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My story of when we used SNAP benefits when I lived in OR: I had 2 kids under the age of 4 and was out of work and denied employment benefits . My husband was getting his pay cut. So I found myself at the office filling out paperwork. Here I was 12 years of education between us and finding ourselves in a situation I never thought would happen. We only used the SNAP benefits for a little over a year but it was enough to allow us time to rebuild a solid foundation. The relief I had knowing that no matter what happened I could at least feed my family was unmeasurable. Making sure nobody goes hungry is something we should all be working towards. It saved us and I know it saves others everyday.