A map of the state of Oregon, showing its geographical features, major cities, and surrounding states. The map is centered on the state, with the Pacific Ocean to the west and neighboring states to the north, east, and south.

Ending Hunger is Possible: *A Plan for Oregon*

Oregon House Committee on Human Services and Housing

May 22, 3013

Oregon Hunger Task Force

Creating Policies for a Hunger-Free Oregon





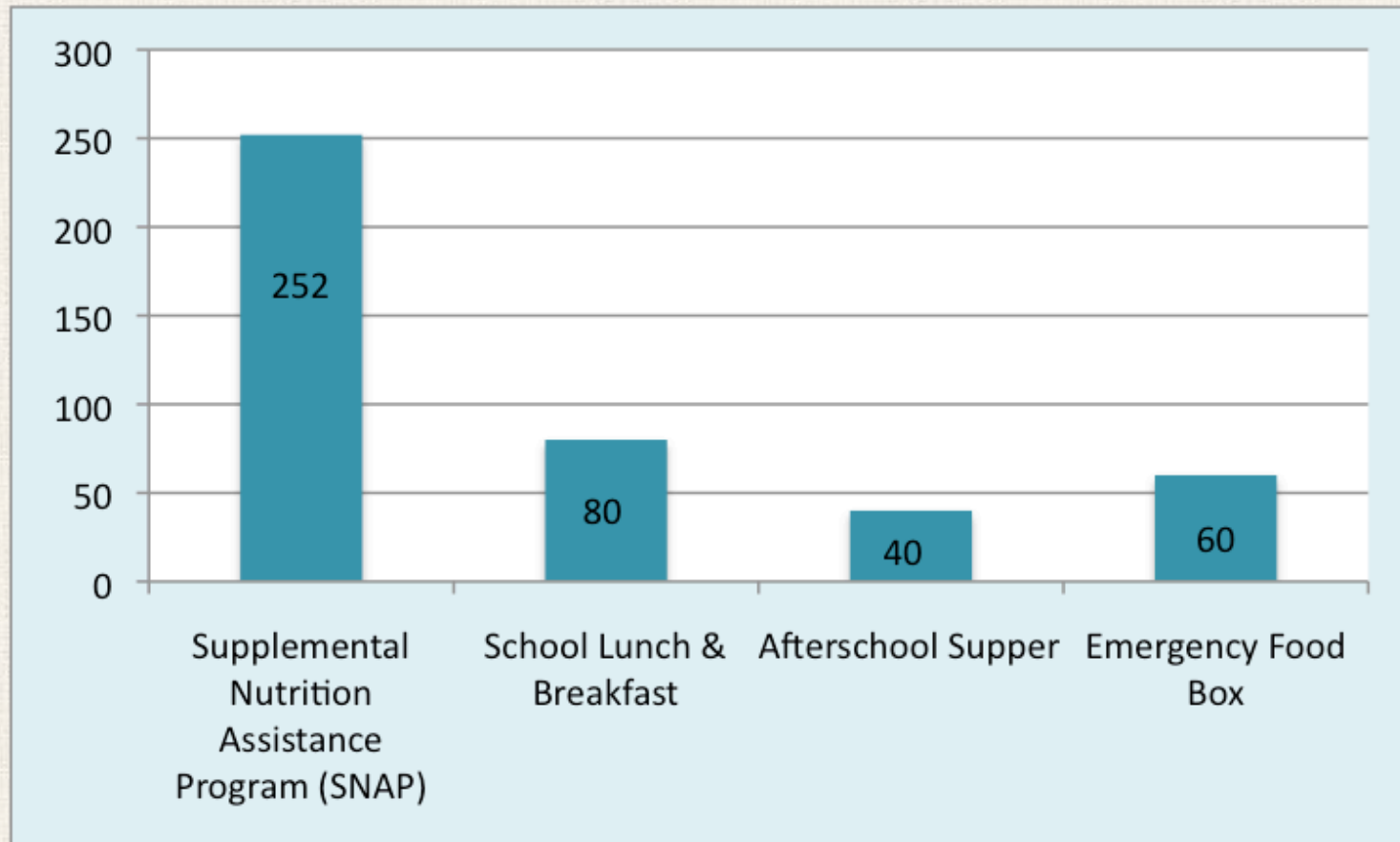
How hungry is Oregon?



Currently –

- Our rate of hunger remains high but unchanged.
- 1 in 5 Oregonians are using SNAP.
- Nearly 178,000 women and children use WIC.
- Over half of all students in Oregon are eligible to receive free or reduced price meals at school.
- Approximately 270,000 people eat from an emergency food box each month.

Food programs provide meals for families.





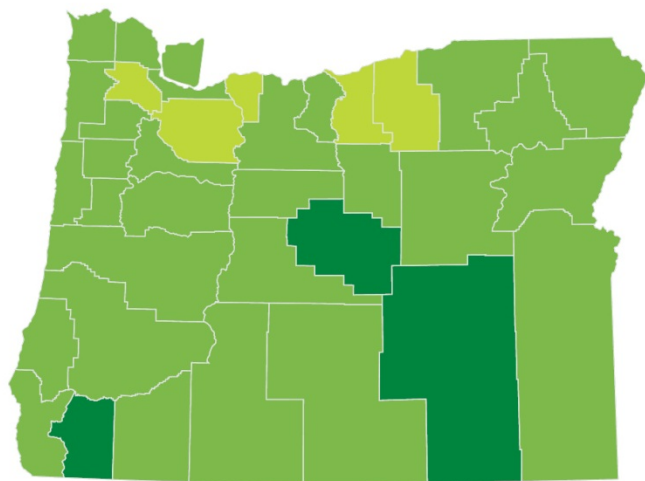
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Hunger in Oregon

FOOD INSECURITY RATES

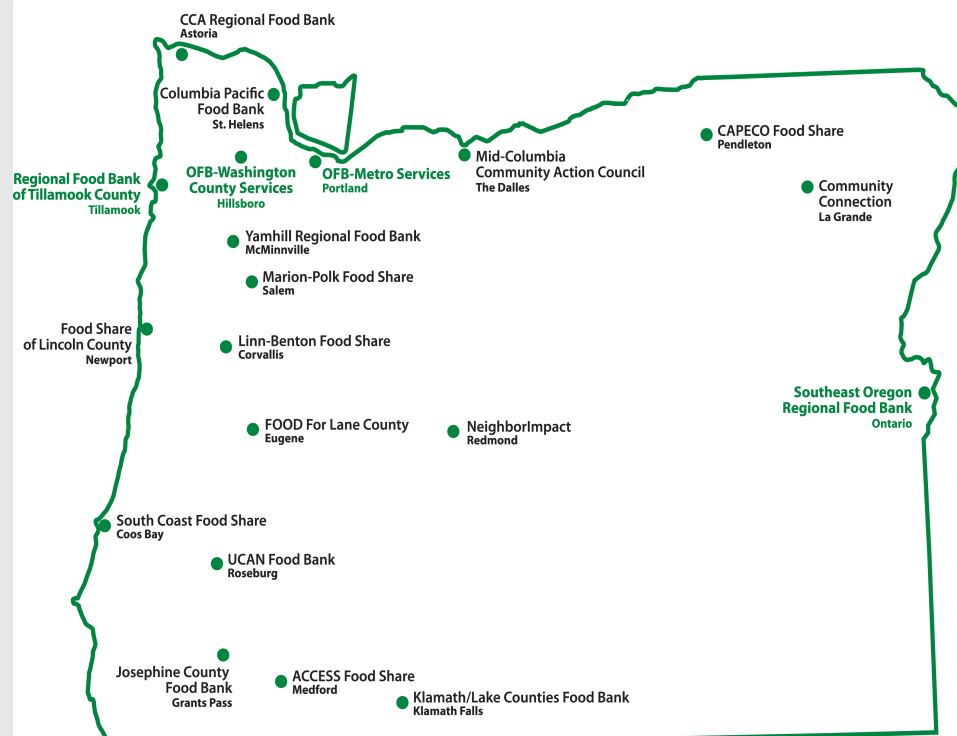
Source: 2011 Feeding America Map the Meal Gap



20% - 24%

15% - 19%

4% - 14%



Oregon Food Bank Network:

20 Regional Food Banks

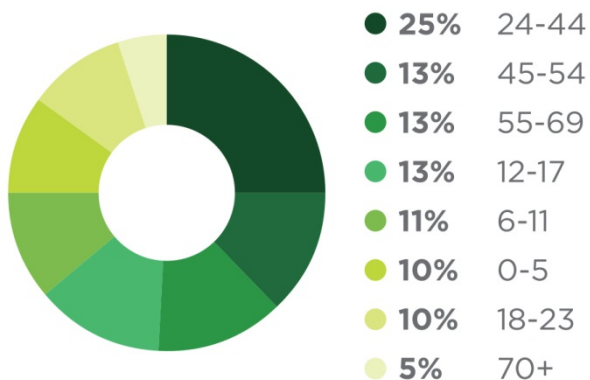
945 Partner Agencies



Hunger Factors Survey 2011-12

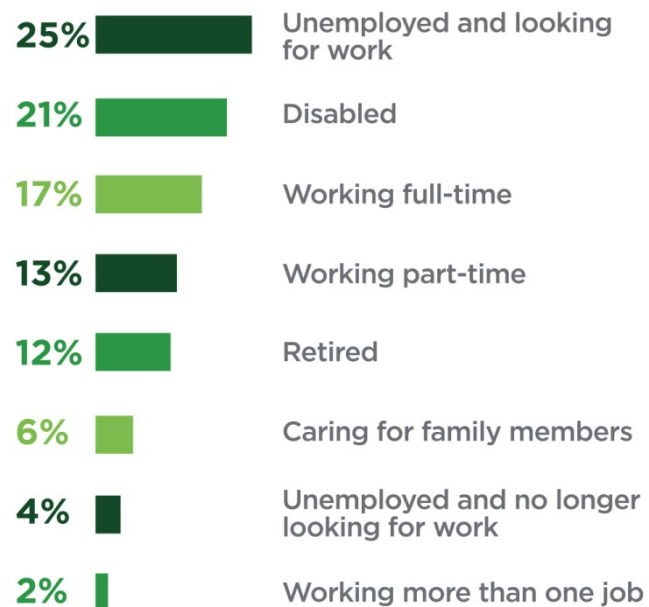
AGE OF RECIPIENTS

Source: 2012 Oregon Food Bank Hunger Factors Assessment



EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Source: 2012 Oregon Food Bank Hunger Factors Assessment





Hunger Factors Survey 2011-12

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Source: 2012 Oregon Food Bank Hunger Factors Assessment



27%
Two-parent households

21%
Single, living alone

14%
Couples, no children

11%
Other

9%
Multi-generational

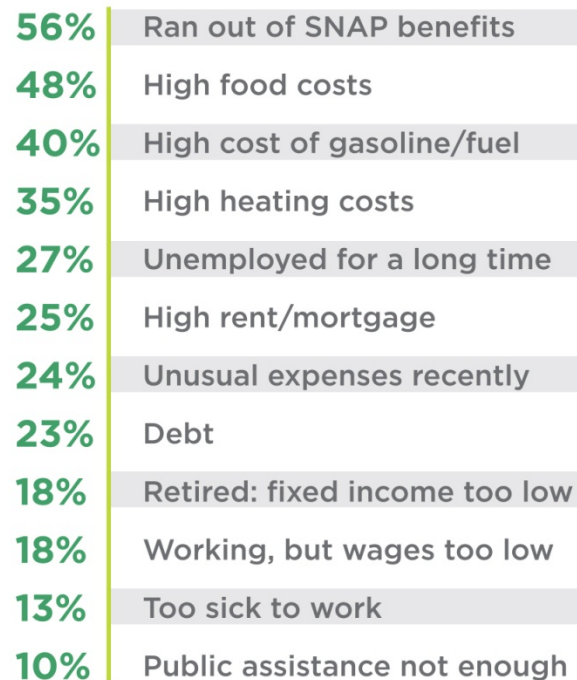
9%
Single parent/female

7%
Single person living with housemate

2%
Single parent/male

WHY EMERGENCY FOOD?

Source: 2012 Oregon Food Bank Hunger Factors Assessment





Oregon's Hunger

January 2012- December 2012

Food-related calls are consistently one of 211info's top caller needs. These services, especially SNAP, have provided a foundation people can count on. We've gathered caller need and demographic data from January 2012 to December 2012 across Oregon.

211info caller data represents only a portion of the need. 211 was not available statewide until February 2013 and not all people who need assistance turn to 211.

Total number of calls: **24,093**

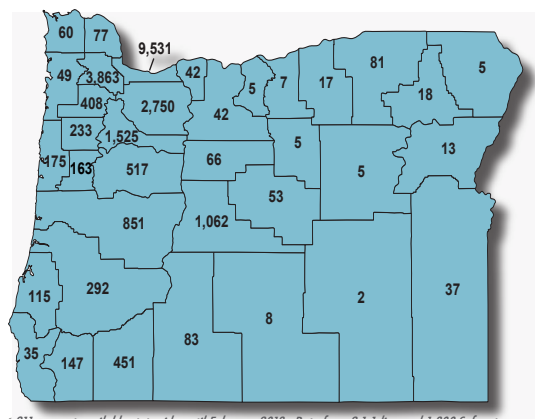


To put that in perspective, if we answered a hunger-related call every minute it would take us more than 16 straight days to meet everyone's need.

CLIENT SCENARIO

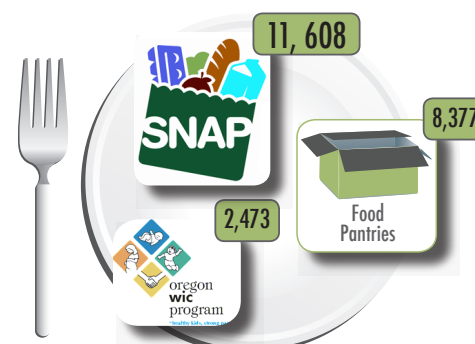
A 60-year-old man called because he couldn't afford to pay his water bill. In the course of the conversation, the call-taker asked if he received SNAP (food stamps) benefits. He said, "No, I usually give, not take." But he had recently been unable to pay his bills because of an injury, and he was willing to apply for SNAP benefits. SNAP helped free up some much-needed room in his budget. This type of call is very common in the 211info call center.

FOOD CALLS PER COUNTY*



* 211 was not available statewide until February 2013. Data from 2-1-1 line and 1-800-Safenet.

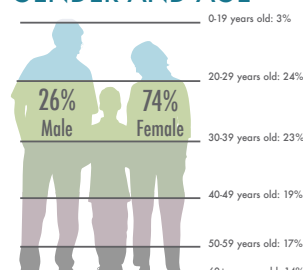
TOP PROGRAM REQUESTS



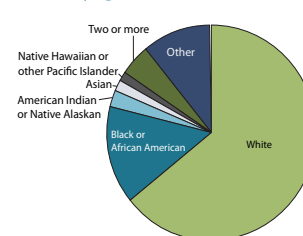
TOP FOOD PANTRY REFERRALS



GENDER AND AGE



ETHNICITY

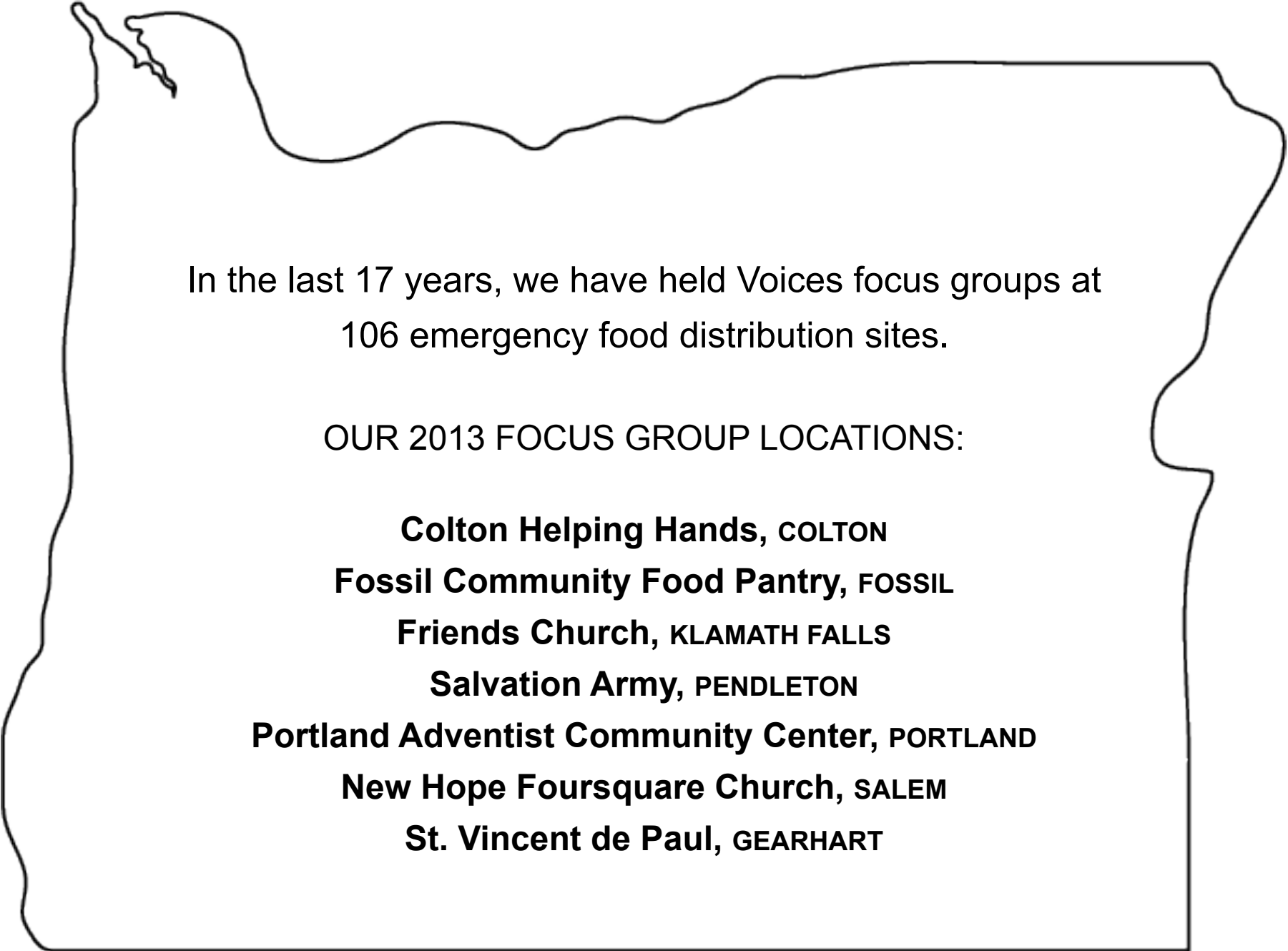


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Voices Focus Groups





In the last 17 years, we have held Voices focus groups at
106 emergency food distribution sites.

OUR 2013 FOCUS GROUP LOCATIONS:

Colton Helping Hands, COLTON

Fossil Community Food Pantry, FOSSIL

Friends Church, KLAMATH FALLS

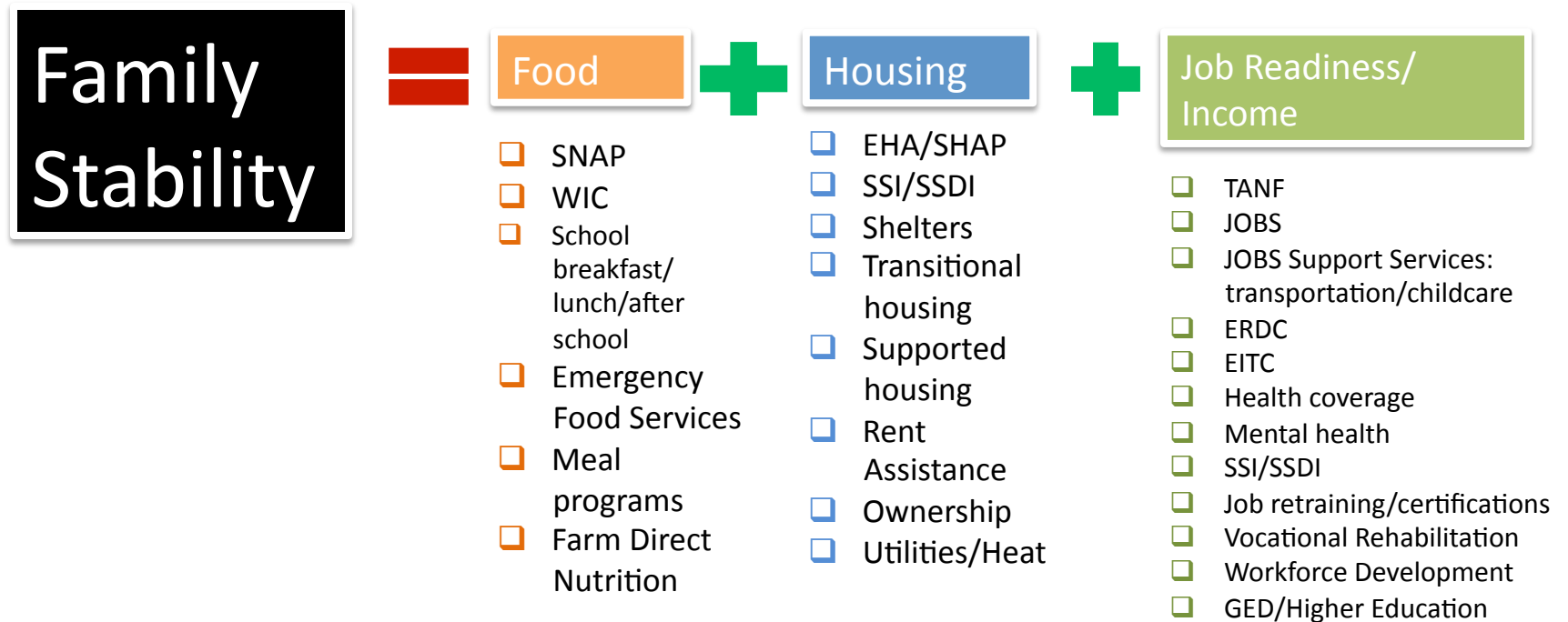
Salvation Army, PENDLETON

Portland Adventist Community Center, PORTLAND

New Hope Foursquare Church, SALEM

St. Vincent de Paul, GEARHART

Solutions & Effective Strategies:



Together, we can end
hunger before it begins.

