Referral to Food Assistance

Purpose

To ensure that otherwise eligible applicants are notified about other sources of food assistance in the local area.

Authority

7 CFR Part 246.7(b); State Policy

Policy

Each local agency (LA) shall provide information about other potential sources of food assistance in the local area to individuals who apply in person to participate in the Program, but who cannot be served because the program is operating at capacity in the local area.

Procedures

I. If a LA is currently in caseload management or has a waiting list, all potentially eligible WIC applicants or those who have been terminated for caseload management shall be notified of sources of food assistance in the local area.

II. The LA shall develop a written list of potential sources to include at least name, address, and phone number.

Guidelines

Examples of sources include, but are not limited to food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, Food Stamp Program, Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, community centers, and churches.