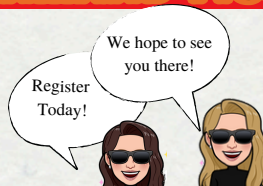




AGENCY NEWSLETTER

July 2024

THE EVENTS EDITION...AND MORE



When registering, you can select the breakout sessions you wish to join. Keep in mind that each session has limited space available, so ensure your spot in your desired sessions by registering early!

Topics that will be presented include:

- **Advocacy:** Activating your supporters and what is effective advocacy. Discuss why legislation like the Farm Bill affects Food Assistance programs such as TEFAP/CSFP, SNAP, and how YOU can make a difference.
- **Fundraising:** Explore the most successful methods for fundraising. This workshop covers various aspects such as emerging trends in donations, setting up yearly campaigns, proven techniques for engaging long-term individual and corporate donors, organizing special events, a board's involvement in fundraising, and developing a fundraising plan.
- **Healthy Food Access:** Agency Partners will gain a deeper insight into how they can enhance support for the community through nutrition education. They will learn to aid visitors with dietary requirements by utilizing nutritional labels to identify healthy food choices. Furthermore, participants will acquire skills to evaluate their pantry effectively to become a reliable source for healthy food in their local area.
- **School Pantry:** Explore the advantages of our new School Pantries and how our Agency Partners can contribute to their support. Join us for a conversation on the challenges, benefits, and a comparison of Pantry versus Back Pack programs. Hear about the difference an onsite pantry has made in the lives of the families' from one of our School Pantry Directors!
- **SNAP:** Connect with State representatives and learn how to aid local community members sign up for SNAP benefits and receive additional support.

We are thrilled for the return of the Hunger Summit this year!

This Agency Partner conference allows us to come together to collaborate, and enhance our efforts in combating hunger in North Alabama.

Participants will get to engage in breakout sessions & hands on education led by speakers, Food Bank Representatives, and fellow Agency Partners.

As we honor the 40 years we have served North Alabama and plan for the future, hear from leaders such as Dick Hiatt, – who led the Food Bank for 28 years and inspired us with an exciting and pragmatic sense of what is possible, as well!

\$10 Registration Fee also includes:

- Lunch from Dallas Mill Deli
- Coffee from Gold Sprint Coffee
- Event T-Shirts from Elite Embroidery and Screen printing**

In order to adequately prepare, guests are required to register for this event.

- **Starve the Stigma:** Explore ways to enhance support for our community by recognizing and addressing our personal biases as well as those within our community in the battle against food insecurity and hunger. Gain insights on what motivates or deters neighbors from seeking help and how we can create a welcoming atmosphere that empowers as well as provides.
- **Technical Help:** Hands on guidance and walkthroughs on using tools essential for our Agency Partners, including Google Docs, Forms, Email, Canva, and more.
- **USDA 101:** Discover the benefits of enrolling in the USDA program and what support your Agency Relations team has to offer new and existing participants. Listen to success stories from fellow participants who have effectively managed the additional requirements. Learn how simple it is to handle the necessary forms and reports!
- **Volunteers:** Creating a thriving volunteer program involves the entire process from recruitment to retention, and utilizing digital resources and social media can make this task easier! Join our Volunteer Manager as she discusses ways you can build a strong team of reliable and enthusiastic volunteers.

Registration Fees will be invoiced directly to each Agency, who will be in charge of collecting fees from participants.

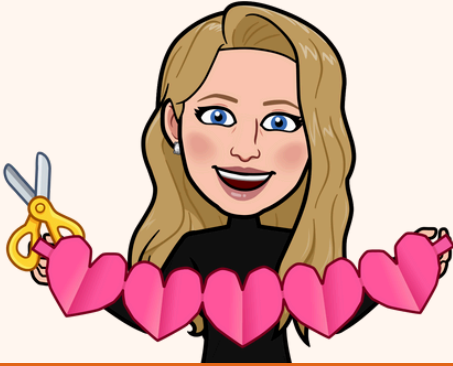
Registration will close on Wednesday, September 4.

**To receive a T-Shirt, guests must register by August 23, 2024!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY!

HUNGER SUMMIT 2024
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Please click on [THIS LINK](#) to RSVP, enabling our Development Team to organize space and refreshments accordingly.

We invite our Agency Partners to join us as we officially celebrate our new location and the additional opportunities this brings for us to contribute to our communities.



ELECTRONIC INVOICES

If you're swimming in invoices, a fan of digital over paper, or just love having a backup plan, this update is your cup of tea!

Last week, we initiated the electronic distribution of invoices! Invoices are now automatically sent once your procurement is logged in our system. **Agencies have the ability to use these electronic copies or stick with the traditional paper copies** provided at our Warehouse during pickup – paper copies will still be available!

Another perk of this electronic delivery is that Agencies will now be able to share their folder of invoices via email for Agency Relations to review before a scheduled site visit- if they choose. This option aims to streamline the paperwork process, allowing more time for meaningful conversations during site visits. The easiest way to do this would be to set up a folder in a Google Drive where you are able to download the PDF as you receive them. If you are unsure how to do this, please let us know and we would be happy to demonstrate at your next pick-up or site visit!

****If you do not receive an invoice via email after your next pick up, or receive one mistakenly, please email Kelly at agencyservices@fbofna.org to check the accuracy of the email we have on file for you!**



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Milk... It's never a M00000t point



We are closing in on the end of this fiscal year, which means our team is making plans and budgets for the upcoming year! Each year, we get a limited amount of funds to use to purchase items outside of what is received through regular donations. These are not VAP products, but rather goods we are able to offer at our standard SMF rate.

Our agencies know their neighbors best, and our procurement team wants **YOUR** input on what to purchase.

This month we are focusing on one item in particular, **MILK**.

Milk is one of those foods that is tough. Due to it's short shelf life, need to be refrigerated, and other factors, it's challenging to distribute safely and effectively.

One alternative is shelf-stable varieties. If you are not familiar with this option, it's actually quite common! Popular brands you will find in stores include Fairlife, Stonyfield, and Horizon Organic.

What exactly is shelf-stable milk?

Heating milk to help eliminate bacteria is called pasteurization. In Alabama, federal law prohibits the sale of unpasteurized milk. What makes shelf-stable milk different is that companies use UHT, or Ultra High Temperature, pasteurization. This process heats milk to a very high temperature for a few seconds, which destroys bacteria for a longer shelf life.

So shelf-stable milk, is still just milk!

Please click here and help our team out by answering this 1 question poll on your interest in shelf-stable milk!

Did you remember to submit your monthly demographic report?



Submit reports using the link available
on the Agency Zone or

CLICK HERE!

It's never too late to catch up!

**Thank you to all of our Agencies who went
back and submitted for month's they missed
previously! These numbers help us**

tremendously!!

Not sure if we have all of your reports?
Email us and we can check for you!