



Washington, DC

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

Priority: Improve access to healthcare and healthful foods among children

Population Domain: Cross-Cutting/Systems Building



OBJECTIVE

Reducing the percent of children living in households that were food insecure at some point during the year from 7.5% to 4.2% by 2026



STRATEGIES

- Funded **Family Support Workers** who provide short-term case management and connect families to local resources.
- Evaluated the **Help Me Grow** program, a telephone-based resource hub for expectant mothers and families with young children.
- Established a data-sharing agreement between **DC Health** and the **DC Department of Human Services** to exchange TANF and WIC client-level data.
- Participated in the **DC SNAP-ed** program, which hosts monthly school-based pop-up markets offering families free produce and pantry staples.



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 women 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.