



Tri-City Volunteers

A Helping & Loving Hand For Those In Need.

Food Stamp Signup at TCV

With the economy turning sour these days, hunger will become of greater concern to our families in the Tri-City area. Did you know that many more families might qualify for food stamps than they might realize?

Tri City Volunteers has partnered with the Alameda County Community Food Bank in an effort to connect more families in need with the Food Stamp Program. Clients and those in need of food assistance can come to TCV to enroll for food stamps. The Food Bank outreach team will offer help with food stamp application on site in Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese.

"Many families are not aware that they could receive food stamps," said Yari Gonzalez, outreach associate for the Food Bank. "For example, a family of four could be eligible for up to \$542 monthly in food stamp benefits.



Key points on qualifying for food stamps:

- People who are working, unemployed or receiving social security benefits such as SSA and SSDI may be eligible for food stamps if their income is under the gross monthly income limits.
- You can own a home and/or a car and still be eligible for food stamps. If you own property other than the one you are living in, it may affect your eligibility. People can receive emergency food stamps if they earn less than \$150 a month and have less than \$100 in resources.
- At least one person in your household can be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident to apply for the Food Stamp Program.
- Recipients of SSI/SSP (Supplemental Security Income) are NOT eligible for food stamps because benefit amount already includes a provision for food. However, other members of the household who do not receive SSI/SSP may be eligible to receive food stamps.

Upcoming food stamp enrollment clinics at TCV will be held on March 21 (8:30am-12:00pm), April 8 (8:30am-12:00pm), May 22m (12:00pm-4:00pm) and Food Bank staff will help anyone in our area enroll for the Food Stamp Program. For more information please contact TCV at the phone number below.