

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Dear SNAP-Ed Partners,

We are writing to share important news regarding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education (SNAP-Ed) program in New York State. Due to significant federal funding cuts, the SNAP-Ed program will come to an end on <u>September 30, 2025</u>.

This decision, made at the federal level, was not anticipated and unfortunately leaves us with no option but to conclude our SNAP-Ed programming **by September 30, 2025**. We understand the impact this may have on the communities and partners that we serve and recognize the disruption this may cause for your own planning and services.

We want to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks for your partnership and collaboration throughout our time working together. Your dedication to promoting healthy eating, physical activity, and food resource management among SNAP-eligible individuals has been essential to the program's success. Together, we have made a meaningful and lasting difference in the health and well-being of communities across the Southern Finger Lakes SNAP-Ed region in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, and Yates Counties.

As we prepare for this transition, we remain committed to supporting our partners and participants through the end of the program. Our team will be in touch over the coming weeks to coordinate the closeout of activities and provide any necessary resources.

We are deeply grateful for your support of the SNAP-Ed mission and for the strong relationships we've built over the years. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the implications of this change further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With sincere appreciation,

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