

GLOSSARY OF FREQUENTLY USED TERMS



Term	Definition
"Boots on the Ground"	a way to refer to those who work in food pantries or food banks in local communities; those who see and understand issues firsthand as they relate to their communities
Breakfast After the Bell	Breakfast After the Bell (BAB) means a breakfast that is offered to students after the beginning of the school day. Schools must make Breakfast After the Bell accessible to all students and allow students a reasonable amount of time to eat their meal.
Cent\$ible Nutrition	an adult direct education intervention designed to help individuals and families with limited resources shop, cook, and eat healthier on a budget; funded by University of Wyoming Family and Consumer Sciences, SNAP-Ed, and EFNEP. Cent\$ible Nutrition is a partner to <i>Grow a Little Extra</i> and <i>Food from the Field</i> .
Feeding America	Feeding America is a United States-based nonprofit organization that is a nationwide network of more than 200 food banks that feed more than 46 million people through food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community-based agencies. Forbes ranks it as the second largest U.S. charity by revenue. Wyoming Hunger Initiative counts Feeding America as a resource for data and research, but has no formal relationship.
Food Bank	A food bank acts as a grocery store of sorts for community partners and is responsible for ensuring that partners (anti-hunger organizations like food pantries or other community agencies) have the resources they need to feed those seeking help. Food Bank of Wyoming is Wyoming's food bank, and has a relationship with Food Bank of the Rockies headquartered in Denver, Colorado.
Food Insecurity	The USDA defines four different ranges of food insecurity, or level of food access in a household due to financial or other barriers. High food security describes no reported indications of food-access problems or limitations; marginal food security describes 1-2 reported indications of food access problems such as anxiety over food sufficiency or a shortage of food in a household; low food security reports reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet due to external factors; very low food security reports multiple indications of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake in a household.
Food Pantry	A food pantry is a distribution center where hungry families can receive food. Supplied with food from a food bank and other donated sources, pantries feed hundreds of people per week! Because every community is different, there are many different types of pantries: they might be a standalone building or inside a church or school.
Good Samaritan Law	In 1996, Congress passed the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act to address liability-related barriers challenges to food recovery and donation efforts. The Act "establish[es] a uniform national law to protect organizations and individuals when they donate goods in good faith" for the purpose of "encourag[ing] and enabl[ing] restaurants, grocers, and other donors to feed the hungry." And, it's what enables many Wyoming Hunger Initiative programs to exist!

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Hunger	Hunger refers to a personal, physical sensation of discomfort, while food insecurity refers to a lack of available financial resources for food at the household level. Wyoming Hunger Initiative seeks to eliminate both food insecurity (low food security as defined by the USDA) and hunger in Wyoming.
Master Gardener	Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who share a love of gardening, an enthusiasm for learning and a commitment to helping others. The University of Wyoming Master Gardener Program is a volunteer network that serves the citizens of Wyoming by providing sound scientific information and horticultural advice in each county. The Master Gardener program is a partner to <i>Grow a Little Extra</i> .
Mobile Pantry	A mobile pantry brings food to people who cannot easily access a local food pantry. Truckloads of food are distributed to people in pre-packed boxes or displayed on folding tables like a farmer's market.
No Kid Hungry	No Kid Hungry is a national campaign run by Share Our Strength, a nonprofit working to solve problems of hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. After 25 years of successfully investing in local nonprofits and helping find the best approaches to eradicating poverty and hunger, Share Our Strength launched No Kid Hungry in 2010. Wyoming Hunger Initiative received a Breakfast After the Bell grant from No Kid Hungry in its first year of existence, but since that time has no official partnership and relies on the campaign as a resource for data and research.
Partner	A partner is any anti-hunger organization, corporate entity, or individual that is committed to working with Wyoming Hunger Initiative to achieve its mission of shining a light on food insecurity issues and ending hunger in Wyoming.
Processor	Can refer to the place of business in which domestic or game meat is processed for consumption, or the individual proprietor of the place of business. Wyoming Hunger Initiative's partner processors sign a Memorandum of Understanding to officially participate in <i>Food from the Field</i> and <i>Food from the Farm + Ranch</i> .
Regional Director	To assist in communication and networking in a geographically disbursed state like Wyoming, Wyoming Hunger Initiative employs the Regional Director concept to help manage the issues in six different regions across the state. Regional Directors are appointed by First Lady Jennie Gordon and the Board of Directors, and serve as volunteers during their term of service.
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of needy families so they can purchase healthy food and move towards self-sufficiency. Wyoming Hunger Initiative does not manage any federal nutrition benefits, but simply provides resource listings to help connect those in need.

