

DRAFT Agenda - Tuesday, April 26, 2022 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Cogswell Building, Rooms C205-C207, 1400 Broadway Street, Helena, Montana

Join by Zoom Link: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/84433485142?pwd=b1F2SDZ6TDcycmw3MU8yd1BiNVVCZz09>

8:00 am – 8:30 am **Registration**

8:30 am – 9:15 am **Welcome and Introductions**

- Prayer
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- Meeting Purpose & Format

9:15 am – 10:30 am **SNAP Services in Montana (SNAP)**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides eligible households crucial assistance in purchasing the food they need for a nutritionally adequate diet. We will discuss eligibility, benefits, and access points for SNAP in Montana. **The department is interested in a discussion with tribal partners on how SNAP benefits and administration impact tribal communities, and would like feedback on the ability for tribal families to navigate the SNAP eligibility process.**

10:30 am – 10:45 am **Break**

10:45 am – 12:00 pm **SNAP Education (SNAP-Ed)**

SNAP Education provides education around healthy food and lifestyle choices and food resource management. We will discuss services and activities, materials, barriers to participation, and integration of community recipes. **The department is interested in a dialogue with tribal partners on how SNAP-Ed can benefit tribal communities, and seeking feedback on how the SNAP-Ed program can meet the cultural needs of tribal families.**

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm *LUNCH (provided by DPHHS)*

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm **SNAP Employment and Training (SNAP E&T)**

SNAP Employment and Training assists eligible SNAP household members in gaining skills, training, and work experience to help obtain regular employment and gain self-sufficiency. DPHHS will be expanding the SNAP E&T program to new regions of the state in the fall of 2022. **The department is interested in a conversation on the potential for partnership and collaboration opportunities between SNAP E&T and tribal entities to provide employment and training services to tribal families. We also would like feedback on the possible benefits SNAP E&T can provide for tribal communities and ways to remove barriers to tribal member participation in the program.**

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm **Public Comment**

2:45 pm – 3:15 pm **Recap and Next Steps**

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm **Closing Comments and Wrap Up**

Have questions? Please email **Andréa** at acheroske@mt.gov, or call her at (406) 283-3061