

The ABC's of Emergency Food Provision in Washington State

This is a list of the most commonly used acronyms we hear. It is not meant to be exhaustive. We welcome additions. This list was adapted from a Seattle Food Committee publication. If you would like to “steal” this document, please simply contact the WFC office.

- ♦ **First Harvest:** Rotary First Harvest, conduit between farmers and emergency food system
- ♦ **2nd Harvest:** 2nd Harvest Inland Northwest, Eastern WA food distribution center, Feeding America member
- ♦ **AHNC:** Anti-Hunger and Nutrition Coalition, statewide advocacy coalition
- ♦ **CA:** Children's Alliance, statewide children's advocacy organization
- ♦ **CAN:** Children's Action Network (Children's Alliance), web advocacy alert system
- ♦ **CFNP:** Community Food & Nutrition Program, federal funding
- ♦ **CSFP:** Commodity Supplemental Food Program, federal nutrition program
- ♦ **DOH:** Department of Health
- ♦ **EFAP:** Emergency Food Assistance Program, state funding for food banks and tribal food voucher programs
- ♦ **EFN:** Emergency Food Network, Pierce County food distribution center
- ♦ **FEMA:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, federal agency
- ♦ **FLL:** Food Lifeline, Western WA food distribution center, Feeding America member
- ♦ **FRAC:** Food Research & Action Center, national anti-hunger non-profit
- ♦ **MPC:** Meals Partnership Coalition, Seattle-based coalition of meal programs
- ♦ **OFB:** Oregon Food Bank, Portland-based food distribution center, Feeding America member
- ♦ **NWH:** Northwest Harvest, statewide hunger relief organization
- ♦ **SFC:** Seattle Food Committee, Seattle coalition of food banks
- ♦ **TEFAP:** The Emergency Food Assistance Program, federal commodities program
- ♦ **VOA:** Volunteers of America, national non-profit with local members
- ♦ **WIC:** Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, federal nutrition program
- ♦ **WFC:** Washington Food Coalition, statewide coalition of emergency food providers
- ♦ **WRAHC:** Western Region Anti-Hunger Consortium, regional anti-hunger consortium
- ♦ **WSDA FAP:** Washington State Department of Agriculture Food Assistance Programs
- ♦ **WSFNC:** Washington State Food & Nutrition Coalition, statewide coalition

Glossary

Commodities: foods provided by the United States government at no charge to qualifying citizens.

Distribution center: an agency that collects, warehouses, and distributes food to emergency food programs and other charities on a regional, county, or statewide basis.

Emergency food: food that is given to individuals who do not have the means to acquire that food themselves, typically from either a food bank or meal program.

Emergency food provider: an individual who works or volunteers at a food bank, food pantry, meal program, or distribution center. EFAP Lead agency: A Contractor that may subcontract with one or more local food banks to provide emergency food assistance to individuals, and with distribution centers to provide emergency food to food banks.

Food bank: An emergency food assistance program that distributes unprepared food without charge to its customers, is open a fixed number of hours and days each week or month, and such hours and days are publicly posted.

Food pantry: In Washington, this term is synonymous with “food bank.”

Gleaning: the practice of gathering the extra crops that are left in the fields after a harvest. Food Rescue refers to the collection of perishable or prepared foods from wholesale and/or retail sources, such as supermarkets and restaurants. These two methods of collection put food to use that would otherwise be wasted. (WHY Hunger).

Meal program: those programs which serve meals to the general public at no charge as a means of ensuring that they are not hungry.

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