



More Working Families Can Now Get Food Stamps!

Starting October 1, 2008, the Food Stamp Program is getting better – especially for working families!

- **Savings don't matter any more.** If your income is low enough, you can get food stamps even if you have money in the bank or other property. The food stamp application will still ask about your assets, but the amount does not matter and you do not need to prove how much you have. (The question is still asked to see if you qualify for emergency food stamps.)
- **The food stamp program will now deduct all your child care costs** from your income. This means families with high child care costs can get more food stamps. Be sure to give the food stamp office proof of how much you pay for child care! (Until now, the food stamp office would only deduct a limited amount of child care costs.)

You may qualify for food stamps if your income is below the amount on this chart (starting October 2008). How much you could get in food stamps depends on your income, your household size, and your expenses (especially housing costs).

Household size	Monthly income limit (gross)	Maximum food stamp grant
1	\$1,127	\$176 per month
2	\$1,517	\$323 per month
3	\$1,907	\$463 per month
4	\$2,297	\$588 per month
5	\$2,687	\$698 per month

Food stamps help working families! You can apply on-line at www.compass.state.pa.us. Or for help applying, call one of these numbers:

Philadelphia: (215) 430-0556
 Allegheny County: (412) 431-8963
 Rest of the state: (800) 634-2033

