

# Agency Scoop

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*Agency Scoop, Arkansas Foodbank Member Newsletter, is your inside scoop for exclusive dates, information and stories from Arkansas Foodbank members. Distributed monthly, this is our primary contact to distribute information that applies specifically to our members.*

## THE FARM BILL

One of the main focuses of 2018 for the Advocacy Team here at the Foodbank will be the Farm Bill. The Farm Bill is the major food and farm legislation that includes three main components that impact the work we all do: SNAP, TEFAP and CSFP. The Farm Bill gets revisited and reauthorized every 5 years and the next farm bill is scheduled to be reauthorized this October.



**SNAP** – The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP-formerly food stamps) works to improve the nutrition, the economic security, and health of its beneficiaries by providing millions of low-income individuals and families with the economic ability to purchase food. SNAP alone provides ten times the meals enabled through the Feeding America network, underscoring the significant role it plays in connecting families with meals.

**TEFAP** – The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a commodity program that purchases and distributes American-grown food to low-income Americans through food banks and agencies like yourselves. TEFAP also provides administrative fund for food storage and distribution allowing us to keep food costs low.

**CSFP** – The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is a program for low-income seniors aged 60 years or older. In FY2016, Arkansas received \$976,333 to help around 3,200 seniors. Oftentimes, when you hear about our Senior Box Program, this is what we are referring to.

So why does the Farm Bill matter? Simply put, we would not be able to meet the demand of hunger if any of these programs were to experience any major cutbacks. When we all work together, we are stronger than the sum of our parts. Strong federal nutrition assistance programs help us have the resources we all need to provide nutritious food for hungry Arkansans.

This year, we hope to protect and strengthen these programs. If you are interested in getting involved with advocacy or would like to sign up for updates from the Foodbank please email **Anna-Lee Pittman** at [apittman@arkansasfoodbank.org](mailto:apittman@arkansasfoodbank.org).

Please feel free to contact us at 501-565-8121 if you have questions.

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# NEW MONTHLY REPORTING SYSTEM



New for this year, all the 2018 monthly reports will be submitted through Agency Express starting with your report for January 2018, that will be due by **February 15th 2018**.

Agency Express is the *same system* you are currently using to place your food orders. Watch your e-mail for instruction and more information. ***The person who completes your monthly reports for Arkansas Foodbank will need their own personal Agency Express Login ID number and password if they do not have one already.*** If they do not currently have Agency Express log in credentials, please contact **Kati South** at **ksouth@arkansasfoodbank.org** with your agency name and number and the person completing reports' name and email address.

Additionally, beginning with your first distribution of 2018, your agency's returning households served will be 0 and returning individuals served will be 0. **Everyone served will be NEW for the FIRST distribution of 2018.**

Thank you for your partnership and cooperation. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact **Kati South** at **ksouth@arkansasfoodbank.org** or **501-569-4333**.

## FOODBANK UNIVERSITY - Upcoming sessions

Below are the sessions coming up next month. Refreshments will be served at all Foodbank University workshops. See you there!

To RSVP for our Arkansas Foodbank University session(s) please contact Taryn at **thudson@arkansasfoodbank.org** or **501-569-4328**.

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION
February 15th	10am – 12pm	USDA Civil Rights Training	Arkansas Foodbank 4301 W 65th Street Little Rock, AR 72209
February 28th	7:45am - 5pm	ServSafe Managers Training	Arkansas Foodbank 4301 W 65th Street Little Rock, AR 72209

## WINTER UTILITY ASSISTANCE

### Central Arkansas Development Council (CADC)

CADC has kicked off the 2018 Winter LIHEAP Utility Assistance program. It will continue from Jan. 16th, as long as funds are available. The program will serve the following 10 counties in the CADC/ Arkansas Foodbank service area:

**Calhoun, Clark, Dallas, Hot Spring, Lonoke, Montgomery, Ouachita, Pulaski, Saline and Union**

To find out more information that you can pass to your clients call 501-372-0807 or online: <http://acaaa.org/local-community-action-agencies/>

### Community Action Program of Central Arkansas (CAPCA)

CAPCA will begin the Regular Winter Utility Assistance Program on Tuesday, January 16th. They will be offering regular assistance for gas and/or electricity. Applications will be taken Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:15am – 11am and 1:15pm – 3:30pm. All interested applicants must provide proof of all household income from the previous month for all household members 18 years or older. If a household has had no income during the previous month they will need a CAPCA's Contribution and/ or Collateral Statement. A copy of both light and gas bill is needed and a valid state or government issued ID is required. For more information contact:

**Faulkner County: 501-329-3891 or 707 Robin St. Suite 700, Conway, AR 72034**

**Cleburne County: 877-699-6924 or 305 W. Searcy St., Heber Springs, AR 72543**

**White County: 501-279-2015 or 1132 Benton St., Searcy, AR 72143**

## 2018 WARREN DELIVERY SCHEDULE

**January 25 | February 6, 13, 20, 27 | March 6, 20, 27**

**April 3, 10, 17, 24 | May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | June 5, 12, 19, 26**

**July 10, 17, 24, 31 | August 7, 14, 21, 28 | September 4, 11, 18, 25**

**October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | November 6, 13, 20, 27**

**December 4, 11, 18**



## SLOW COOKER HAMBURGER STEW



### Ingredients

Ground beef	1 lb.
Onion, chopped	1/2 cup
Carrot, chopped	1 cup
Potatoes, cubed	2 cups
Celery, chopped	1 cup
Tomatoes, diced	15 oz. can
Water	4 cups
Italian Seasoning	1 tsp.
Salt/pepper	to taste

### How to prepare

1. Place all ingredients in slow cooker.
2. Cook on LOW for 8 to 10 hours or HIGH for 4 to 6 hours.
3. Enjoy

## COOKING MATTERS Central AR Regional Training



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**COOKING MATTERS**  
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Attend this **FREE** training and learn how to partner with the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance to teach low-income families in your community how to shop for and prepare healthy meals on a budget.

Wednesday, January 31st 2018  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: TBD

Please RSVP by Monday, Jan. 29th to:  
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