

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.

STATEWIDE COMMUNITY RESOURCES PORTAL

There are some exciting things happening in Arkansas. One is having a database of community resources housed in one place and accessible to providers, practitioners and community leaders like you. For example resources listed are clothing assistance, free/low cost dental, adult education/GED, autism support, utility assistance, bilingual support, after-school care and so much more.

Below is the link to the relatively new Statewide Community Resources Portal (from Ark. Department of Education). Resources can be found by County.



Statewide Community Resources Portal



County
-- All counties --

Region
-- All regions --

Category
-- All categories --

Is your pantry listed? Is the pantry information correct?

To get started & review your current pantry information follow these steps:

Click on the link <https://adedata.arkansas.gov/scr>.

From the drop down menus:

Select Your County → Select Your Region → Select Your Category - Food Pantries (Meal Assistance) CLICK SEARCH.

Review information to check for accuracy. If you discover your agency information is incorrect, please contact: Sharon Rodgers at sharon.rodgers@arkansas.gov or by phone 501-683-5780 to correct your information.

If your agency information is not listed:

Click on this link: <https://adedata.arkansas.gov/scr>.

On the blue banner, select Statewide Supplemental Community Resources Portal and complete the web form → CLICK SUBMIT.

Please allow 2-3 business days before information is updated on the website.

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

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Keep up the great work – and remember to send us your pantry/ agency stories.

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RETAIL PARTNER AGENCIES



We are excited to announce that soon we will be introducing you to a new way to report our retail donations.

MealConnect, a web based platform (think Agency Express) is coming and will be an enhanced way to report pounds received from our retail partners. This new donation platform will bring increased capabilities with a user-friendly design plus a smart phone app option. MealConnect is currently being tested in a pilot program to ensure that we have a smooth transition. We expect to launch MealConnect in September so watch for details on training in a future communication.

Mark your calendars for the next Retail Foodbank University session with Brad Sweeney, Food Donations Coordinator, online on August 24 at 10am.

Fourth of July Holiday Hours

The Arkansas Foodbank will be ***closed on Monday, July 5th*** in observance of Independence Day.

All orders, pickup and delivery including Warren Branch, for Tuesday, July 6th, must be submitted by 8:00am, Thursday, July 1st.



All orders, pickup and delivery, for Wednesday, July 7th, must be submitted by 8:00am, Friday, July 2nd.

FOODBANK UNIVERSITY – Upcoming sessions

We are happy to offer this year’s Foodbank University sessions online via GoToMeeting. This means, no travel and multiple people at your agency can attend remotely. All sessions start at 10:00 am.

To RSVP for our session(s) please email Shamim at: sokoloh@arkansasfoodbank.org. Be sure to include your agency name.

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION
July 15th	Hunger, Health & Equity	Virtual
July 28th	Succession Planning: Building the Next Pantry Leaders	Virtual
August 3rd	USDA Civil Rights	Virtual
September 15th	Fundraising & Marketing at Your Pantry	Virtual
September 24th	SNAP & Advocacy	Virtual
October 14th	Nudging Healthy Choices	Virtual
October 22nd	Annual Agency Luncheon	Virtual/ Foodbank

Tomato Basil and Bean Pasta Salad

Ingredients:

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| 1 pound ziti pasta (or bow tie pasta) | 1 cup fresh basil leaves (chopped) |
| 2 tablespoons vegetable oil | 3 tomatoes (large, coarsely chopped) |
| 1/4 cup vinegar | 1 cup garbanzo beans |
| 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard | 1 cup mozzarella cheese (optional) |
| 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper | |

Directions:

1. Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and cool
2. In a small mixing bowl, whisk together vegetable oil, vinegar, Dijon-style mustard and pepper to make vinaigrette.
3. In a large mixing bowl, combine pasta, beans, basil and tomatoes. Pour vinaigrette over top and toss together. Cover and chill at least 1 hour.
4. If desired, add cheese just before serving, tossing again to combine

*Notes: may add other fresh chopped vegetables such as squash, carrots, etc.
may use cooked rice in place of pasta



Annual Agency Luncheon

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER
22ND**

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

