The Impact of Charitable Food Assistance in Indiana County

Indiana County Community Action Program is the Partner Distribution Organization (PDO) of Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank which serves Indiana County.

- 478,579 meals were distributed to individuals and families throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-15.
- Indiana County Community Action Program, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and local partners served 3,241 individuals* throughout the county during January 2016.
- Out of those who received food assistance in January 2016, 98 individuals were first-time recipients, meaning they had never received emergency food assistance during the previous twelve months.

The Impact of Food & Nutrition Programs in Indiana County

**State Food Purchase Program**

A state funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Indiana County Community Action Program is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% of poverty level.

$104,005.48 was allocated to the county in fiscal year 2013-14. These funds helped feed 2,075 households, which included 884 children and 816 seniors.*

$98,393.74 was allocated to Indiana County for fiscal year 2015-2016.

**The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)**

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Indiana County Community Action Program is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% of poverty level.

5,219 cases of TEFAP commodities were distributed throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-15.

The Numbers

- Food Insecure Population: 11,920
- Food Insecurity Rate: 13.5%
- Food Insecure Children: 3,330
- Child Food Insecurity Rate: 20.3%
- Population in Poverty: 14,223
- Poverty Rate: 17.2%
- Children under 18 in Poverty: 3,056
- Children under 18 Poverty Rate: 19.0%
- Seniors over 65 in Poverty: 1,088
- Seniors over 65 Poverty Rate: 7.8%
- Unemployment Rate (Feb. ‘16): 6.5%
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps)

A federally funded entitlement program administered by the PA Department of Human Services. Income eligibility: below 160% of poverty level or below 200% of poverty level for households with individuals over age 60 or with a disability.

11,231 individuals in Indiana County received SNAP benefits in March 2016.

In fiscal year 2014-15, $12,765,639 in SNAP benefits were redeemed at 53 SNAP-authorized stores in the county. For every $5.00 in new SNAP benefits, $9.00 in economic activity is generated.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Hunger-Free Pennsylvania partners with Indiana County Community Action Program to distribute the boxes. Income eligibility: seniors below 130% of poverty level.

In 2015, approximately 463 seniors with low incomes throughout the county received a monthly box of nutritious food.

*Duplication may be possible.

National School Lunch & Breakfast Programs

A federally funded entitlement program administered by the PA Department of Education. Income eligibility: below 130% of poverty level for free meals and 185% for reduced price meals.

4,438 children throughout the county received free or reduced-price school meals during the 2014-15 school year.

Summer Food Service Program

A federally funded entitlement program administered by the PA Department of Education. Income eligibility depends on type of site.

7,317 meals and snacks were served to children over the course of the summer of 2015.

Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

A federally funded entitlement program administered by the PA Department of Education. Income eligibility depends on type of site.

9 sites served a total of 127,054 meals and snacks throughout the county in fiscal year 2013-14.

Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Health. Adagio Health administers the program in Indiana County and five surrounding counties. Income eligibility: women and children under age five below 185% of poverty level.

On average, 1,445 women, infants and children in the county participated in WIC each month during fiscal year 2013-14.

In the same year, $992,329.22 in WIC benefits were redeemed at 9 WIC-authorized stores in the county.

Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program

A federal and state funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Income eligibility: WIC participants or seniors below 185% of poverty level.

In 2014, vouchers worth $20 were used by approximately 700 WIC participants and 1,400 seniors at authorized farm stands and markets.

Congregate & Home-Delivered Meals

Federal and state funded programs administered by the PA Department of Aging. Aging Services, Inc. of Indiana County administers these programs. Eligibility is based on age or in-home assessments by Area Agency on Aging.

A total of 81,133 meals were served or delivered to 1,092 seniors* during fiscal year 2013-14.

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