

Food Stamp Nutrition Education Systems Review Status Report July 2005

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) contracted with Abt Associates, Inc., a nonpartisan public policy research organization in Cambridge, MA, to conduct a two-year study of food stamp nutrition education (FSNE). The objective is to obtain a comprehensive and systematic picture of FSNE operations in FY 2004 among State food stamp agencies, implementing agencies, and local FSNE projects.

Data collection for the FSNE Systems Review is complete this month.

Web-based surveys of all State food stamp agencies and FSNE implementing agencies with FSNE plans in FY 2004 were fielded April-June 2005. Response rates were high, with finalized surveys received from 94 percent of State food stamp agencies and 80 percent of FSNE implementing agencies.

In-person interviews were conducted April-July 2005 with a sample of 34 implementing agencies, their 28 associated State food stamp agencies, and various local projects and partner organizations. Implementing agencies were selected for interviews using a systematic random sampling technique based on their organizational structure, their FNS region, and the size of their FY 2004 FSNE budget.

Data coding and analysis is currently underway. A final report and public-use data file will be available in 2006.

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