

## 62,000+ Oregonians are excluded from food assistance programs

### Despite significant investments, state food assistance policies continue to leave too many Oregonians behind,

with programs that exclude huge portions of our communities based on immigration status and other arbitrary factors. Among the people and families who are barred from accessing SNAP (sometimes called “food stamps”) and other vital programs:

- Lawful Permanent Residents
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) participants and people with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Compact of Free Association community members
- undocumented immigrants
- Anyone in the process of seeking asylum

Oregon has taken important steps to expand access to healthcare, improve public safety and ensure many rights, yet food as a vital resource hasn't been prioritized. At a time when immigrant and refugee communities, People of Color and many other families **experience food insecurity at two-to-three times the rate** of White Oregonians, **we can't slow down in our efforts to make sure food is available to everyone in our communities.**



“It is important for Adelante Mujeres to be part of this campaign because we see and we listen — on a daily basis — to the barriers and struggles of Latine women and their families who struggle with food insecurity...

...We believe that all our community members and all human beings in this country have a fundamental right to access food. We believe in the importance and urgency of the ‘Food for All’ campaign and the significance this will have in our community.”

– PETRONA DOMINGUEZ FRANCISCO  
Adelante Mujeres  
Leadership & Advocacy Program Coordinator  
and FFAO Steering Committee Member

## We can take action now to guarantee Food for All Oregonians

**Hunger affects everyone in our communities in some way — and when we all have access to food, we're all better off.** Kids do better in school, our families' health and well-being improves, and our economy thrives

through support of local businesses. This is true in every corner of Oregon — in rural, urban and suburban communities alike — and we're building the community power needed to make Food for All Oregonians possible.

**That's why we're introducing legislation (SB 610) to create a state-funded program that ensures everyone in Oregon has access to the food we need.**

This game-changing policy will:

- Make food assistance available to all Oregonians who are currently excluded due to immigration status
- Provide families with money for groceries that matches federal SNAP food assistance benefits
- Ensure everyone is aware of this vital support through community navigation and outreach, improved language access and more

Together, we're creating a system that benefits everyone in our communities. Join us and get involved in the campaign to guarantee Food for All Oregonians at [Contact@FoodForAllOR.org](mailto:Contact@FoodForAllOR.org)

