



Nevada Council on Food Security Policy Recommendation/Justification

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Policy Description

Remove the treatment program requirement from the Nevada Revised Statutes to allow for clients with drug convictions to access SNAP and TANF programs.

Policy Justification

This requirement is one of the last unnecessary barriers to help individuals and families get the food assistance they need.

CFS Goal Alignment

This policy is in alignment with the CFS mission to assist as many Nevadans as possible to become food secure by giving as many options for assistance as possible.

Policy Goals and Objectives

When individuals with drug convictions are denied food stamps and cash benefits, establishing economic stability upon reentry becomes more difficult; which in turn makes their recovery incredibly complicated.

By helping individuals to lead more stable lives, public assistance and food stamps can help improve reentry outcomes and have a positive effect on public safety. TANF and food stamps are also an important for people participating in residential treatment and other programs.