

Advocacy Update 06.29.2021



NTFB VOICE

Advocacy Update

ADVOCATING FOR A HUNGER-FREE, HEALTHY NORTH TEXAS

In Brief -

Resources to help you advocate!

- Stay up to date on Anti-Hunger and Food Policy news!
- USDA releases new infographic on SNAP barriers
- New data visualization exploring racism in the drivers of hunger

New Flipboard available to help capture current food policy news

If you do not currently have the Flipboard app, download it for your phone's mobile app store

Keeping up with the world of anti-hunger policy and trends in food insecurity can be difficult with so much information out there. To help keep you up to date, [we invite you to visit and follow the NTFB Food Policy FlipBoard](#) to help aggregate all the trending news. Make sure to click "**Follow**"! You can use the phone app or bookmark the site on your computer.

USDA releases helpful infographic - Attached

The USDA has produced an infographic to show the barrier's to eating healthy that SNAP participants face. I appreciate this study as well as the helpful one sheeter that can be shared to assist in your advocacy. Often, when asking stakeholders "how do you think we can help SNAP participants to eat healthier", the number one answer that comes back is "Education."

Not only is this answer an over-simplification, but it also disrespects the daily struggles of families experiencing food insecurity. The infographic highlights that "Food Costs" and "Time" are the top barriers with "Education" and "Cooking Skills" being the least of the barriers.

Time and healthy food are expensive. As we look forward to ways to improve healthy eating habits for SNAP participants let us focus on support for prepared nutritious meals and move to the [low-cost food plan](#).

New data visualization identifying racism in the drivers of food insecurity

Feeding America has released a new [Tableau data visualization](#) that will help advocates identify drivers of food insecurity broken down by the US Census Bureau's identified Race/Ethnic groups per state and per county. I encourage you to click around and explore this helpful tool, acknowledging its limitations on generalized census responses and choices. Share some of this interesting data with your circle and learn some interesting insights for yourself.

Questions or Comments?

Did you know the Declaration of Independence vote occurred on July 2, 1776?

It just didn't hit the papers until July 4, 1776.

Valerie Stone Hawthorne, PhD
Director, Government Relations

North Texas Food Bank

Direct: 832.851.0303

policy@ntfb.org



Don't want these updates any longer? Email policy@ntfb.org and I'll remove you quickly but remorsefully...