



### **What is Close the Gap?**

Close the Gap was created to provide better access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly called food stamps.) The cornerstone of the program is providing access to enrollment in the SNAP program throughout the region through the assistance of two fulltime Food Security Coordinators. Close the Gap is made possible through the Missouri Promoting Food Security Program.

### **Can I get benefits?**

To get benefits, your income and other resources have to be under certain limits. Most households must meet both net and gross income limits. However, if everyone in your household receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), you do not need to meet any income limit.

### **How do I apply for benefits?**

- Bring papers like pay stubs, rent or mortgage payments, utility bills, child or elder care bills and child support payments. Our Food Security Coordinator will tell you exactly what other information you will need.
- Our Food Security Coordinator will take you through the USDA pre-screening process.
- You will find out if you are able to continue on with the application process.
- You will fill out application forms.
- Our Food Security Coordinator will fax your application to a local county office.
- The state will mail documents to set up an interview.
- The state will notify if you are eligible to receive benefits.
- Upon receiving eligibility from the state please contact Second Harvest to indicate results.

### **What about coordinator outreach?**

- The coordinator will come to your location to assist in enrollment of benefits.
- Those needing assistance can call for appointments.

### **Contact Information**

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