#### Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)

# **Highlighting Success in Oregon**

#### PROGRAM IMPACTS • FY2023 • 10.1.22-9.30.23



\$618,745 federal appropriation received

gounties served—Benton, Clackamas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Linn, Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill

**14** community educators—(6.5 FTE)

**983** youth participants—512 (89% completed the program after a series of 6 or more classes in school classrooms or after-school programs)

**112** adult participants—71 (63% completed the program after participating in a series of 6 or more classes. All adult participants are parents or caregivers of children)

### **EFNEP Helps Families Make Positive Behavior Changes**

#### **Adults**

#### **Diet Quality**

Eat fruit more often each day

64%

Eat vegetables more often each day

58%

Drink regular soda less often

40%

#### **Physical Activity**

Exercise for at least 30 minutes more days a week

62%

Strengthen muscles more days a week

35%

Make small changes to be more active

73%

#### **Food Security**

Didn't run out of food

64%

Don't have to cut size of their meals or skip meals

67%

#### Youth

Increased knowledge/ability to choose healthy foods

95%

Increased knowledge/ability to prepare low-cost, nutritious foods

46%

#### **Food Safety**

Wash their hands more often before preparing food

41%

Clean items/surfaces more often after contact with raw meat or seafood

40%

Thaw frozen food at room temperature less often

72%

Use a meat thermometer more often

62%

#### **Food Resource Management**

Cook dinner at home more times a week

47%

Compare food prices more often

63%

Plan meals before shopping more often

74%

Make a list before shopping more often

62%

Improved food safety knowledge/practices

63%

Improved physical activity knowledge/practices

70%

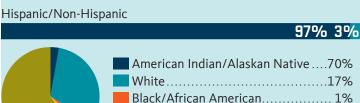


### **Oregon EFNEP Reaches Diverse Audiences**

## Sex and Race/Ethnic Characteristics of Adult Participants

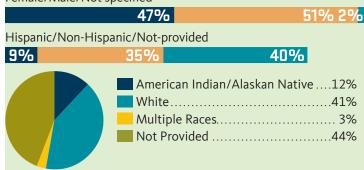
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92% 6% 2%

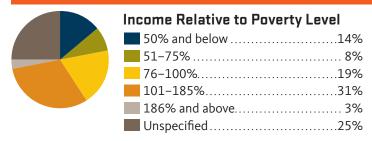


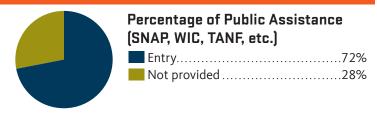
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Female/Male/Not specified



## Oregon EFNEP Reaches Low-Income Families Who are Living At or Below the Poverty Level





### EFNEP Participants Improve Their Healthy Eating Index Score (HEI)

HEI Change: +3.6 (Entry=55.4; Exit=59.1)

The Healthy Eating Index (HEI) is a measure of diet quality used to assess how well a set of foods aligns with key recommendations of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The scores range from 0 to 100.

#### **EFNEP Helps Families Choose Healthier Foods**

95% of adults who completed the program had at least one positive change in diet quality (intake was closer to MyPlate recommendations for grains, vegetables, fruits, and protein foods).

#### **Success Stories from the Field**

Before taking the EFNEP series, I did not know how to determine whether a loaf of bread was actually made with whole grains or not. The grain class taught me how to do that and now I read the list of ingredients to check whether the bread I'm choosing is in fact whole grain before purchasing.

The EFNEP nutrition & cooking class helped me use the things I had at home, creating a variety of healthy meals by adding fruits and vegetables to our diet in portions according to our age. Now I'm trying a variety of recipes and have become aware of the importance of daily exercise.

**Benton County** 

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