





Quarterly 5 in 5 Leadership Update

Dear Agency Partners,

Our goal of strengthening collaboration and services is still top priority. As we navigate the start of a new fiscal year, we endeavor to better support your unique needs, expectations, and visions for the communities you serve. With your ongoing assistance, we hope to 1) Overcome barriers and enhance collaboration and 2) Increase access to streams of food through program participation in TEFAP, Retail Rescue, Childhood Nutrition and Senior Hunger Programs.

Last Quarter:

- Together, we distributed 10,234,813 lbs. of food in Clark, Nye, Lincoln, and Esmeralda counties. 4,437,377 lbs. of TEFAP, 2,729,421 lbs. of Retail Rescue and 3,068,015 lbs. of General Distribution foods.
- Three Square published TEFAP quick reference guides, translated key documents in Spanish & Tagalog.
- Three Square created posters of TEFAP Eligibility Guidelines and Civil Rights vs Program Complaints in Spanish and Tagalog.

 Three Square began providing feedback on TEFAP Monthly Inventory Reports.

This Quarter, we'll continue to build on our partnership. You can expect:

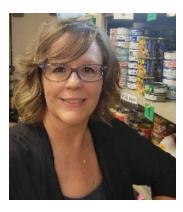
- More at-cost items available on Agency Express.
- Virtual TEFAP & General Distribution Town halls.
- Virtual/ In-person TEFAP Program & Civil Rights Training.
- In-person Agency Partner Regional Mixers.
- Final edits to the Agency Partner and Retail Rescue handbooks. It's the final countdown towards publishing and sharing these resources with you to help ensure clarity on Three Square policies and best practices.
- The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) is reviewing the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) handbook.

"One of the greatest feelings in the world is knowing that we as individuals can make a difference. Ending hunger in America is a goal that is literally within our grasp." -Jeff Bridges

Tai McIntosh, MBA Director of Distribution

Agency Partner Council Member Spotlight: Northwest Region

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and United Labor Agency are longstanding Three Square Agency Partners. Both actively serve on our Agency Partner Council. As councilmembers, they serve as ambassadors and advocate for what is most important to you. If you are in the Northwest Region, they would love to know what's working and not working. Your collective feedback drives the work of the council. We'd love to hear from you!



Northwest Region | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Patti McGuire pmcguire@seaslv.org

- Walk-In Pantry
- Client Choice
- General Distribution
- Retail Rescue



Northwest Region | United Labor Agency Evelyn Valencia evelyn@ULAN.org

- Walk-In/Drive-Thru Pantry
- General Distribution

The Northwest region covers the following zip codes: 89166 | 89149 | 89129 | 89134 | 89138 | 89144 | 89128 | 89145 | 89108 | 89107



Agency Partner Council Quarterly Meeting 6.24.24 (L to R: Lighthouse Charities, Junior League, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Paul Charismatic, United Labor Agency Decatur, M.O.S.E.S, Pahrump New Hope Fellowship, Project Marilyn, Jewish Family Services Agency, Baby's Bounty)

FYI: TEFAP Program & Civil Rights Training

If you are interested in learning about The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Three Square will host four sessions of Program & Civil Rights Training. It is mandatory for all TEFAP agency partners to attend this training, but it is also a great way to learn about the administration of the program for anyone who is interested.

To RSVP for a September training session click <u>Annual Program and Civil Rights</u>
<u>Training for TEFAP 2024 (2) (Preview) (office.com)</u> or email
<u>agencyservices@threesquare.org</u>

FYI: Three Square TEFAP Pop-Up Distributions

Thank you to all our TEFAP agency partners with the distribution of lentils, split peas, and walnuts. Three Square hosted TEFAP Pop-Up distributions from April 2024 through July 2024 to assist. Three Square will continue Pop-Up distributions at Acelero locations for the remainder of 2024.

FYI: Tagalog & Spanish

Three Square's website has a new feature. If you look in the bottom left corner, you can toggle between multiple languages.





Advocacy & Research: Summer EBT

What is it?

Summer EBT is a new grocery benefit available across much of the U.S., including in Nevada. Families with eligible school aged-children can get \$120 per child to buy groceries during the summer at Nevada's more than 1,900 SNAP-authorized retailers.

How to Get Summer EBT

If someone is already enrolled in benefits like SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR, their schoolage child will likely be automatically enrolled in Summer EBT. If a child attends a school that offers the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program, and the household income meets the requirements for free or reduced-price school meals, the child may automatically be enrolled* in Summer EBT. (*Note: Nevada is still awaiting approval of the Summer EBT application and finalizing the enrollment processes, so there is a chance families will still need to submit an application in some of these instances to enroll).

If someone is NOT automatically enrolled, they can apply for Summer EBT directly. To qualify, they will need to meet income limits and other requirements.

Once enrolled, Summer EBT may be automatically added to an existing SNAP account or card, issued as a separate electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card, or sent in other ways depending on the state's guidance.

What to Expect about Summer EBT

More information regarding Summer EBT and how to apply is expected to roll out in the coming weeks. Potential beneficiaries will have until late-August or early-September to submit an application to be considered for the benefits before benefits begin being issued on September 14, 2024.

As more information becomes available, we will send that your way. Our ask: please help spread the word about this vital program to neighbors and the wider community; ask questions as you have them; let our team know as you encounter neighbors with questions, feedback, or pain points of this process; and we look forward to working with you all to ensure every member of our community who might be eligible is made aware and assisted through the process of applying, where applicable. Please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Advocacy & Research, Gabby Everett, at geverett@threesquare.org with further questions and thoughts.

Learn More: Allocated Orders

Do you primarily order from Agency Express only? Would you like a larger variety of foods to select from? If so, our Food Allocations Coordinators can build orders for you on a more regular basis. Email the Agency Services team at agencyservices@threesquare.org to learn more.

Safety Tip: Be Safe During Extreme Heat

Extreme heat is already affecting Southern Nevada. While you prioritize serving our neighbors, please ensure you also prioritize the health and safety of your staff and volunteers. Below are a few tips recommended by FEMA:

- Never leave people or pets in a closed car on a warm day.
- If air conditioning is unavailable in your home, go to a cooling center.
- Take cool showers or baths.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Use your oven less to help reduce the temperature in your home.

- If you are outside, wear sunscreen and/or find shade. Wear a hat wide enough to protect your face.
- Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated.

To find additional resources, call the Three Square Call Center at 702-765-4030. Our call center is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (with the exception of holidays).

Events & Webinars

TEFAP Program & Civil Rights Training

September 24, 2024 (in-person & virtual)

Agency Partner Council Quarterly Meeting

September 25, 2024

December 4, 2024

March 12, 2025

June 25, 2025

September 24, 2025

December 3, 2025

Regional Mixers

August 19, 2024, 2:30pm-4:00pm
October 14, 2024, 9:am-10:30am
December 3, 2024, 9am-10:30am
February 21, 2025, 2pm-3:30pm
April 22, 2025, 9am-10:30am
June 3, 2025, 2pm-3:30pm

Upcoming Deadlines

Monthly Statistics

Deadlines:

July Data due Thursday, August 1, 2024

August Data due Sunday, September 1, 2024

September Data due Tuesday, October 1, 2024

October Data due Friday, November 1, 2024

November Data due Sunday, December 1, 2024

December Data due Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Grants

Fund for Healthy Nevada Grant (FHN)

Use of Funds: Fresh Produce Bags July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025

TEFAP & General Distribution Town Halls (virtual)

August 23, 2024, 12:30pm-1:30pm

September 19, 2024, 12pm-1pm

October 25, 2024, 12m-1pm

November 15, 2024, 12pm-1pm

December 13, 2024, 12pm-1pm

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