



**FOOD BANK**  
*of* **ALASKA**

***Serving Alaskans Across the State***

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**41K**

miles driven to  
deliver food across  
Southcentral Alaska

**859**

volunteers contributed their time

**12.5K**

hours of service  
equal to 7 full-time staff

**10.1**

million pounds of food  
distributed

**8.2**

million meals provided

**150**

partner agencies  
including 185 rural  
communities

**14.5%**

of Alaskans face food  
insecurity. That's about  
106,000 people



**1 in 7** individuals and **1 in 5**  
children across Alaska were  
food insecure

## Programs

- Summer Food Service Program
  - Meals To You
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- Food Rescue & Mobile Food Pantries (MFP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP Outreach)
- Food Is Medicine



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# MEALS TO YOU



**2024: 10 school districts, 5,300 kids**

**2025: 31 school districts, 9,238**



**71% Increase in  
Children's Meals  
Served Statewide**  
from 619,312 in 2024  
to 1,058,400 in 2025



**31 Rural School  
Districts Served**  
Reaching 9,238 Students



**53% Increase in  
SNAP Outreach  
Households Assisted**

from 2,123 in 2024  
to 3,242 in 2025



**178% Increase in  
Meals Unlocked  
Through SNAP**

from 551,980 in 2024  
to 1,535,101 in 2025



- **Total SNAP redemption outside of Anchorage and Mat-Su: 63% (September 2025, DPA)**
- **SNAP for Subsistence**

(TEFAP) – Our rural lifeline

# The Emergency Food Assistance Program





# Disaster Preparedness & Response

# Why Food is Medicine Matters for Alaska

**1 in 7**

(14.5%)

**Food Insecure**

**33%**

**High Blood Pressure**

**30%**

**High Cholesterol**

\*Increases chronic disease risk.

Sources: [Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap](#)

[Alaska Department of Health, Chronic Disease Data Facts: 2025 Brief Report](#)



# Produce Incentive and Food Is Medicine Resource & Coordinating Agency

**Facilitate statewide collaboration** among health organizations, farmers, food access programs, and policymakers to expand the reach and effectiveness of produce incentives and Food is Medicine (FIM) initiatives.

Provide **technical assistance, training, and program resources** to support partners in implementing and scaling produce voucher and prescription programs.

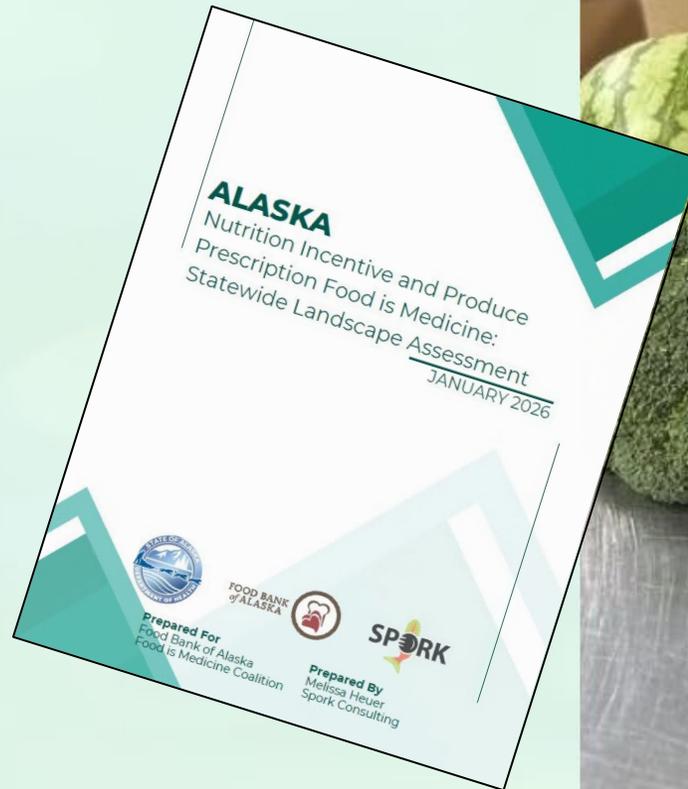
Conduct and maintain a **landscape assessment** to identify program gaps, funding sources, best practices, and data collection methods that enhance program efficiency.

Develop **two 5-year strategic plans** that align produce incentive and FIM programs with Alaska's broader food security and health initiatives. Includes pilots such as **Produce Box distributions**.

Ensure sustainability and long-term impact through **Medicaid reimbursement strategies, policy recommendations, and coalition-building efforts**.

# Since May 2025...

- Launched Alaska Food Is Medicine Coalition (AK FIMC)
- Published the *Nutrition Incentive and Produce Prescription Food is Medicine: Statewide Landscape Assessment*
- 5-months of Growing Hope produce box pilot
  - Stay for the next session!
- Planning for the next 9-years



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