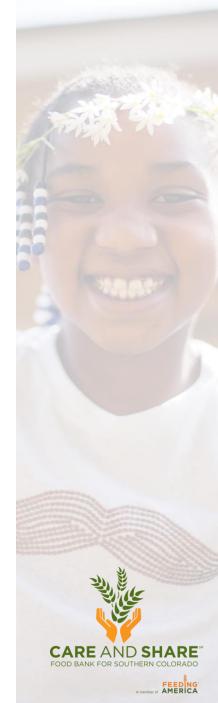
# **TEFAP PROGRAM TRAINING**





This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## **YOU WILL LEARN...**

- How to complete the allocation
- How to complete the TEFAP application
- How to complete the monthly report
- Expectations of TEFAP sites
- Civil Rights Requirements of USDA Programs
- Who you can contact if you have any questions



## **ALLOCATIONS**

- Each month all TEFAP agencies receive an allocation around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- The allocation chart is an allotted amount of food that you can receive.
- You can decide if you want the full amount of the food, or if you want to adjust.
- If you are interested in more than your allotted amount, you can request more. If other agencies have declined their allotted amount, we will add the items to your order.
- Once you receive the allocation email, you respond back to <u>Agencies@careandshare.org</u> with the quantities you are requesting.
- If an allocation is not returned, the order will be completed without any modifications. The allocation defaults to the first delivery date available.

**Note:** Allocation amounts are based on participation at your agency that you have reported.



## **READING ALLOCATION CHARTS**

#### **TEFAP Allocation Chart**

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Agency: Agency #			Schedule	Date of		
		Agency Name	Date(s):	delivery		
	Exp. Date			DL		
Item No.	m/y-m/y	Description	Allocation	10:00		
		USDA AMERICAN CHEESE 12/2 LB				
T100035	2/26/2022	BAG; 85/PPS	10			
		USDA PEACHES 24/15 OZ CAN;				
T100218	9/1/2023	85/PPS	8			
		USDA PEAR HALVES 24/15 OZ CAN;				
T100223	10/6/2023	80/PPS	11			
		USDA TOMATO SAUCE 24/15 OZ CAN				
T100333	8/28/2023	85/PPS	15			
		USDA EGG NOODLES 12/1 LB BAG;				
T100433	4/7/2023	45/PPS	19			
		USDA BEEF STEW 24/24 OZ CAN:				
T100526	3/12/2023	40/PPS	10			
		USDA CHEESE CHED YELLOW SHRED				
T110843	8/14/2021	6/2 LB BAG; 60/PPS	8			
		USDA FRZN SLICED DELI TURKEY				
T110903	12/14/2021	20/32 OZ PKG; 40/PPS	12			
		USDA BEANS DRY SPLIT PEA YELLOW				
T111057	1/14/2023	12/2 LB PKG; 104/PPS	6			
		USDA ORANGES 12/3 LB BAG;				
T111071	7/9/2021	42/PPS	10			
		Care and Share non-TEFAP Product	If available			
		Tote of Bread	(1/4-1)			
		Tote of Pastries	(1/4-1)			
		Pallet of Potatoes	(1/4-1)			
		Pallet of Other Produce	(1/4-1)			
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Here is a definition of the columns from left to right

- Item No. This number is used by the volunteer who places the TEFAP order
- **Exp. Date** This will tell you when the item will expire
- Description This tells you the type of item, the pack size, and the package type. The \*\*/PPS tells you how many cases are on one pallet.
- Allocation This tells you how many cases you have been allocated. Do not change the amounts in this column.
- DL or PU and time This tells if the order is a pickup or delivery and the time the order is received. In addition to the date and time, this column is where you indicate how many cases of each allocated item you would like.
- P Note: If you have more than one DL or PU date, and do not respond to the allocation clarifying which date you want the food, the order will be defaulted to the first date.



# **APPLICATIONS**

Household Size			Zip Code			Certification Approved		
Adult	Child	Recipient Name	*If client does not provide a zip code, the agency zip code shall be recorded.	Phone #	Date	PA	Al	Denied

All recipients of TEFAP food need to complete the current version of the TEFAP application. All fields must be complete.

Agency staff/volunteers must complete the lines for agency name and certify the household.

The representative of the household will print their name on the front of the application form and complete the following information:

- Household size (how many adults and children)
- Zip Code Required
- Phone If no phone, please strike through
- Date Required if the top of the form does not indicate a date
- No identification should be copied or kept on file
- Certification You will need to mark how the household qualifies (see next slide)

**Note:** If you are unsure if you are using the current application, please visit <u>USDA</u>

<u>Program Documents - Care and Share</u> to verify.



# TEFAP ELIGIBILITY

Families can qualify in one of two ways.

<ul> <li>Participate in one of these public assistance programs (PA).</li> </ul>	
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)	Aid to Needy Disabled (AND)
SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)	Aid to the Blind (AB)
Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)	☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
☐ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	Medicaid Eligible Foster Children
Old Age Pension (OAP)	

If they participate in any of the listed public assistance programs, you will check the box on the application under PA.

2. If the household does not participate in any of the above public assistance programs, the household must have a combined gross income that does not exceed the maximum income limit for the applicable household size. (Al)

2024 Income Eligibility Guidelines

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Household Size	Maximum Weekly	Maximum Monthly	Maximum Annual		
	Household Income	Household Income	Household Income		
1	\$579.23	\$ 2,510.00	\$ 30,120.00		
2	\$786.15	\$ 3,406.67	\$ 40,880.00		
3	\$993.08	\$ 4,303.33	\$ 51,640.00		
4	\$1,200.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 62,400.00		
5	\$1,406.92	\$ 6,096.67	\$ 73,160.00		
6	\$1,613.85	\$ 6,993.33	\$ 83,920.00		
7	\$1,820.77	\$ 7,890.00	\$ 94,680.00		
8	\$2,027.69	\$ 8,786.67	\$ 105,440.00		
For each additional family					
member, add	\$206.92	\$ 896.67	\$ 10,760.00		

If they are within the current income limits based on household size, you will check the box on the application under Al.



# MONTHLY TEFAP REPORTING

TEFAP reports are the easiest reports Care and Share collects each month.

Step 1 – Complete all TEFAP distributions for the month

Step 2 – Add up all of the neighbors served

- For food pantry style distributions, this is households and individuals
- For meal sites, this is the total number of meals served

Step 3 - Email the reports to Agencies@careandshare.org by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month



# **EXPECTATIONS FOR TEFAP SITES**

- Sites must have a completed Agency Agreement with Care and Share on site
- Sites must have a copy of the TEFAP Policy and Procedure Manual on site
- Site must use current version of the application
- A proxy system must be in place to ensure that people unable to attend the distribution can still get food
- TEFAP food needs to be clearly identified in the food storage area
- Sites must distribute food prior to expiration
- Records must be maintained for 3 years plus the Federal fiscal year, including applications and invoices
- All staff and volunteers who directly interact with individuals and families receiving TEFAP foods must receive Civil Rights Training annually
- All sites must follow the Limited English Proficiency plan
- All Site must submit TEFAP monthly reports by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month following distribution



## **CIVIL RIGHTS AND ACCOMODATIONS**

- The current "And Justice for All" poster must be visible to all families as they are completing the application
- All public notices need to approved by the State
- Sites must notify their Regional Manager and log any civil rights complaints
- Sites are required to follow the Limited English Proficiency plan
- Sites must be accessible to the elderly and disabled



# **CIVIL RIGHTS TRAINING**

Civil Rights Training needs to be completed annually by all people who have direct contact with the families receiving food

### **Option 1 – Presentation**

You can either print this document for your volunteers to review or they can view it online

### **Option 2 – On Demand Training**

You can complete this version of the training online.

Once the Civil Rights training is complete, please send the Civil Rights Completion log to <a href="mailto:agencies@careandshare.org">agencies@careandshare.org</a> for credit.

**Note:** Care and Share does not have access to the google drive that the state uses to verify completion, so the log will be needed by Care and Share staff for compliance.



## LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN

### a) Reception/phone:

Care and Share's reception will provide information about all our programs provided, as well as where to receive services for those with limited English-speaking proficiency, through handouts or signage in common languages, spoken throughout our service area. When signage is not appropriate, Care and Share will provide notice of the availability of Care and Share interpreters or where to find interpretation assistance. Those seeking assistance that contact Care and Share by phone, will be directed to the appropriate phone translation service.

### b) Online:

Care and Share currently offers documents and training materials on our website in common spoken languages in our service area. We will also research ways to implement a multi-language website that accommodates people of all ages and abilities, including those with cognitive disabilities, people with low literacy skills, and speakers of English as a foreign language.

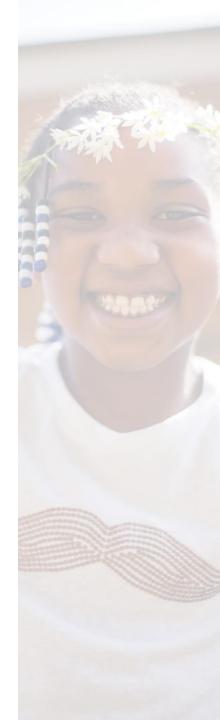
### c) Site Level:

Care and Share's partner agencies will follow Care and Share's reception protocols in providing services to those with limited English-speaking proficiency. Each agency will be required to have Care and Share approved translation applications. All additional training resources will be provided to each site using materials that are only approved through Care and Share.

### d) CSFP Box:

Each month, Care and Share adds information to our CSFP boxes pertaining to Nutrition education, Social Security, Supplemental Food Assistance resources in common languages spoken throughout our service area.

e) Mailings: All mailings sent from Care and Share or from our partner agencies are currently distributed in languages common in our service area. Moving forward, Care and Share will begin adding "Tag-Lines" to any material being distributed that reads, "If you speak [insert language], language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you.



### LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY RESOURCES

Languagers Interpreting Services – Care and Share has a contact with Languagers that we welcome our partners to use for phone interpreters.

- Languagers Interpreting Services Tutorial
- Languagers Interpreting Services Mobile Tutorial

I Speak Cards – In the <u>Documents</u> page of the <u>Agency Portal</u> on the <u>Care and Share website</u>, you can dowmload I Speak Cards that can be used to assist neighbors that do not speak English identify which language they need interpreted.

If you decide to use this service, please notify your Regional Manager.



## **FOOD SAFETY**

All food must be stored in accordance with food safety guidelines

- Food must be stored 4 inches off the floor, 6 inches below the ceiling, and 2 inches away from the wall.
- All food needs to be inspected for damage and dates prior to distributing
- Foods MUST be distributed prior to expiration
- Non-food items need to be stored away from TEFAP food to avoid cross-contamination
- Food must be stored in appropriate temperature ranges:
  - Freezer Below 0°
  - Refrigerator 35° 40°
  - Dry  $-50^{\circ} 80^{\circ}$

Sites must be documenting or logging:

- Cleaning
- Pest control
- Temperature logs in refrigerators, freezers, and dry storage areas



# **TEFAP RESOURCES**





- For current version of the TEFAP proxy form and applications, click here
- To review the TEFAP Policies and Procedures Manual click <u>here</u>
- For food safety resource click <u>here</u>
- To review the State TEFAP website click here

If you have any questions, please reach out to agencies@careandshare.org.

