

KANSAS ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES MANUAL

CONSULTATION WITH TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

FOOD ASSISTANCE AND FOOD ASSISTANCE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (E&T) TRIBAL CONSULTATIONS:

Kansas has four tribes, the Iowa Tribe, Kickapoo Tribe, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Sac & Fox Nation. Each tribe administers a food assistance program separate from Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) Food Assistance Program. The Food Commodity Program administered by each tribe provides USDA foods through the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). FDPIR has a separate eligibility and application process from DCF Food Assistance Program. Per Kansas Economic and Employment Services Manual (KEESM) 2151 “no individual may participate in the Food Assistance Program and the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) in the same month”.

All annual attempts by Food Assistance Employment and Training (E&T) Program to provide consultations to the tribes for Food Assistance E&T State Plan and has been unsuccessful. Since notified of mandatory tribal consultations for SNAP State Plan of Operations, Kansas DCF has increased correspondence with tribes to establish tribal Points of Contact (POC). The Kansas Native American Affairs Office (KNAA) has taken the lead on correspondence with the tribes to establish POCs. Once all POCs have been received Kansas DCF and KNAA will work together to develop consultation opportunities with the tribes while respecting their wishes should the tribal leadership decide not to participate.

At this time all attempts to establish POCs have been unsuccessful. To continue to work towards creating consultation opportunities, Kansas DCF gathered tribal contact information that was readily available within Kansas DCF programs. Kansas DCF offers a virtual food security meeting bi-monthly that includes agencies and partners across Kansas, including Harvesters Food Bank, Kansas Food Bank, Kansas Appleseed, and Kansas Farmers Market to name a few. This meeting provides an opportunity for agencies and partners across the state to gather and hear from Kansas DCF programs and other partner updates along with the opportunity to ask questions or bring topics to the floor. In April 2024, the tribal contact information available (see below) were invited to participate in these bi-monthly meetings to provide a consultation opportunity for them to engage as they see fit.

Tribal Points of Contact

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| <p><u>Iowa Tribe</u></p> <p>[Redacted]</p> | <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> | <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> | <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> |
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FOOD ASSISTANCE SNAP-ED TRIBAL CONSULTATIONS:

State Agency SNAP-Ed Program Specialist, Stacy Thowe, attended the May 21, 2024, Kansas Alliance for Tribal Community Health (KATCH) monthly meeting with the four federally recognized tribes of Kansas and their leaders. Stacy Thowe is in discussions with the co-chair about presenting at the June 18th, 2024, meeting. If presentation is canceled Stacy Thowe will look at presenting in FFY 2025 to the tribes on Summer-EBT. The Program Specialist will work to establish a relationship with the leaders of the tribes, but this will take time as trust is developed. The possible presentation is to be on Summer-EBT. The SNAP-Ed Program Specialist will be joined by the Summer-EBT Specialist to provide the presentation if the tribes approve the presentation. In the remaining months of FFY 2024, The Program Specialist for SNAP-Ed will be attending the monthly KATCH meetings along with the IA so as to learn more about the needs of the tribal community and discuss what is needed in the SNAP-Ed State Plan regarding the tribes.

To build a relationship, SNAP-Ed Program Specialist will also attend and be involved with the annual Native American Summit and Sunday Funday scheduled for August of 2024. With the monthly KATCH meetings and annual Summit, the SNAP-Ed Program Specialists hopes to build trust and communicate with the leaders of the tribes on their needs for the tribal community.

Below are the specific SNAP-ED requests from the four federally recognized tribes in Kansas for FFY 2025. These requests will be part of the FFY 2025 Kansas SNAP-Ed State Plan.

Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas

Tribal Contact: [REDACTED]

SNAP-Ed Activities requested by the tribe during consultation:

Community Garden Support and Workshops:

- Sustaining the Community Garden: The tribe has requested continued support for the large community garden.
- Harvest Preservation Workshops: The leaders wish to have SNAP-Ed conduct workshops focused on preserving the garden's harvest and will cover various preservation methods such as canning, drying, and fermenting, ensuring that community members can enjoy garden produce year-round. One workshop will be at the Kickapoo Health Clinic.
- Garden Assistance: They have also requested that SNAP-Ed offer hands-on assistance with planting, maintenance, and harvesting activities. This will involve volunteers and staff working alongside tribal community members.

Nutrition Education:

- Gardening Presentations: SNAP-Ed will also organize presentations at the community garden that provide practical gardening tips, plant care techniques, and information on sustainable practices.
- Food/Nutrition Demonstrations: SNAP-Ed will continue to hold food demonstrations at the garden to show how to prepare healthy meals using garden produce.
- The tribe has requested that Fresh Conversations continue at Congregate Meal Site
- Direct Ed at Other Tribal Organizations: SNAP-Ed will offer potential direct education sessions with the Diabetes Prevention Program (goal is with at least one tribe)
- Collaborate with KATCH: Sunday Funday and Tribal Health Summit event for all 4 tribes Youth Engagement:
- Raised Garden at the Boys and Girls Club: The tribe has requested continued support the raised garden maintained by the local tribal youth.
- Cooking Camps at the Boys and Girls Club: The tribe would like SNAP-Ed to implement Jr. Chef cooking camps.

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- Kickapoo Trading Post: The tribe shows interest in SNAP-Ed seeking opportunities to work with the Kickapoo Trading Post to assist them in being able to accept SNAP.

Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska

Tribal Contact: [REDACTED]

SNAP-Ed Activities requested by the tribe during consultation:

Community Garden Support and Workshops:

- Sustaining the Community Garden: The tribal leaders would like SNAP-Ed to continue to support the large community garden.
- Harvest Preservation Workshops: The tribe would like SNAP-Ed to continue to conduct workshops focused on preserving the garden's harvest. These workshops will cover various preservation methods such as canning, drying, and fermenting, ensuring that community members can enjoy garden produce year-round. One workshop will be at the Kickapoo Health Clinic.
- Garden Assistance: SNAP-Ed will continue to offer hands-on assistance with planting, maintenance, and harvesting activities. This will involve volunteers and staff working alongside tribal community members.

Nutrition Education:

- Gardening Presentations: The tribe would like SNAP-Ed to continue to organize presentations at the community garden that provide practical gardening tips, plant care techniques, and information on sustainable practices.
- Food/Nutrition Demonstrations: The tribe would like food demonstrations at the garden to show how to prepare healthy meals using garden produce. These demonstrations will highlight simple, nutritious recipes that incorporate the harvest from the community garden.
- Direct Ed at Other Tribal Organizations: We discussed the potential to have direct education sessions and/or food preservation classes with the Diabetes Prevention Program (goal is with at least one tribe)
- Collaborate with KATCH: Sunday Funday and Tribal Health Summit event for all 4 tribes

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Tribal Contact: [REDACTED]

SNAP-Ed Activities requested by the tribe during consultation:

Nutrition Education:

- Food/Nutrition Demonstrations: The tribe has asked SNAP-Ed to continue to hold food demonstrations at the garden to show how to prepare healthy meals using garden produce. These demonstrations will highlight simple, nutritious recipes that incorporate the harvest from the community garden.
- Fresh Conversations at Congregate Meal Site: The tribe would like SNAP-Ed to continue to implement Fresh Conversations at the Congregate Meal site.
- Direct Ed at Other Tribal Organizations: There have been discussions and there is potential to have direct education sessions and/or food preservation classes with the Diabetes Prevention Program (goal is with at least one tribe)
- Collaborate with KATCH: Sunday Funday and Tribal Health Summit event for all 4 tribes

Youth Engagement:

- Cooking Camps at the Boys and Girls Club: Tribe is interested in having SNAP-Ed implement Jr. Chef cooking camps at the Boys and Girls Club.

Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska

Tribal Contact: [REDACTED], Chairperson

SNAP-Ed Activities requested by the tribe during consultation:

Nutrition Education:

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- Direct Ed at Other Tribal Organizations: There is potential and there have been discussions to have direct education sessions and/or food preservation classes with the Diabetes Prevention Program (goal is with at least one tribe)
- Collaborate with KATCH: Sunday Funday and Tribal Health Summit event for all 4 tribes.