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IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS

DHSS REMINDS ALL PARENTS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT CLAIMED THEIR SUMMER-EBT (S-EBT) BENEFITS TO DO SO RIGHT AWAY

DHSS Director's Office, Tuesday, August 27, 2024 - Director Muavaefa'atasi John E. Suisala of the Department of Human and Social Services (DHSS) reminds all parents of school children/ students who have not picked up their Summer EBT (S-EBT) benefits to do so as soon as possible. The last day to claim \$177 in S-EBT food coupons for each student is Friday, August 30, 2024. Parents or legal guardians are not required to apply for S-EBT benefits for their children. However, they must appear on the list from the Department of Education (DOE) of public and private schools as the primary parent/ guardian on record. This primary parent/ legal guardian must bring a valid photo ID card to the ASNAP Office to verify the names of their children who were enrolled at any point in time during School Year 2023-2024 before they are issued a new S-EBT ID card to pick up benefits for their children. This same S-EBT ID card is required to redeem their S-EBT food coupons at any ASNAP-authorized retail store.

As of 4:00 PM on Monday, August 26, 2024, **883 children** have yet to claim their S-EBT benefits. Out of the 12,082 public and private school children whose names were verified by the DOE, 11,199 children have received their S-EBT benefits. All S-EBT benefits expire on December 28, 2024.

Also, be reminded, that only students ages 5 and 18 years who were verified by DOE as being enrolled at any point in time in a public or private school during School Year 2023-2024 automatically qualify to receive S-EBT benefits. Moreover, although federal law that established the S-EBT Program sets a \$40 per month benefit amount per child or \$120 for 3 months, the U.S. Department of Agriculture adjusted the benefit level for American Samoa at \$59 per month for each eligible child or \$177 for 3 months of the summer break.

For more information, please call the ASNAP Assistant Director Lagia Fulu Tuala or ASNAP's Eligibility and Certification Manager Cleopatra Sio at 633-7720 or visit the ASNAP Office in Utulei before Friday, August 30, 2024.

Fa'afetai tele.

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FA'AMANATU TĀUA MO MĀTUA

O SE FA'AMANATU MAI I LE MATĀGALUEGA TAUTUA MA ALĀGAMANUIA MO TAGATA LAUTELE (DHSS) MO MĀTUA O FANAU A'OGA E LE'I TAU'A'AOINA PENEFITI/ PEPA TAUMAFI O LE EBT MO LE FANAU MO LE TU'UAGA O LE TAUMĀFANAFANA (Summer-EBT or S-EBT)

Ofisa a le Fa'atonu Sili, Matāgaluega Tautua ma Alāgamanuia mo Tagata Lautele, Aso Lua, Aukuso 27, 2024 – E fa'amanatu atu e le Fa'atonu Sili a le Matāgaluega Tautua ma Alāgamanuia mo Tagata Lautele (DHSS) ia Muavaefa'atasi John E. Suisala mo mātua o fanau a'oga e le'i tau'a'aoina penefiti EBT (S-EBT), e mana'omia ona vave piki nei penefiti mo le fanau. O le aso mulimuli e mafai ona piki ai pepa taumafi e \$177 mo le S-EBT o le Aso Faraile, Aukuso 30, 2024. E lē mana'omia e mātua po o e ua avea ma mātua tautua ona fa'atumu ni pepa talosaga mo pepa taumafi o le S-EBT mo le fanau. E ao ona fa'amāonia muamua e le Matāgaluega o A'oga (DOE) fanau sa a'oga i a'oga o le Mālo ma a'oga e lē o i lalo o le va'ava'a'iga o le DOE (a'oga tua) ma e ao fo'i ona fa'amāonia i lea lisi le suafa o le mātua po o e ua avea ma mātua tautua a le fanau. E mana'omia ona susū mai lea mātua po o e ua avea ma mātua tautua ma le ID o lo'o iai le ata, ina ia fa'amautinoa ai suafa o lau fanau sa a'oga i le tausaga a'oga 2023-2024, ma e mana'omia ina ia pu'e ai lou ID fa'apitoa mo le S-EBT. E mana'omia lou S-EBT ID lenei e piki ma fa'aaogā ai pepa taumafi i so'o se fale'olua o lo'o fa'atagaina mo le ASNAP.

I le tāpunia o galuega i le Aso Gafua, Aukuso 26, 2024, e **883 fanau a'oga** e le'i tau'a'aoina a latou pepa taumafi o le S-EBT. E 12,082 le a'ofa'iga o fanau a'oga o le Mālo ma a'oga e lē o i lalo o le va'ava'a'iga o le DOE (private schools) sa fa'amāonia e le DOE, ae 11,199 ua mae'a ona piki a latou pepa taumafi mo le S-EBT. E fa'agata le fa'aaogaina/ talia e fale'olua o le S-EBT ia Tesema 28, 2024.

E fa'amanatu atu fo'i, na o fanau a'oga e 5 - 18 tausaga le mātutua na a'oga i le Mālo ma a'oga e lē o i lalo o le va'ava'a'iga o le DOE (private schools) ua fa'amāonia mo le tausaga a'oga 2023-2024 mo pepa taumafi S-EBT. E lē gata i lea, e ui ina ua fa'atulagaina e le Tulafono a le Mālo Tele (federal law) le Polokalama a le S-EBT mo le \$40 i le masina mo le tamaitiiti a'oga, po o le \$120 mo le 3 masina o le tu'uaga, sa suia e le Matāgaluega a le Ofisa o Fa'ato'aga a le Mālo Tele (U.S. Department of Agriculture) le aofa'iga mo Amerika Samoa i le \$59 i le masina mo le tamaitiiti a'oga, po o le \$177 mo le 3 masina o le tu'uaga.

Fa'amolemole fa'afeso'ota'i mai le ofisa o le ASNAP mo le Assistant Director ia Lagia Fulu Tuala po o le Eligibility and Certification Manager ia Cleopatra Sio i le 633-7720/7451 mo nisi fa'amatalaga. E mafai foi ona e asiasi atu i le ofisa o le ASNAP i Utulei 'ae le'i o'o atu i le Aso Faraile, Aukuso 30, 2024.

Ma le fa'aaloalo tele lava. Fa'afetai.