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Agency Spotlight: Angela Henry, Community Health and Nutrition Manager



Are you in search for some guidance in bringing your agency's health goals and visions to life? CTFB's Community Health and Nutrition team is here to assist you with the help of our Community Health and Nutrition Manager, Angela Henry. <u>Click here to read more about Angela!</u>

Resources for Partners



Recipe of the Month: Soyrizo Tacos

We are featuring a unique ingredient called Soyrizo in our recipe for the month of June. This plant-powered version of chorizo is made from textured soy protein, a type of protein that comes from extracting soybean oil. Soyrizo is not only a rich source of plant-based protein, it also contains fiber. <u>Click here to get the recipe!</u>



Update on Prepared Emergency Food Boxes: Item DBOX22-1A on Shopping List

CTFB is currently planning our strategy regarding how we procure emergency food boxes, item DBOX22-1A or similar, to support Partners' operations in the future as we have done over the past two years. As we move forward with this strategy planning, we will also begin reducing the number of boxes we procure and are available on the shopping list over the next several months through CTFB's fiscal year (September 30). We are also working diligently to have similar items as the food contained in the boxes on the shopping list to support your distribution and identifying ways to procure boxes and bags to assist Partners.

We understand this may affect the operations of some of our Partners, which is why we are scaling down over several months while also getting feedback from you about your operation and need for these boxes to serve neighbors. Please reach out to your Agency Relations Specialist if you have any questions or thoughts.

Succession Planning Worksheet:

Succession planning is a process to prepare your agency for a smooth transition in planned or unplanned/emergency leadership changes, whether long-term or temporary. Please see <u>this resource</u> from Feeding America for more information.

We encourage Partner Agencies to develop their own written procedures as a key part of succession planning. Agencies may use <u>this worksheet</u> to identify potential leaders and to track the documentation of Written Procedures to help new staff / volunteers fulfill operational tasks.

Important Reminders

Product Recall Announcements

JIF Peanut Butter- updated product recall

CTFB is notifying Partners of a nationwide Product Recall. The J. M. Smucker Co. is recalling select Jif® peanut butter products and additional products containing peanut butter sold in the U.S. due to potential Salmonella contamination. <u>Read official FDA announcement and extended product detail here.</u> Important note: The fruit snack trays and fruit snack cups containing recalled peanut butter distributed in various states but did not include Texas.

Strawberries – Potential Hepatitis A Outbreak

The FDA and CDC are investigating a multistate outbreak of hepatitis A infections potentially linked to fresh organic strawberries branded as FreshKampo and HEB, purchased between March 5, 2022, and April 25, 2022.

Currently, the potentially affected HEB products are past shelf life. People who purchased FreshKampo and HEB fresh organic strawberries between March 5,

2022, and April 25, 2022, and then froze those strawberries for later consumption should not eat them. <u>Read official FDA announcement and product detail here.</u>

CTFB has not purchased the either of the affected items therefore it was not available on the shopping list, however, it's possible these items could have been a part of food received through Agency Retail Pick-up or as a part of other donations. **CTFB recommends that all partners check inventory and notify staff/volunteers/clients of this recall notice.**

About Central Texas Food Bank Recall Notices

CTFB strongly encourages all Partner Agencies to regularly consult resources provided by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at <u>http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html</u>, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at <u>https://www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls</u>. Additionally, Partner Agencies can often receive information on national, state, and local recalls by contacting their local health departments.

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You can also find updated product recall information on the agency section of our

website. If you have any questions, please contact us at agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org.

Compliance Reminder: Annual Civil Rights Training

Staff and volunteers who handle clients' personal information or regularly interact with clients must complete an annual, online Civil Rights Training and maintain a copy of their certificate on file.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has recently updated the platform through which this training is completed. Partner agencies can find links to the online training and an instructional video here: https://squaremeals.org/FandNResources/Training/CivilRights.aspx

Staff and volunteers with a current training on file do not need to take the new training until their current certification expires (certificates expire after one year). Please note, even though the training is now provided through the Institute of Child Nutrition, it is applicable to all programs.

CTFB Agency Dock Update

Starting in June, agencies will sign-in at the window area to the left of the dock entrance. We will have signage directing agency staff and volunteers to the new sign-in area.

A few reminders about CTFB Agency Dock Pick-up:

- If you are running late or need to cancel your dock appointment, call the Agency Relations Hotline at 254-684-2503
- Sign in before picking up your order, and sign out after receiving your order

- All agencies must check their order with the invoice prior to leaving the Food Bank
- Arrive no earlier than 20 minutes before your scheduled pick-up
- Food, drinks and electronic devices are prohibited
- Closed-toe shoes required (no sandals or flip flops allowed)
- Shop-for items must be boxed separately by category and weighed by Food Bank warehouse staff
- If your agency is located near Belton or Waco, check out the Food Hub Container page to gain similar access to free produce in your area!

Freezer Blankets Available This Month

Please remember that all Partner Agencies without refrigerated vehicles or coolers with ice/cold packs must utilize insulated freezer blankets for transporting perishable food to comply with safe food handling policies. If your agency does not have refrigerated vehicles or coolers with ice/cold packs and would like to receive one (1) free freezer blanket, please complete <u>this agreement</u>.

The Central Texas Food Bank will make arrangements to get the freezer blanket to your agency though an annual site visit or other opportunity to connect.

Austin Area Partner Agencies: Charitable Feeding Organizations Permitting Requirements

As we have shared previously, all partner agencies operating food pantries or meal services in the City of Austin must be registered or permitted with Austin Public Health (APH) on an annual basis. Partner agencies must submit a Charitable Feeding Organization application for each physical location serving or distributing food. Moving forward, the Central Texas Food Bank will request proof of APH registration/permitting during our annual site visits in the Austin area.

Partner agencies are encouraged to review this checklist and guide document, provided by Austin Public Health. Additional information and resources may also be located on the City of Austin <u>website</u>.

Share the Great News with CTFB

Share your wonderful news like agency anniversaries, awards/recognitions, special distributions, etc. by filling out <u>this form</u> for the opportunity to be highlighted in our monthly Newsletter. Thank you for all your hard work!

CTFB's Partner Agencies Facebook Group

To join the private CTFB Partner Agencies Facebook group, <u>follow this link</u>. You will be prompted to answer a few short questions that will inform the admin that it is safe to allow you into the private group. If you have any questions, please email <u>agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org</u>.

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