

Community Partnership Newsletter

CCFB Handbook Available



We're thrilled to announce that our updated handbook is now available! Packed with useful information and essential resources. You can download it instantly and print it for quick reference anytime, anywhere.

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UPCOMING FOOD PROVIDER MEETING

Where: Chester County Council, Boy Scouts of America
1 Scouting Way
Exton, PA 19341

When: Wednesday, April 1, 2026
9:45 AM Check-In
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Meeting

SNAP Benefit Adjustments Active Now

Recent federal rule changes are affecting many SNAP recipients. Adults ages 18–64 must work, participate in training, volunteer, or attend school for at least 80 hours per month to continue receiving SNAP benefits. Those who do not meet this requirement may lose benefits after three months.

These changes may impact our work, as clients who lose SNAP benefits may turn to your pantries more frequently or may have questions about eligibility and requirements.

These rules do not affect individuals who are pregnant, disabled, over age 65, or caring for children under 14, as they are generally exempt.

Education & Wellness



Eat healthy, live long, live strong!



National Nutrition Month

National Nutrition Month is a reminder that nutrition looks different for every household. Culturally familiar foods, flexible options, and clear, judgment-free information all play a role in helping neighbors feel supported and respected. Even small steps like sharing simple meal ideas, spotlighting shelf-stable staples, or partnering with our nutrition educators can make a meaningful impact.

Partner Spotlight



Our partner, Octorara Area Food Cupboard (O AFC), has expanded its operations over the years to better serve the Parkesburg community and now provides food to more than 400 people. Through our partnership, we have supplied milk, eggs, fresh produce, and frozen protein, helping O AFC reach a growing number of neighbors in need. We recently supported the expansion of their outdoor walk-in cold storage, increasing their capacity to store frozen protein. Together, O AFC continues to serve as a central hub for many neighbors living in this rural area.

The Chester County Food Bank (CCFB) has proudly supported their impact in the community by distributing 169,788 pounds of food to help neighbors facing food insecurity in 2025. Together, we are stronger and making a difference in tackling food insecurity across Chester County.

CCFB Opportunity

Capacity Building Grant Application

Apply Today!

Your organization is eligible to apply for our Capacity Building Grant, designed to support improvements to your food operations. This funding can be used for cold storage, pantry equipment, or construction projects that increase your ability to distribute real, healthy food to the community.

Application

DEADLINE:
March 31

Submit the grant application and signed agreement to Laura Bender via email: lbender@chestercountyfoodbank.org

SERVSafe Food Banking

Register Now!

Thursday, April 30, 2026, 9 AM-12 Noon

ServSafe

Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 1 PM-4 PM

Compliance Corner

Staying in compliance helps everything run smoothly, so we've put together this quick and easy checklist to help:

- Completed and filed self-declaration of need forms
- No food stored on the floor or directly against walls
- Thermometers in each unit with an up-to-date temperature log
- Only Retail Rescue items sanctioned by CCFB can be stored in freezers or refrigerators purchased by CCFB, so long as it is kept on separate shelves from TEFAP and SFPP
- "Justice for All" poster displayed
- TEFAP/SSFP signage properly posted
- Readily-available USDA Program Discrimination Complaint forms

Taking a few minutes to review this list can make a big difference. If you have any questions or need clarification, don't hesitate to reach out as we're happy to help!

Resource Hub



Looking for temperature logs, food shelf guidelines, self-declaration forms, and more?

Visit our new [Resource Website Page](#) to access helpful tools and documents.

Can't find what you need? Feel free to email us at agency-support@chestercountyfoodbank.org

Job Board

Interesting in supporting our mission?

[Join our Team](#)

[Volunteer](#)

Contact Update

Help Us Keep Your Information Current

To ensure accuracy, please review your organization information on the [Food Finder](#). If any details are outdated, email us at agency-support@chestercountyfoodbank.org and we'll update your information accordingly.



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