

# Washington SNAP-Ed FFY 2019 Region 4 Annual SNAPshot

#### The SNAP-Ed Difference

SNAP-Ed programs teach people how to choose healthy food for themselves and their families while stretching their food dollars. In FFY 2019, Washington State SNAP-Ed conducted 165 direct education programs, reaching 2,727 youth and 481 adults.

SNAP-Ed conducted **54** Policy, Systems and Environment (PSE) activities in 2019, with **7** launched in the past year, all reaching over **129,000** individuals.



## **Youth Education Outcomes**

In 2019, SNAP-Ed direct education programs taught **2,727** young people in 108 schools, after school programs and youth organizations across Washington State.

#### **Attitude and Behavior Changes**

Percentages of students who reported an increase in behavior or more positive attitudes, or maintained highest frequency

50% Drank more water daily

43% Felt more positively about low sugar drinks

42% Had less daily screen time

27% Ate more whole grains daily

#### Kindergarten through 2nd Graders

Percentages of students with perfect scores on surveys after nutrition education



67% Knew their fruit



65% Knew types of physical activity





#### The Challenge

In 2018, 75% of Washington State 8<sup>th</sup>-graders drank sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) in the last week, while 17% bought SSBs at their school<sup>1</sup>

#### The SNAP-Ed Success

After completing SNAP-Ed, **26%** of middle schoolers drank fewer sugar-sweetened beverages every day, and **21%** didn't drink any SSBs

1. 2018 Healthy Youth Survey, www.askhys.net, accessed December 17, 2019

#### 3rd through 8th Graders

Percentages of students who increased or maintained highest frequency

35% Ate more vegetables



40% Ate more fruit



52% Did more physical activity

## **Adult Education Outcomes**

#### **Key Behavior Changes**

Percentages of participants who increased or maintained highest frequency

43% Ate more vegetables

36% Ate more fruit

59% Used nutrition labels more often

Nutrition Facts
Serving Par Calones from Fat 120

Calones 200 Calones from Fat 120



#### The Challenge

In 2017, only 68% of adults in Washington ate fruit at least once a day, and only 83% ate vegetables at least once a day

#### The SNAP-Ed Success

After SNAP-Ed classes, **95%** of participants were eating fruit once a day, and **99%** were eating vegetables once a day

2. CDC Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity: Data, Trends and Maps. Accessed 11/26/2019

# **Program and PSE Activities**

Decreased regular soda intake

# SNAP-Ed Works Everywhere in the Community

SNAP-Ed nutritional programs and PSE activities take place in a wide variety of locations throughout Washington State. Providing opportunities for education and PSE changes in diverse locations increases access for the people who most need it.

#### **Top Community Education Sites**

1 K-12 schools

63%

- 2 Public housing and individual homes
- 3 Health care clinics and hospitals
- 4 Food banks/pantries and assistance sites
- 5 Youth organizations

#### **Top PSE Activity Sites**

- 1 Food banks/pantries and assistance sites
- 2 Small food stores with 3 or less registers
- 3 K-12 schools
- 4 Farmers markets
- 5 Community organizations



#### From Our Local Agencies

The healthy options shelves at [a local corner store] have been... updated several times in an attempt to discover what resonates most with customers looking for a healthier option.

As I was leaving the store after restocking the Healthier Options area, a customer approached me and asked, "is that your work?" I said yes. He went on to tell me that he and his wife were trying to live a healthier lifestyle and moving towards a plant-based vegetarian diet. He motioned towards the Healthier Options area and told me that he could see the health on the shelves and he really appreciated how it was set up.



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