Oregon State University
Human Services Resource Center

Washington and Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference 2018
Why the HSRC exists...

- **College affordability is a constant struggle**
  
  - 36% of OSU students do not have enough financial resources.
  
  - 76% of HSRC students reported that financial stress impacts their mental health and wellness.
Why the HSRC exists...

- All students @ Oregon State should have:
  
  Enough food
  
  A safe place to sleep
  
  Resources for basic needs
  
  Access to course texts/materials
  
  A full academic experience
Overview of HSRC Programs:

HSRC Food Pantry

Food Assistance Program

SNAP Enrollment Assistance

Twitter Campaign: @eatfreeOSU
Food Pantry

Funded via OSU Foundation
In partnership with LBFS

Shopping Style Pantry

Open to members of OSU & Corvallis community
Income limitations apply
Fresh Food Fridays

In collaboration with partners, have been able to offer “Fresh Food Fridays” as way to increase fresh produce to OSU and community households.
Food Assistance Program

- Online application implemented Fall 2017

- 32% increase over same time period last year

- Rich data about how that informs program decisions and helps connect students to other helpful resources.
**Food Assistance Application**

- Average Mealbux Award
  - Winter term 2018 = **$84**
- One term of SNAP = **$567**

**SNAP Opportunity**

After just two terms, we now have 504 unique students who aren’t getting SNAP that we think could be…

Over a 10 month school year, that’s **$1,890 each**
OSU Cascadia Market + SNAP EBT Cards
SNAP Outreach Opportunity

First attempt was emailing 272 students encouraging them to apply.

>> 29 students now get SNAP.
SNAP Outreach Opportunity

Earlier this term, we held a big SNAP-enrollment event to help students apply.

>> 53 students attended.
Other programs to consider...

Textbook Lending Program

Emergency Housing Assistance
STRUGGLING TO PAY FOR TEXTBOOKS?

The Human Services Resource Center's Textbook Lending Program allows students the opportunity to check out required textbooks at no cost for the entire academic term.

Priority Access students can begin textbook check out at the HSRC during week one of term. After that, it is open to the entire student body.

For more information, visit studentlife.oregonstate.edu/hsrc/textbooks

For accommodations related to disability, please contact Nicole Hindes at hsre@oregonstate.edu

Textbook Lending Program

Week one: Priority Access
Week two: Open to All

Check out textbooks
Use for full term
FREE
“Textbook and lecture materials are very expensive, and I have to cut my meals and eat once a day because I need to save money to buy lecture materials”

- Student, Fall 2017
Emergency Housing

Our new Food Assistance Application is helping us better find and help students in crisis.

125 applicants reported spending time last year sleeping in a vehicle, tent, or homeless shelter.
Cool things we do that are (almost) free:
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@eatfreeOSU

launched summer 2017, already over 700 followers

“[The HSRC] helps me become more socialized since I became more willing to seek events/activities that have free food to save money. I made a lot of friends in this process”
Cool things we do that are (almost) free:

Faculty wanting to support students basic needs can visit HSRC website to get pre-written statement for syllabus.
To continue the conversation, ask questions, get more information…

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Thank You