

Social**Services**Outreach

Program Overview

Approximately 532,000 people are eligible for Food Stamps in Texas, but only 55% actually use the service. The Houston Food Bank is focused on raising awareness in the 18-county service area of available social services and providing application assistance for state-funded social and health services.

- The Social Services Outreach program provides “hassle-free” sign-up
 - Application assistance via phone or home visit
 - Assisting in making copies of necessary documents
 - Going into communities via churches and community centers and public events such as health fairs, food fairs and other community gatherings, to set up awareness and application assistance centers.
- By attending community gatherings, we are able to distribute information on vital programs
 - Texas Medicaid
 - Children’s Medicaid
 - Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
 - Food Stamps
 - Texas Medicaid Women’s Health Program
 - CHIP Prenatal Program
 - Many other social services
- While the program does not determine an individual’s eligibility, it ensures they have information on the assistance programs, confirms that the necessary paperwork is completed thoroughly and correctly, and can even submit the paperwork on an applicant’s behalf.
- This program was launched statewide through the Texas Food Bank Network Association and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

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