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At a Glance

- Lunch & Learn series is this week!
- Congressman Van Taylor visits a Mobile Pantry Distribution
- Advocates can still comment on the SNAP eligibility rule

Lunch & Learn Series



The North Texas Food Bank will be hosting two Lunch & Learn educational events along with our partners at CitySquare, Children's Health, Child Poverty Action Lab, CHILDREN AT RISK, and The Dallas Coalition for Hunger Solutions. The topic for these sessions will be the Child Nutrition Re-Authorization, seats may still be available, to register click below.

[Collin County Event](#) – Tuesday, August 27, 2019

[Dallas County Event](#) – Thursday August 29, 2019

Congressman Van Taylor visits Mobile Pantry Distribution

Collin County Congressman Van Taylor (TX-3) volunteered at our Mobile Pantry Distribution on Saturday at McKinney Baptist Church helping church members distribute food to local neighbors.



Additionally he spent time speaking with Church volunteers and our staff about how the intake and application processes work for those who visit the distributions.

Congressman Taylor is a member of the House Education & Labor Committee who will be responsible for the upcoming Child Nutrition Re-Authorization. We applaud his efforts to fight hunger here in North Texas.

To view all marker bills for the upcoming Child Nutrition Re-Authorization, or to learn more about our policy agenda visit our advocacy microsite [HERE](#).

A marker bill is a piece of legislation introduced in Congress that's not actually intended to pass as a standalone bill, but rather is intended for inclusion in a larger bill, in this case, the upcoming Child Nutrition Re-Authorization.

Proposed Categorical Eligibility Change for SNAP recipients worries North Texas

An article was published in the Dallas Morning News last week about how hunger policy experts view the proposed rule change to SNAP. [You can read more about it here](#). If you have a view block and would like to read it, please email me and I can forward you a copy.

<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/dallas-city-hall/2019/08/22/tens-thousands-dallas-county-residents-risk-losing-snap-benefits-policy-experts-say>

Tens of thousands of Dallas County residents at risk of losing SNAP benefits, policy

experts say | Dallas City Hall | Dallas News

Tens of thousands of Dallas County residents could lose their eligibility for food stamps if the federal government decides to pass newly proposed changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

www.dallasnews.com

As a reminder, the proposed rule change is published in the federal register and will be able to take public comments until September 23, 2019.

In brief, the rule change would change Broad Based Categorical Eligibility for SNAP, impacting State's flexibility to determine who is eligible to apply for SNAP.

Those impacted will be applicants who have household incomes between 130% and 165% of the Federal Poverty Limits. Roughly between \$2,700 and \$3,500 a month, for a family of four. [If you'd like to read the letter, please visit here](#). And if you'd like to make a comment on the rule change, [please go here](#).

Questions or Comments? What do you think? Tell me!

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