

summer EBT
for
Children



The Summer Hunger Gap

- The School Meals Programs serve about 21 million low-income children each school day.
- The existing Summer Meals programs reach only about 16 percent of low-income children who get school meals during the school year.

Summer Feeding Programs Mission

Reduce the level of summer food insecurity among children to a level *at or below* that of childhood food insecurity during the school year.



Policy Background

- 2010 Agriculture Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-80) authorized and funded Summer Food for Children Demonstrations, including Enhanced Summer Food Service Program (eSFSP) and Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (SEBTC)
- Two Types of Demos- WIC and SNAP model

SEBTC Nationwide Background

2011

- 5 Sites for “Proof of Concept”
 - Two WIC Agencies (Michigan & Texas)
 - Three SNAP Agencies (Connecticut, Missouri & Oregon)
 - Evaluation Component: Compare measures of Food Insecurity of households receiving \$60 SEBTC benefit and \$0 SEBTC benefit

2012

- 5 New Demonstration Sites
 - Three new WIC Agencies (**Nevada**, Chickasaw Nation & Cherokee Nation)
 - Two new SNAP Agencies (Delaware & Washington)
 - Evaluation Component: Compare measures of Food Insecurity of households receiving \$60 SEBTC benefit and \$0 SEBTC benefit

2013

- 10 Sites for
 - 5 WIC Models
 - 5 SNAP Models
 - Evaluation Component: Compare measures of Food Insecurity of households receiving \$60 SEBTC benefit and \$30 SEBTC benefit



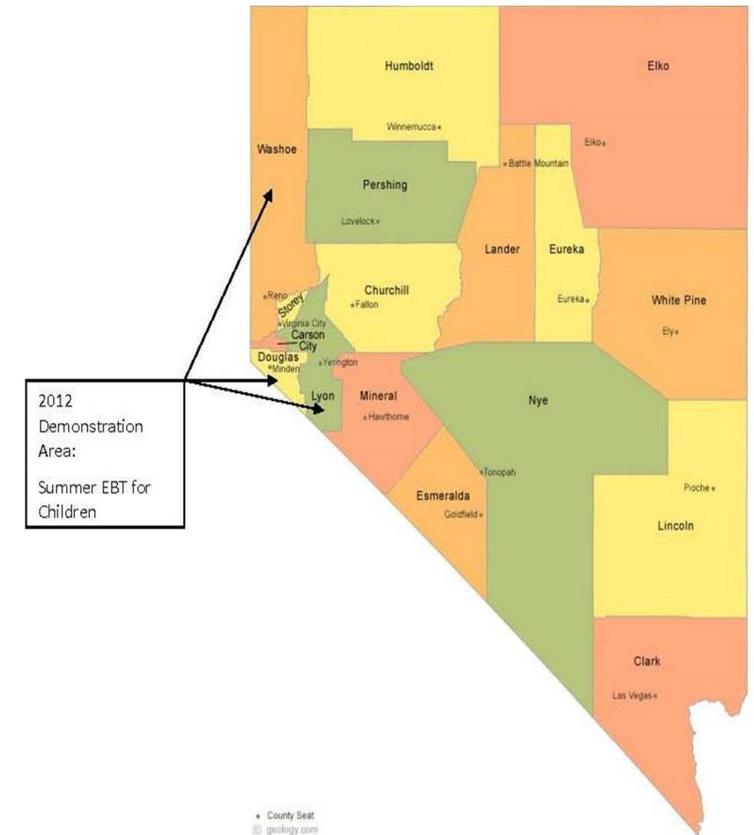
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Selected households were issued a WIC EBT card to shop at WIC-authorized food retailers to purchase prescribed healthy foods.

SEBTC in Nevada Background

- In 2012 the program served 5,306 children in approximately 3,500 households.
 - Served select children in Washoe, Lyon and Douglas counties eligible for the School Free and Reduced Lunch program.
- Due to attrition and people moving from the area, the program served 4,627 students in 2013.
- Funds were not available in 2014 to administer SEBTC.



SEBTC can reach a significant proportion of children eligible for free and reduced-price school meals.

90% of SEBTC households used their benefits at least once.

SEBTC households redeemed an average of \$250 over the summer, or about 78% of their benefits.

Finding: SEBTC reduced the most severe form of childhood hunger by a third.

It also had impressive results for all groups, including households and adults. Both the SNAP and WIC models performed equally well.

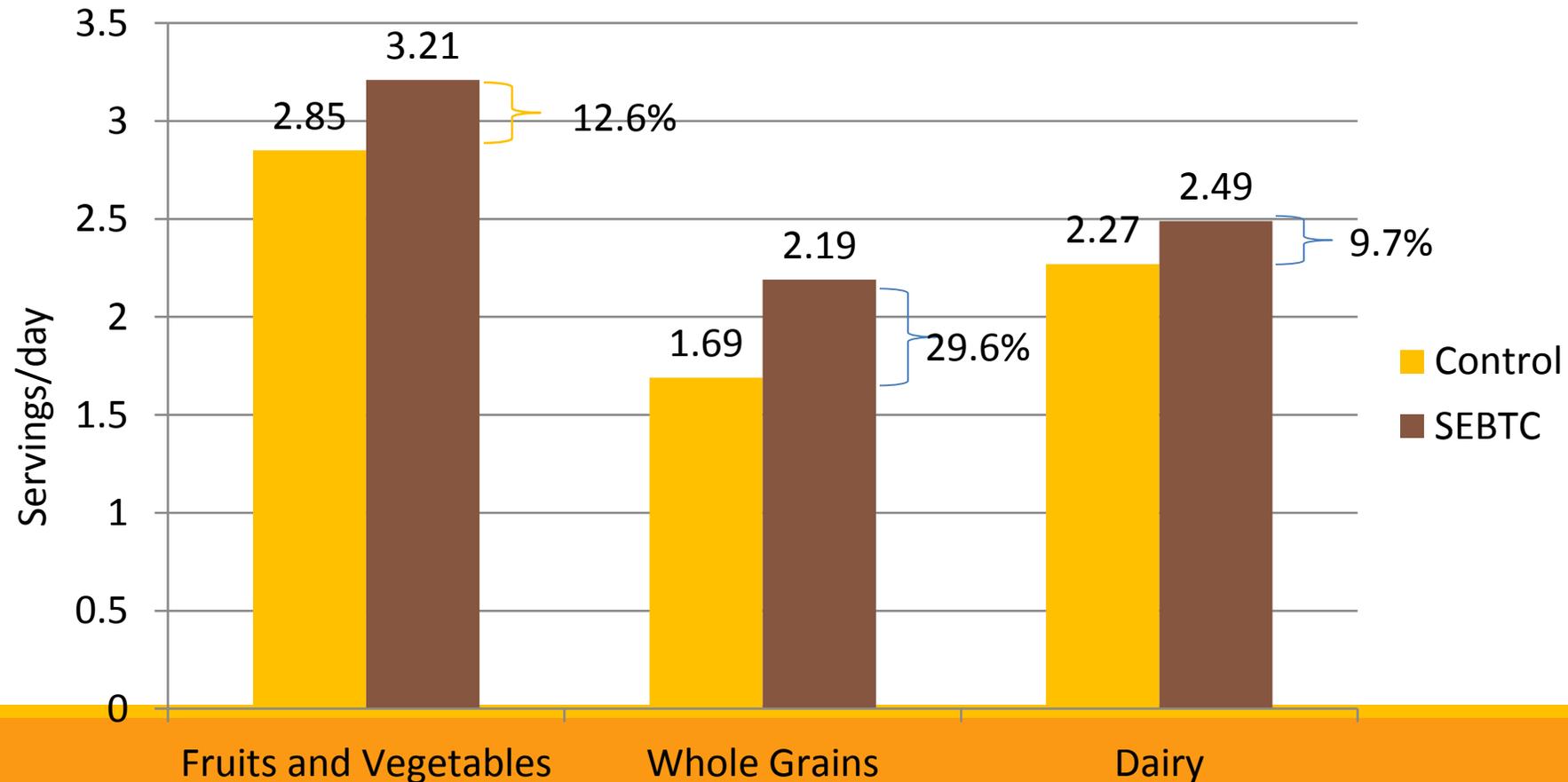
2012

Indicator		Treatment (%)	Control (%)	Impact (%)	Percentage Change	S.E.
Child	Very Low Food Security	6.4	9.5	-3.1***	33%	0.38
	Food Insecure	36.2	44.6	-8.4***	19%	0.72
Household	Very Low Food Security	19.5	28.7	-9.2***	32%	0.61
	Food Insecure	48.5	57.3	-8.8***	15%	0.74

*p<.10 **p<0.05 ***p<0.01

Finding: SEBTC children ate more healthfully.

- SEBTC children ate 12.6% more fruits and vegetables.
- They ate 29.6% more whole grains.
- They ate 9.7% more dairy.



SEBTC 2015 in Nevada

- Expanding from 3 counties to 10 counties
- Returning households will receive the \$60 food package and new households will receive a \$30 food package
- Three months of benefits, issued June 1st ending August 31st



SEBTC 2015 in Nevada

- Estimated 14,000 students will be served this summer.
 - ~ 10,000 new participants (\$30 benefit)
 - ~ 4,000 returning participants (\$60 benefit)
- Approximately \$1.5 million in food benefits will be issued over the course of 3 months.

School District	Number of Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunches
Elko county	3482
Humboldt County	1316
Lander County	312
Lincoln County	363
Nye County	3225
Pershing County	329
White Pine County	411
Expansion Total	9438

Selection of Expansion Sites

- USDA Grant required expansion to rural areas
- Rural counties do not have enough summer sites to cover kids in the county
 - Elko- only 3 sites serving approximately 150 meals a day but there are 3,482 students eligible
 - Lincoln & Lander- no summer feeding sites

SEBTC 2015 in Nevada Food Packages

- **\$30 Food Package**

- 3 gallons reduced fat milk
- 1 dozen eggs
- 18 ounces breakfast cereal
- 18 ounces peanut butter
- 16 ounces whole grains
- \$8 cash value benefit for fruits & vegetables



- **\$60 Food Package**

- 3 gallons reduced fat milk
- 1 dozen eggs
- 36 ounces breakfast cereal
- 18 ounces peanut butter
- 48 ounces whole grains
- \$16 cash value benefit for fruits & vegetables
- 1 pound of cheese
- 64 ounce of bottle single strengths
- 4 can of beans
- 18 ounces canned tuna/sardines



Questions?

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