



MISSOURI'S PICTURE

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Reminder: USDA GOAL

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- SNAP Direct Certification (DC) rate at or above 95%
 - First year of benchmark was SY 2013-2104



What is DC with SNAP?

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- Children living in households receiving assistance under the Special Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Must be directly certified to receive free meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or School Breakfast Program (SBP)



Missouri Terminology

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- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is the national term for the Food Stamp Program
- TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) is the national term for Temporary Assistance



Missouri's progress

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- 2007-2008 - 63%
- 2008-2009 - 67%
- 2009-2010 - 66%
- 2010-2011 - 70%
- 2011-2012 - 72%
- 2012- 2013 - 80%
- 2013-2014 – 86%
- 2014-2015 – 89% (projected)



Working Together

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- Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)
- DESE, Office of Data System Management (ODSM)
- Department of Social Services (DSS), Family Support Division
- Information Technology Services Division- Office of Administration (ITSD-OA)
- Local Education Agencies (LEAs)
- United States Department of Agriculture – Food and Nutrition Service (USDA-FNS)



Direct Certification (DC) Grants

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- DC Planning Grant - \$70,189.00
 - January 26, 2011- September 30, 2011

- DC Implementation Grant - \$924,574.00
 - December 29, 2011 – November 30, 2014
 - One year extension – until November 30, 2015



DESE, FNS

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- Fiscal Year 2014 Performance Award for Substantial Improvement - \$284,412
 - 2013-2014 rate (86%) was higher than the previous two years (80% and 72%)



Missouri's Processes

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- DSS
 - List of SNAP school-aged participants

- DESE
 - Conducts match utilizing MOSIS
 - Zip code process available to conduct match at LEA level



DC-SNAP Rate

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$$\frac{\text{Numerator (DESE)}}{\text{Denominator (DSS)}} = \text{SNAP DC Rate Percentage}$$



DC-SNAP Rate

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$$\frac{\text{DC-SNAP participants in NSLP/SBP}}{\text{Children receiving SNAP benefits in Missouri}} = \text{SNAP DC Rate Percentage}$$



Missouri's DC-SNAP Rates

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□ 2013-2014

$$\frac{255,038}{298,109} = 86\%$$

□ 2014-2015

*estimated rate

$$\frac{252,134}{283,821} = 89\%$$



Numerator and Denominator

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- Numerator = SNAP participants reported by DESE
 - Verification Report
 - CEP number on a separate report
 - Special Circumstances
- Denominator = Unduplicated count of school-aged children (5-17) receiving SNAP benefits during the months of July, August, and September reported by DSS



Advantage

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- Numerator (file provided by DSS to DESE)
 - 0-21 years of age
- Denominator (DSS number reported to USDA)
 - 5-17 years of age



MOSIS: Matching Probabilities

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- Match – above 93%
- Near Match – 88% to 93%
- No Match – less than 88%



Data Matching Issues

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- Names
 - Hyphens
 - Suffixes (ex. Jr.)
 - Spelling
 - Middle initial
 - Common name
- Birthdates



Missouri's Progress

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- 2013-2014 – 86%
 - MOSIS
 - MOSIS – SNAP trumping
 - DSS – change in calculation
- 2014-2015 – 89%
 - MOSIS-near match file
 - Updated Zip Code process
 - Verification Report webinar
 - Reporting of special circumstances (home schooled, drop outs, non-public schools)
 - On-site school visits



Continuing with Progress

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- 2015-2016 – Plans
 - DATA Conference !!!
 - Additional DC files –weekly
 - Edits in Verification Report
 - Verbiage changes on Verification Report
 - Voluntary use of MOSIS-DC process for non-public LEAs



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We need your help to
reach the DC-SNAP rate of
95% or above!





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