
- Display posters or other printed materials
- Maintain client consent forms
- Confirm confidentially standards are maintained

Why Should You Be A Community Partner?



- It's **FREE!**
- Increased reimbursement to schools/districts
- Schools collect all information
- Parents trust information given out by schools
- Community Partners can pull reports
- Direct Certification
Reimbursement x 1.6 (free rate, remaining at paid rate)



Why Should You Be A Community Partner?



- Community Eligibility Program
- Reimbursement rate is based on Direct Certified numbers
- No need for applications
- More kids eat (free!)
- HHSC provides free promotional materials in English and Spanish



Promotional Materials



Learn more about food benefits, health care, and more. Now online.

Apply for SNAP food benefits. And more. Now online.

Log on to YourTexasBenefits.com. You can apply for SNAP food benefits, Medicaid, and help for your family. You also can renew benefits and report changes to your case.

Your Texas Benefits .com

SNAP food benefits
Helps buy food for good health.
Families with children, people age 65 and older, and people with disabilities can get SNAP as long as they meet program rules.
Some people age 18 to 59 who meet program rules, but don't have a child in the home, can get SNAP for only a certain amount of time. Most adults without disabilities must work or be in a job training program to get benefits.

Medicaid and CHIP
Cover visits to doctors, dentists, and hospitals. They also cover medicines ordered by doctors and dentists.
Medicaid is for:
• Children age 18 or younger.
• People age 65 or older.
• Pregnant women.
• People with a disability.
• Families who can get TANF cash help.
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is for children age 18 and younger. It is for children in families who can't get Medicaid and can't afford health insurance. Some families might need to pay a yearly fee.

User name / Nombre de usuario

Direct Certification & Community Eligibility



Children certified for free meals without submitting a school meal application

Includes children who are directly certified:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Cash Assistance (TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Medicaid (in districts participating in USDA's demonstration project)

Includes children who are certified for free meals without application because they are:

- in foster care
- in Head Start
- are homeless
- are migrant

Reimbursements with Community Eligibility



- The reimbursement rate for both lunch and breakfast is determined by multiplying the percent of Identified Students by a 1.6 multiplier. The resulting number is the percent of meals reimbursed at the “free” reimbursement rate, with the rest reimbursed at the “paid” rate.

Percentage Identified Students	Percentage Free	Paid
40%	64%	36%
45%	72%	28%
50%	80%	20%
55%	88%	12%
60%	96%	4%
65%	100%	0

What Support is Available?



- Monthly HHSC CPP conference calls
- Online and in person training
- Ongoing support from THI & HHSC



Next Steps



- If you're interested in becoming a Community Partner fill out the online interest form:
<http://tinyurl.com/cppInterestForm>
- Contact us if you have any additional questions or to set up a meeting:

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