State Performance Measure #2: Healthy Food Access- Percent children living in households that were food insecure at some point during the year

Priority: Improve access to healthcare and healthful foods among children, adolescents, and pregnant women

Population Domain: Cross-Cutting/Systems Building

Objective: Increase access to healthy and affordable food programs for all DC residents.

Strategies:
- Increase access to healthy food at DC public schools.
- Improve the sharing of information and collaboration between DC Health and its partners to get more people involved in food programs.
- Work together with the DC community, including public and private organizations, to offer food that is both affordable and healthy.

Activities:
- DC Title V teams up with different programs that provide food access to address the problem of food insecurity and hunger in the District. These include state-funded, community-focused programs including Joyful Food Markets, Healthy Corners, Produce Plus, and federal programs such as Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.
- Title V staff participate in various committees, both internal and external, that deal with issues related to the health of pregnant and postpartum people in the District. These committees consist of professionals with different perspectives, knowledge, and experiences. By taking part in these committees, DC Title V staff hear directly from the community about their needs and adjust their programs accordingly. Title V maintains partnerships focusing on food policy, preventing birth defects and premature birth, promoting healthy communities, and supporting early childhood development.

For more information on Washington, DC’s State Performance Measure (SPM # 2), go to the following link and select “Washington, DC” on the map: https://mchb.tvisdata.hrsa.gov/PrioritiesAndMeasures/ListOfStatePerformanceMeasures