

Community Partner SNAP Assistance Program Overview

The Community Partner SNAP Assistance Program, administered by the Department for Community Based Services, provides select Community Partners in Kentucky with the ability to **initiate Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applications for Residents through kynect benefits**. The goal of the SNAP Assistance Program is to improve the service delivery of SNAP and increase access to vulnerable populations.

What do SNAP kynectors do?

- ✓ **Complete trainings** covering systems, policy, and program structure in order to successfully initiate SNAP applications
- ✓ **Understand basic SNAP policy** to complete applications and explain information to Kentucky Residents
- ✓ Assist Kentuckians in **initiating SNAP applications** in kynect benefits
- ✓ **Provide guidance** navigating the application process
- ✓ **Review verification documents** and upload them for processing by DCBS
- ✓ Distribute **communications and messaging** to support program awareness

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a kynector?

kynectors are trained citizens that work through an approved organization and aid individuals applying for benefits.

How are kynectors different than authorized representatives?

kynectors are trained to assist anyone applying for benefits and use their access to the benefits portal to submit applications for assistance.

Authorized representatives do not receive training and are close enough to applicants to know their situation well. They act on behalf of the applicant and assume liability if there's suspicion of fraud in any of the actions they take.

Can kynectors be authorized representatives?

No. kynectors cannot be Authorized Representatives and have access to the benefits portal.



How do I start?

If you want to be an approved organization for the SNAP Assistance Program, email famsupportkynectors@ky.gov

