



Update for Community Partners

June 21, 2024



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Zoom webinar tips



Use the Q&A function to ask questions at any time.

- We will spend the last 30 minutes answering questions.
- We will follow up on any questions we cannot answer today.
- If you would prefer to ask your question verbally, please ask to be unmuted in the Q&A box.



This webinar is being recorded.

- It will be shared online as soon as possible.



Agenda

- I. Summer EBT overview
- II. Process
 - I. Automatic enrollment
 - II. Application
- III. Partner Resources
- IV. Questions and Answers



Program overview

Dustin Melton, Oregon Department of Education (ODE)



Summer EBT will help shrink the summer hunger gap

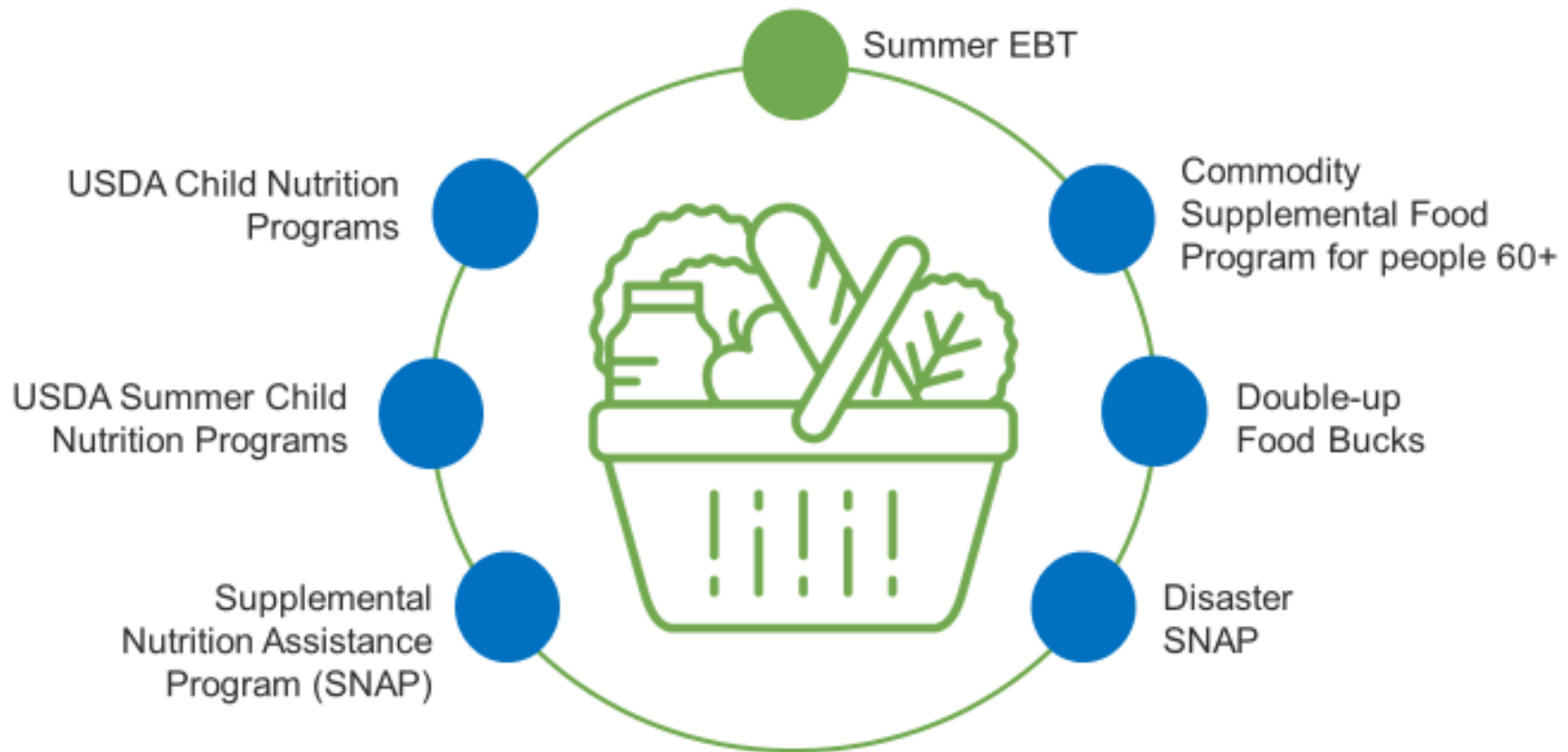
Summer EBT is a new grocery benefits program to help families buy food for their school-age children during the summer when school is out.

- Annual program starting in July 2024
- Provides \$120 for each eligible child
- Benefits are issued in one payment on an Oregon EBT card
- Families have 122 days after issuance to spend Summer EBT
- Families can use Summer EBT anywhere that accepts EBT cards – grocery stores, farmer’s markets, online.
- Summer EBT can be used to buy any SNAP-eligible food

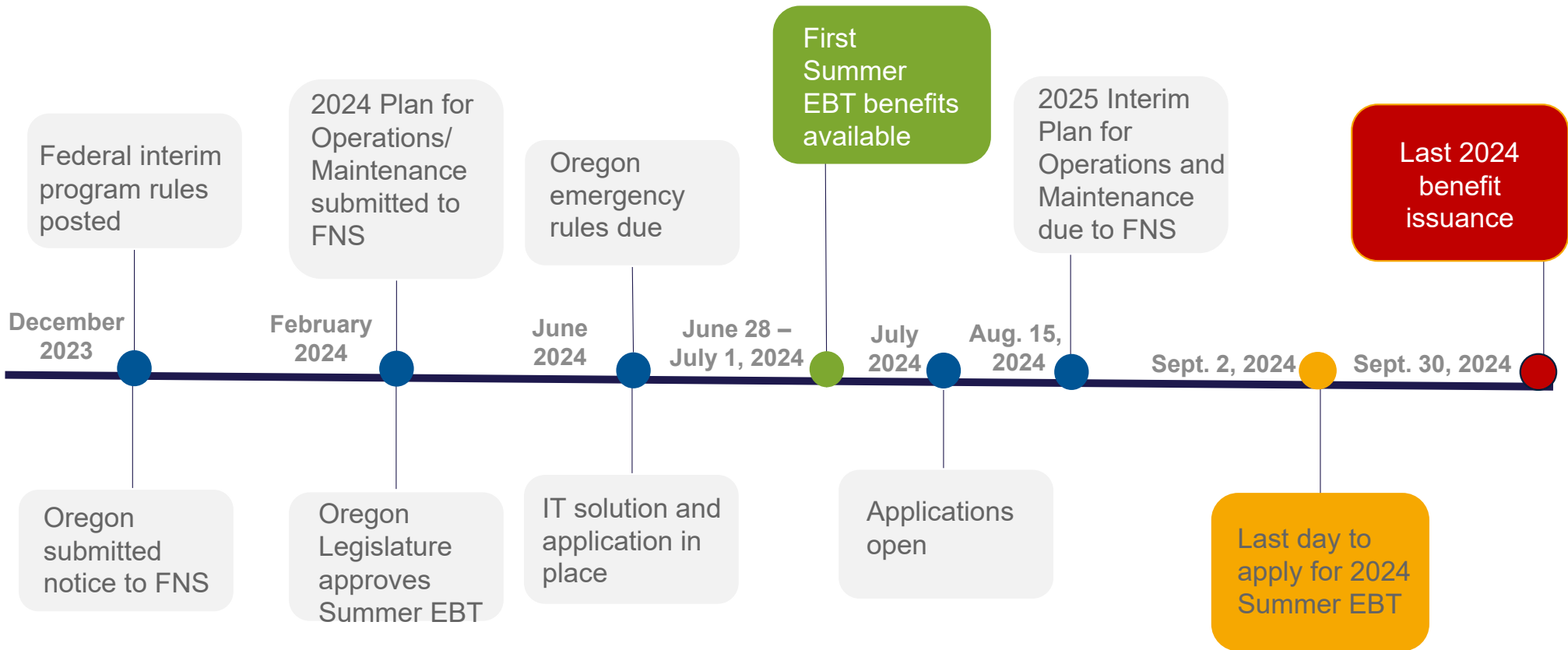


Summer EBT will serve an estimated 294,000 Oregon children with a total annual issuance of \$35.3 million in food benefits.

Food assistance programs work together



Oregon quickly designing and delivering Summer EBT



Eligibility

Christine Doody,
Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS)



Eligibility requirements for Summer EBT

- Children enrolled in a National School Lunch (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP)-participating school who qualify for free or reduced-price meals
- Children qualifying for free meals through other federal assistance programs



Most children automatically qualify; others must apply

Two ways children can get approved:

1. About 70% will be automatically enrolled

- In households participating in SNAP, TANF or Medicaid programs for households under 185% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Children in foster care
- No action needed by parents or guardians

2. About 30% will need to apply:

- Families where a child attends a school with the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP), and the household income meets the requirements for free or reduced-price school meals, OR
- A child attends a school with the NSLP or SBP and is:
 - Enrolled in migrant programs
 - Experiencing houselessness
 - Participating in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
 - Attending Head Start

Supporting the eligibility determination processes



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School Points of Contact (POCs) will help confirm benefits to eligible students.

POCs upload data for students who may be eligible for benefits for the eligibility team to review.



Oregon Department
of Human Services

A small team of ODHS eligibility staff will review applications and determine eligibility.

Automatic Eligibility

David Ballantyne, Deloitte



Who is automatically eligible?

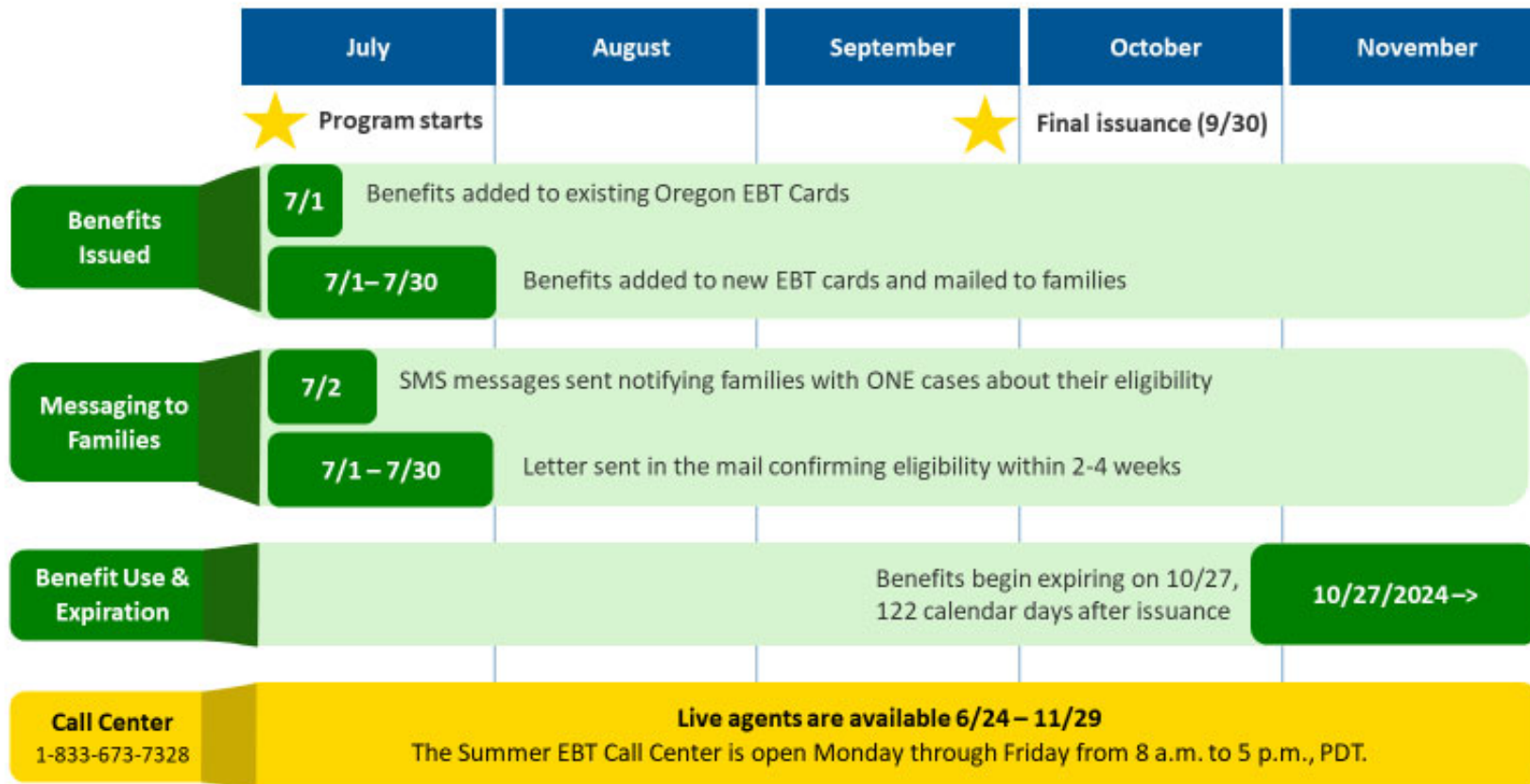
No action is needed by parents or guardians of children who are automatically eligible for Summer EBT.

This includes most children who are:

- In households participating in:
 - SNAP
 - TANF
 - Medicaid programs for households under 185% of the Federal Poverty Level
- In foster care



Automatically eligible – benefits timeline



Summer EBT Call Center

- General information
- Eligibility confirmation
- Application status
- Oregon EBT card questions

1-833-673-7328
1-833-ORE-SEBT

The Call Center will be able to support the following languages: Arabic, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), English, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Ukrainian and Vietnamese

Summer EBT Call Center office simulation: Eligible caller



Application

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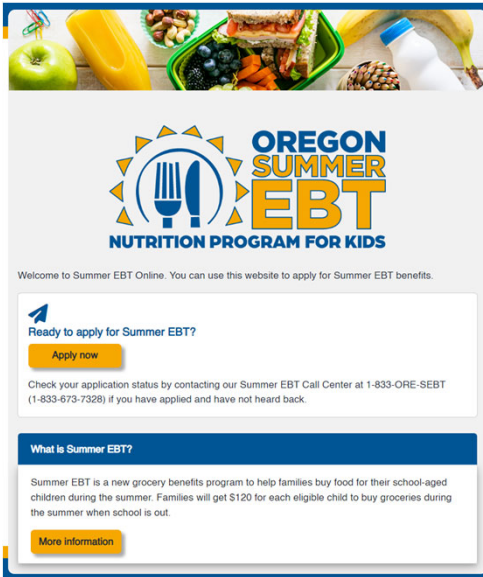


Who needs to apply?

Families need to apply if their children are not automatically enrolled but qualify for Summer EBT because:

- A child attends a school with the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP), and the household income meets the requirements for free or reduced-price school meals, OR
- A child attends a school with the NSLP or SBP and the child is:
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Families can apply starting July 1, 2024

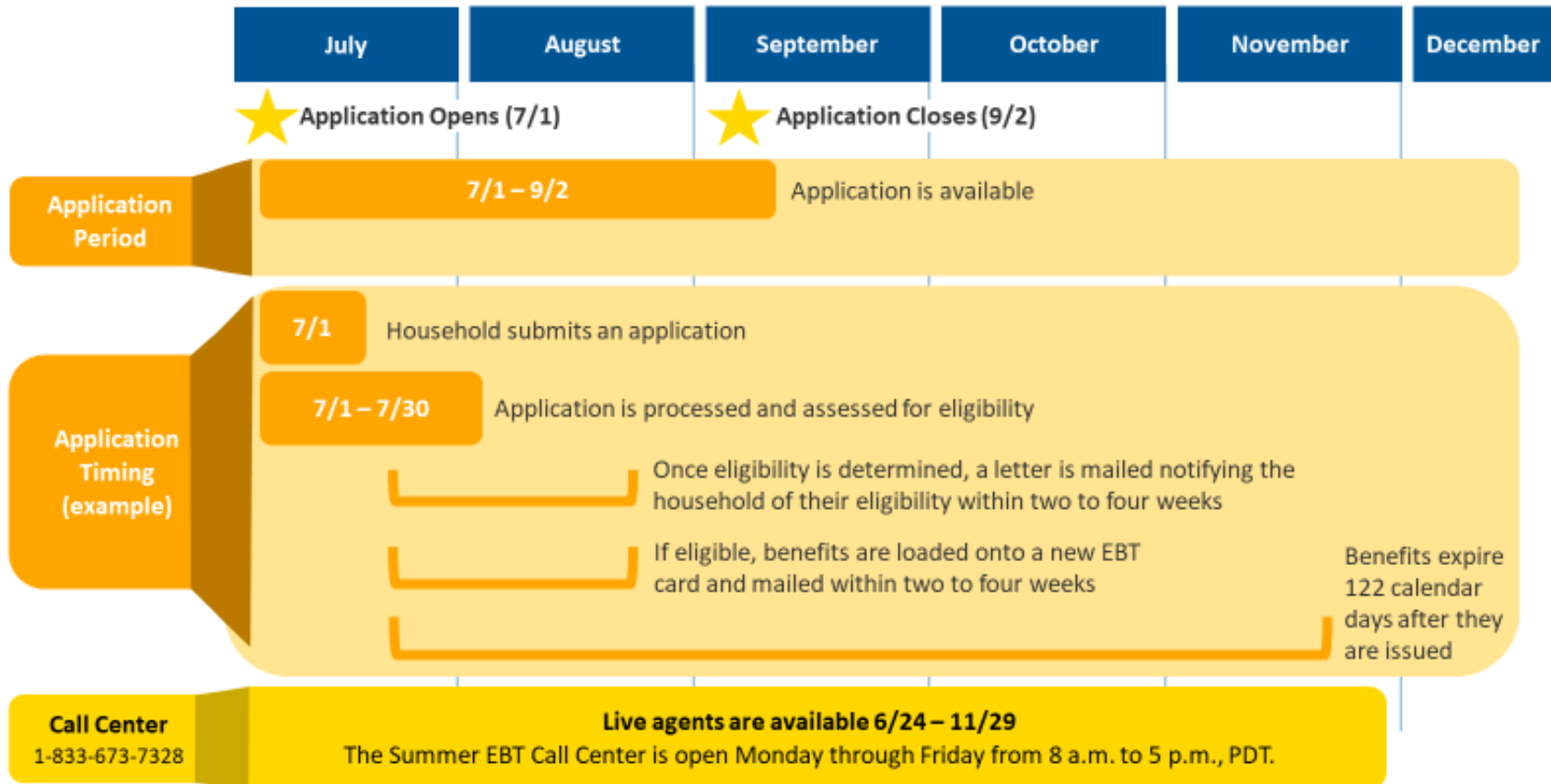


- Online at sebt.oregon.gov
- Online application is mobile-optimized
- Paper application: Download fillable pdf at sebt.oregon.gov or request a copy at an ODHS office

Online Application available in: English and Spanish

Paper Applications and Notices in multiple formats and languages: Arabic, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), Chuukese, English, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Ukrainian and Vietnamese

Application timeline



Partner resources

Stephanie Cooke, ODHS



Key messages and resources for Summer EBT participants

Starting in July 2024, families can:

- Check their current Oregon EBT card account to see if Summer EBT benefits were added.
- Look for a letter in the mail that confirms their child's eligibility.
- If they don't get Summer EBT by mid-July and think their child is eligible, they may need to apply. Contact the Call Center or go to sebt.oregon.gov for help.
- Families can apply until September 2.

Grocery money for kids this summer

Learn how a new program can help cover the cost of food during summer break

Summer EBT is a new food benefit program to help families buy groceries for their school-aged children each summer. If you qualify, you will get **\$120 for each eligible child** to spend on food. Families use an Oregon EBT card to buy groceries.

School-age children are eligible if:

- Your family receives SNAP, TANF or Medicaid (OHP), or
- Your child goes to a school with the National School Lunch (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP), and your family's income meets the requirements.

Most families will automatically get Summer EBT. Some families may need to apply.

- If your family already receives SNAP, TANF or OHP, your child will be automatically signed up. You don't need to do anything. Children in foster care also are signed up automatically.
- If your child is not automatically signed up and may be eligible, you'll need to apply.

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Scan QR code with phone camera to learn more:

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The Summer EBT Call Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., PDT. Live agents are available from June 24 to November 29.

Summer EBT Websites


An official website of the State of Oregon [How you know »](#) Languages

Oregon Department of Human Services

Oregon Summer EBT

[Español](#)

New food benefits for school-aged kids



Summer EBT is a new grocery benefits program that starts this summer. It helps families buy food for their school-aged children during summer when school is out.

Sign up for updates and we'll let you know when the program starts.

[Sign up for updates](#) [Frequently asked questions](#) [Read the news release](#) [Resources for partners](#)

Families will get \$120 for each eligible child. You will get this all in one payment on an Oregon EBT card.

Already have SNAP, TANF or OHP? You don't need to apply. Summer EBT will be added to your EBT card automatically.

Don't have SNAP, TANF or OHP? Check below to see if you're [eligible](#). You can apply starting this summer.

sebt.oregon.gov

ebtv.oregon.gov

Summer EBT Call Center opens Monday



1-833-673-7328
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- Live agents starting June 24, 2024
- Mondays through Fridays
- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time
- Closes November 29, 2024

**Live agents will answer calls in English and Spanish
and use phone translation services for other languages.**

Questions and Answers



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Thank you!

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