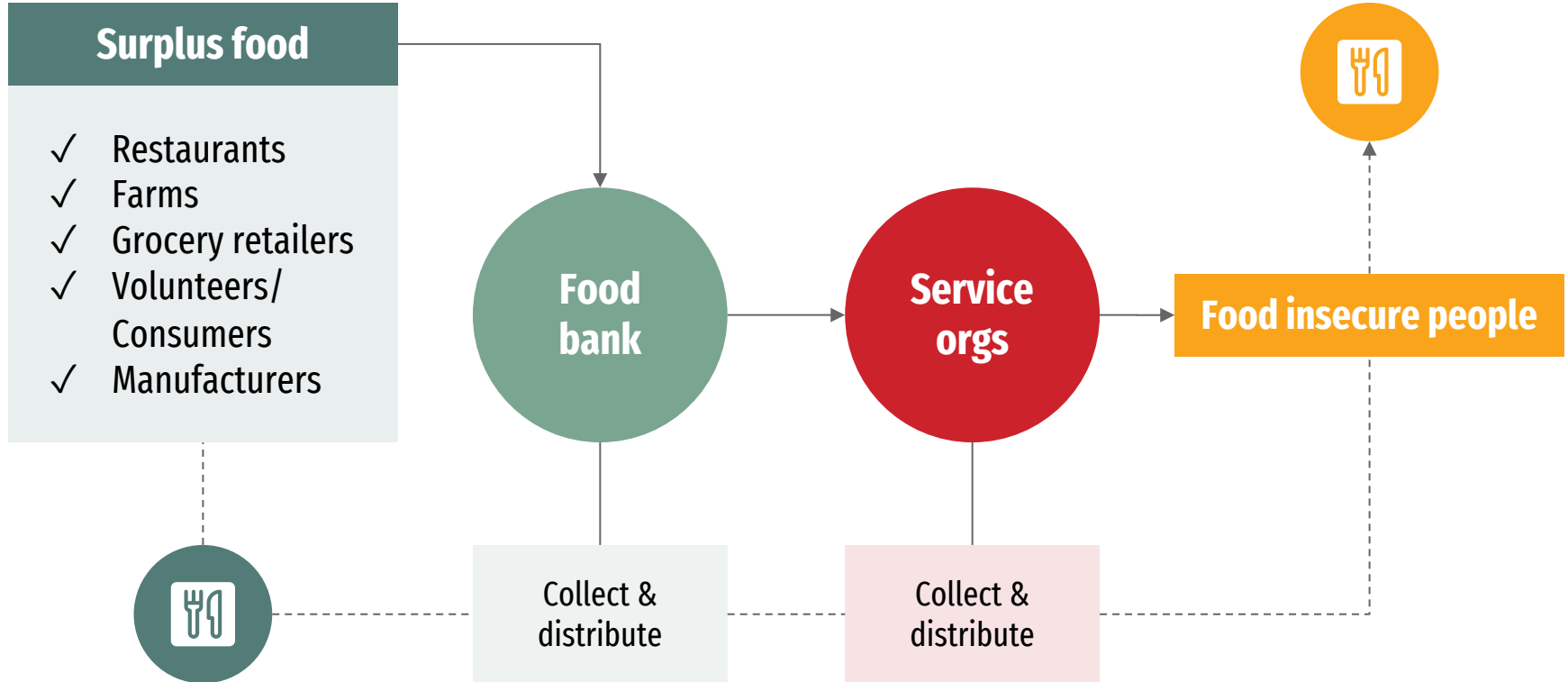




Food and Resource Accessibility

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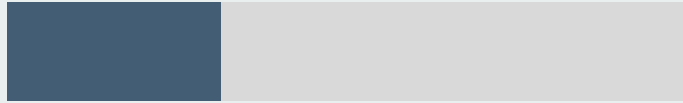
General Community Food System Outline



Pennsylvania's Food Accessibility Partnerships



Crawford County Food Inaccessibility Data



26.1%

Meadville residents live in poverty



12.3%

Food Insecure Residents

10,690 CC residents experience food Inaccessibility



6.65%

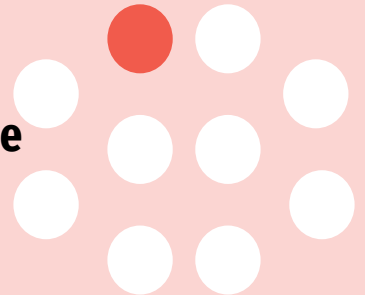
Receive SNAP Benefits

5,635 CC residents receive SNAP, leaving a major need and resource gap.

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Bags of Food Assistance

Comes from a charitable organization. Federal nutrition programs provide the rest.



**The Big Question;
How do we solve hunger?**

Second Harvest Food Bank of North West Pennsylvania

Produce Express

The Produce Express program delivers a truckload of food for up to 200 struggling families in need where traditional food pantries are not available.

Military Share

Program designed to provide fresh, nutritious foods for families with at least one member who has served in the armed forces.

Milk Initiative

As a member of Feeding Pennsylvania, Second Harvest has partnered with agricultural partners and business leaders to make milk accessible to the hungry.

Backpack Program

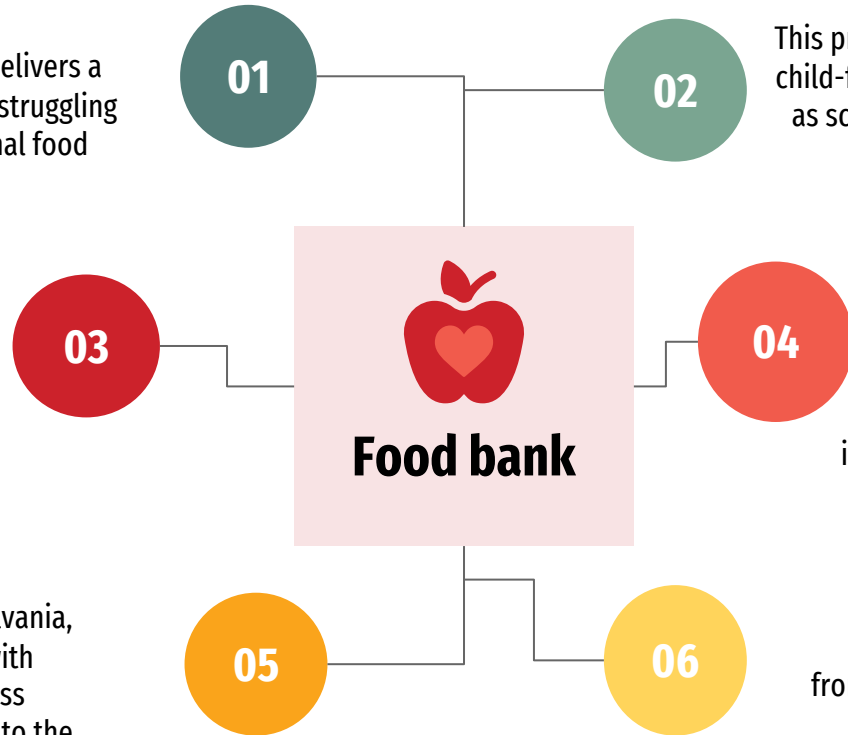
This program provides children with nutritious, child-friendly food when other resources, such as school lunches and after-school meals or snacks, are not available.

School Pantry Program

The Second Harvest School Pantry Program was launched with the goal of providing nutritious food and other necessities to children and their families in convenient, familiar and safe locations.

Senior Box Program

To help alleviate the stress of not knowing where a next meal may come from, the U.S.D.A. provides food items for distribution to low-income seniors through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program or CSFP.



Most Requested Items at Second Harvest

Canned Foods

Canned fruits, vegetables, soup, meat and beans.

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Pasta and Sauce

Canned tomato, meat and alfredo sauce; spaghetti, elbow, and penne pasta; mac and cheese

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Nut butter, peanut butter, jelly, packaged nuts

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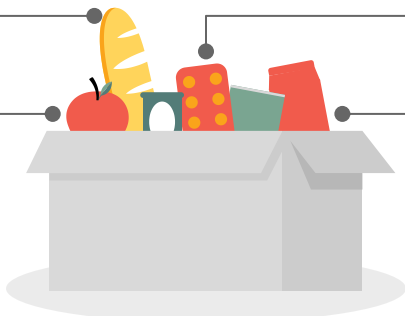
Grains

Cereal, oatmeal, rice, cake mix, cornbread mix, Bisquick

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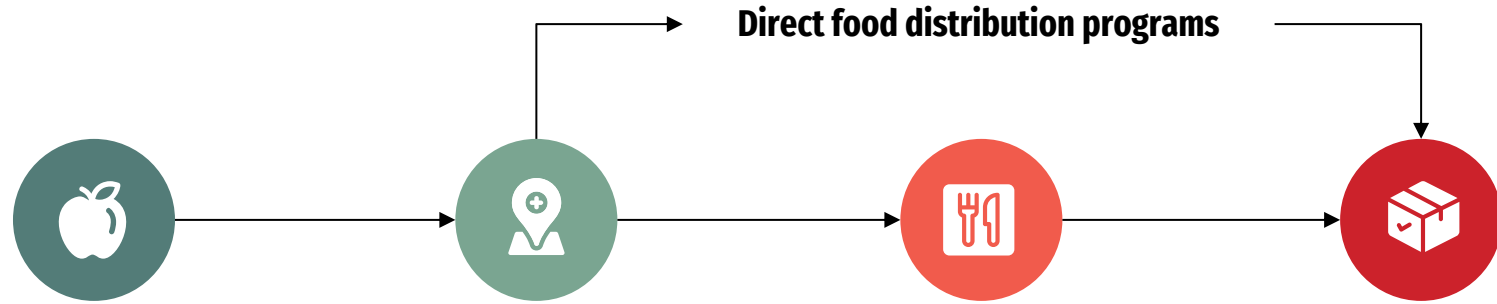
Toiletries

dish soap, cleaning products, paper towels, toilet paper, tissue, laundry soap, shampoo, body wash



**How can Allegheny address food
Insecurity?**

Allegheny Food Security Support Plan



Parkhurst's Excess Food

- Parkhurst throws away/wastes significant amounts of food daily.
- This excess amount of food could be donated as it has been in previous years,

Second Harvest Food Bank

- SHFB is the largest non-profit food distribution organization in northwest PA.
- SHFB solicits, receives, inventories, stores and distributes millions of grocery products each year.

Meadville Community Food Kitchen

- The soup kitchen relies on donations of food and money to serve community members.

Meadville Residents

- Many Meadville residents rely on food distribution programs.
- Because of this, donating excess food from Parkhurst to present a new and reliable fresh food resource.

Questions/Thoughts

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