

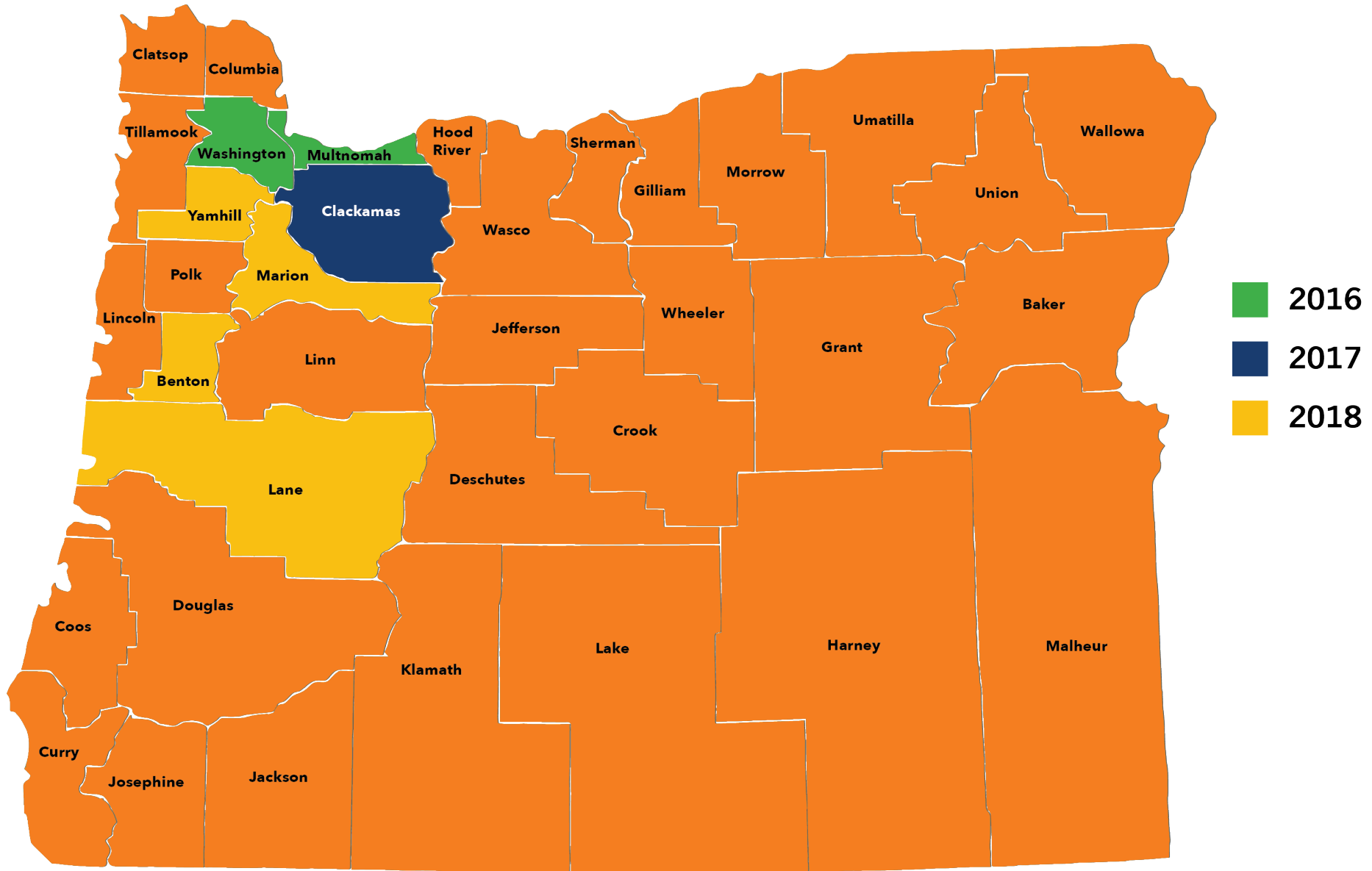
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# Time Limits by Year



# Collaboration with Oregon DHS

## Policy Interpretation and Implementation

- Informal workgroup to understand, interpret and apply policy in Oregon

## Client Experience

- Review and edit DHS notices mailed to those considered ABAWDs
- Understand process and timeline for DHS communications, contractor providing work requirements services, and reporting requirements expectations

## Raising Awareness

- Co-host community meetings and presentations for community-based organizations
- Develop shared messaging, communications, and outreach materials

# Outreach Strategies

## Key Community Partners

- Identify key community partners to be involved early
- 211info, food bank networks, organizations serving those experiencing homelessness (shelters, meal sites), DV, youth, and housing organizations, local government social service divisions

## Communications

- Blog, social media (Facebook groups), website (screening quiz), outreach materials
- Street newspapers, community radio, and social service newsletters

## Community Meetings

- Bring together key community partners when notices are first mailed – policy and outreach strategies
- Host another round of community meetings/presentations January-March – Deadline is fast approaching and top outreach messages

# Top Outreach Messages

**New time limits may affect you. Connect with Department of Human Services to learn more.**

- Connect with DHS to learn if the time limits affect you

**Report exemptions**

- Connect with DHS to report if you meet an exemption

**You can still fix things in April**

- If you do nothing your benefits may be affected at the beginning of April, but you can still restore benefits by connecting with DHS to report an exemption or to meet work requirements (counting months can be removed)



# New SNAP Time Limits

## UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS



### 3 MONTHS IN 3 YEARS

This is the amount of time individuals may access SNAP benefits - *unless* the person meets an exemption or complies with certain work requirements.

### THE CLOCK IS TICKING

Time limits started in 2016 and 2017 for Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties which means many "able-bodied adults without dependents" (ABAWDs) could be *without SNAP benefits until 2019*.

## WHO IS AFFECTED?

Anyone who can answer "yes" to all of the following questions:

- Currently receiving SNAP benefits?**
- Live in Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Marion, Multnomah, Washington or Yamhill Counties?**
- Between the ages of 18 and 50?**
- Do NOT have a child under the age of 18 living with you?**





## Call now to protect your benefits!

**503-731-4777 (Clackamas), 971-673-2422 or 971-673-2333 (Multnomah), or 503-693-4769 (Washington County)**

last updated: 12/2017

## HOW CAN I KEEP MY BENEFITS?

Individuals can stay eligible for SNAP by doing **work-related activities for 20 hours a week**, or an average of 80 hours a month. Activities include:

-  **Work for pay**
-  **Work in exchange for goods or services**
-  **Work as an unpaid volunteer**
-  **Participate in an approved training program**

## ARE THERE EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. **But you must call DHS to verify.** If you qualify for *one* of the exemptions\* below you do not have to do the work-related activities to keep getting food assistance.

- Physical or mental health limits your ability to work
- Pregnant
- Receiving unemployment
- In an alcohol or drug treatment program
- A student (at least half-time)
- Taking care of a disabled person that limits your ability to work

\* There are additional exemptions. Please call the numbers below for more information.



# Attention SNAP participants! Rules are different.

FIND OUT WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU.

## 4 important questions for SNAP participants:

1. Are you able to work?
2. Are you between 18 and 50 years old?
3. Is everyone on your SNAP case at least 18 years old?
4. Do you live in Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Marion, Multnomah, Washington or Yamhill County?

If you answered **YES** to all these questions, you may have to follow new rules to keep your monthly SNAP benefits.

Call your DHS worker right away and ask how the Able-bodied Adults without Dependents requirements affect you.

- If you live in **Benton County**, call **541-757-5082**.
- If you live in **Lane County**, call the local office (Cottage Grove **541-942-9186**; Florence **541-997-8251**; McKenzie Center **541-686-7878**; Springfield **541-726-3525**; West Eugene **541-686-7722**).
- If you live in **Marion or Yamhill County**, call **503-373-7512**.

New rules  
mean some  
have a time  
limit for  
getting food  
benefits.



# Community Meeting Agenda

## **Co-host with DHS, statewide and local outreach partners, and key community partners**

- Invite community organizations that are trusted by those affected by the time limits

## **Goal of shared understanding of policy basics, exemptions, and outreach messages**

- Leave plenty of time for questions (related to rules/SNAP eligibility)
- Emphasize why help is needed from community based organizations (they are trusted by a vulnerable and hard to reach population)



**SNAP ABAWD Policy in Marion County**  
 February 21, 2018, 10am-11:30am at Marion Polk Food Share

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>Welcome</b> - Purpose of the meeting	5 minutes	Ian Dixon-McDonald, Marion Polk Food Share Chloe Eberhardt, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
<b>Introductions</b> - Name and organization	10 minutes	All
<b>Policy Overview and Update</b> – Shared Understanding of policy basics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requirements of the new rules                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Impacted population</li> <li>o Work requirements</li> <li>o Time limits</li> <li>o Timeline of implementation</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Exemptions                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Explaining what exemptions exists and how to meet them</li> <li>o How to report an exemption</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Connecting with DHS                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o DHS Notifications</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	30 minutes	Candi Quintall, Anne Hilgers, and David Amador, Oregon Department of Human Services
<b>How to Meet Work Requirements-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overall process</li> <li>- Connecting with Oregon Employment Department</li> <li>- Workfare</li> </ul>	10 minutes	Candi Quintall, Anne Hilgers, and David Amador, DHS Ian Dixon-McDonald, MPFS
<b>Outreach Strategies and Resources</b> - Important information to communicate with SNAP participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Top messages                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Connect with DHS</li> <li>o Report exemptions                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Helping clients to navigate and report exemptions</li> </ul> </li> <li>o If do nothing benefits will be impacted in April, but can still fix the situation (remove counting months by reporting exemptions or work and/or participating in training programs)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Outreach materials and strategies                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What works well in your settings?</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Q &amp; A</li> </ul>	25 minutes	Chloe Eberhardt, PHFO Ian Dixon-McDonald, MPFS
<b>Additional Questions and Wrap Up</b>	10 minutes	All

# Questions?

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