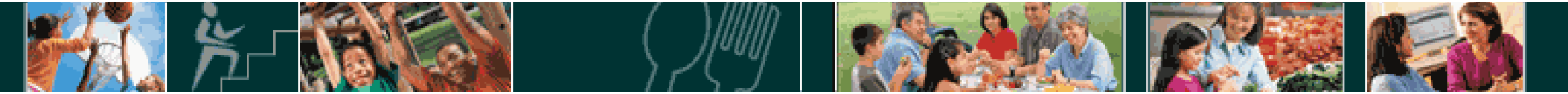


# USDA Food and Nutrition Service

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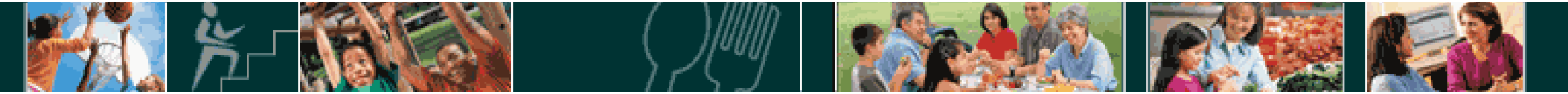




# FNS Nutrition Programs

- SNAP (formerly food stamps)
- School Nutrition Programs
- Special Milk Program
- Summer Food Service Program
- WIC (women, infants and children)
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Farm to School Program
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- Food Distribution of Indian Reservations
- USDA Foods in Schools
- Special Milk Program
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
- Farmers Market Nutrition Programs





# SNAP

## Nutrition Assistance Benefits in FY 21

- Reached an average of 41.56 million people nationwide
- Issued \$108.66 Billion nationally in FY 21 through Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Cards

## Reach and Issuance in DC/MD/VA in FY21

- \$504.8 million to an average of 173,000 DC residents
- \$2.85 billion to an average of 1.05 million MD residents
- \$2.9 Billion issued to an average 1.27 million VA residents



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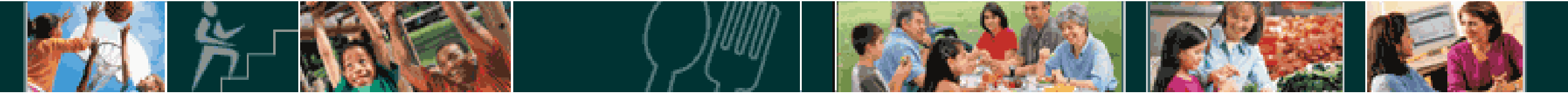




# Who Receives SNAP?

- 43% of participants are children
- 28% of households have a person age 60 or older
- 11% of participants are disabled non-elderly adults
- 29% of SNAP participants live in a household with earnings





# School Nutrition Programs

- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)

# DC Actions to Provide School Meals

Through a USDA Breakfast Expansion grant, DC awarded School Breakfast Expansion Grant funds to 18 local education agencies that serve pre-K through grade 12 students at 104 schools where at least 75% of students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.



# Maryland Actions to Provide School Meals

- 1. Maryland Meals for Achievement:** Provides state funds to allow participating schools to implement free breakfast in the classroom.
- 2. SY 22-23: Direct Certification with Medicaid pilot.** This allows schools to automatically enroll more students for free and reduced price school meals based on Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income data.

# Virginia Actions to Provide School Meals

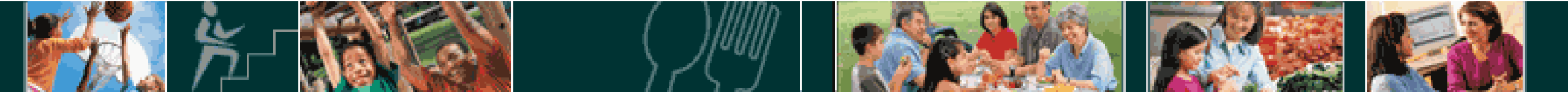
1. The Virginia General Assembly passed a bill to expand free meals to the reduced price students. The new state budget, which took effect July 1, includes \$8.2 million over two years to help local school divisions eliminate the cost of school breakfast and lunch for students who are eligible for reduced-price meals based on federal income criteria.
2. VA did a lot of outreach for CEP this past year and almost half of the children in VA will be eligible for free meals.
  - i. 2019: 511 Schools participated in CEP
  - ii. 2022: 1008 Schools participating in CEP





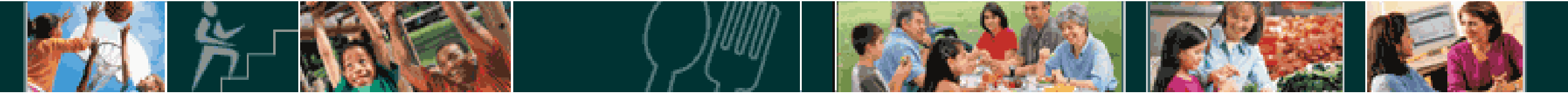
# Why Some Meal Types are not Offered

- Dinner is not included as a meal option under NSLP/SBP
- Not all schools have afterschool programs where snacks can be served
- Schools who offer alternative breakfast models such as breakfast in the classroom or breakfast after the bell have higher participation rates.



# Farm to School

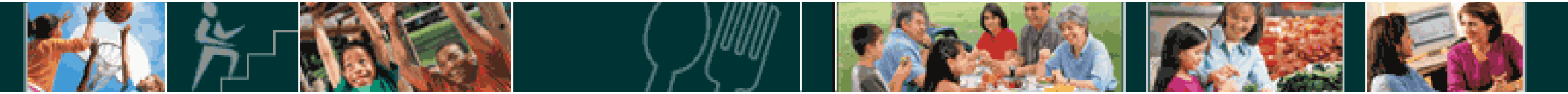
- October is Farm to School Month
- [2019 Farm to School Census](#)
- [FY 2022 Farm to School Grants](#)
- [FY 2023 Farm to School Grant Applications](#)



# WIC

- WIC serves Pregnant & postpartum women, Infants, & Children up to age 5
- 1 in 2 babies in the US participate in WIC
- Eligibility is based on Income, Residency and Nutrition risk
- Nutrition education & Breastfeeding support and education
- Referrals for health care, welfare, and social services





# Farmers' Market Programs

- Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP):  
\$10 - \$30 per season for WIC participants
- Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP):

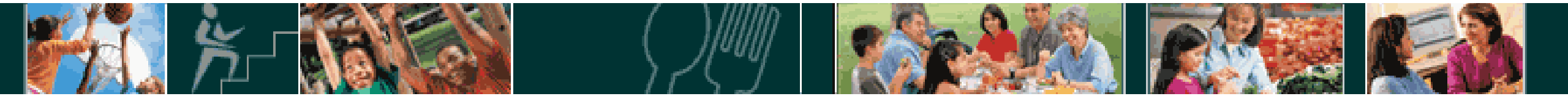
# Funding Opportunities for WIC

- WIC Shopping Experience Improvement Grants (up to \$750K)
- Technology for a Better WIC Experience - Communications, Data and Metrics Grants (\$350K)

# Funding Opportunities for FMNP and SFMNP

- ▶ FMNP Benefit Delivery Modernization Grants (up to \$250 K)
- ▶ SFMNP ARPA Grants
  - \$50M total nationally
  - Applications due on 11/21/2022
  - States can apply for any amount they can reasonably spend in FY2023 and FY2024





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