



The Community Food Experience

Barriers to Access, and Closing the Meal Gap

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*How familiar are you with the Atlanta
Community Food Bank or food banking in
general?*

Very familiar, Somewhat familiar, Food bank??

Meaning of Food

Food Banking | Food Insecurity

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Meaning of Food







*What food that makes
you think of home?*

Food Banking

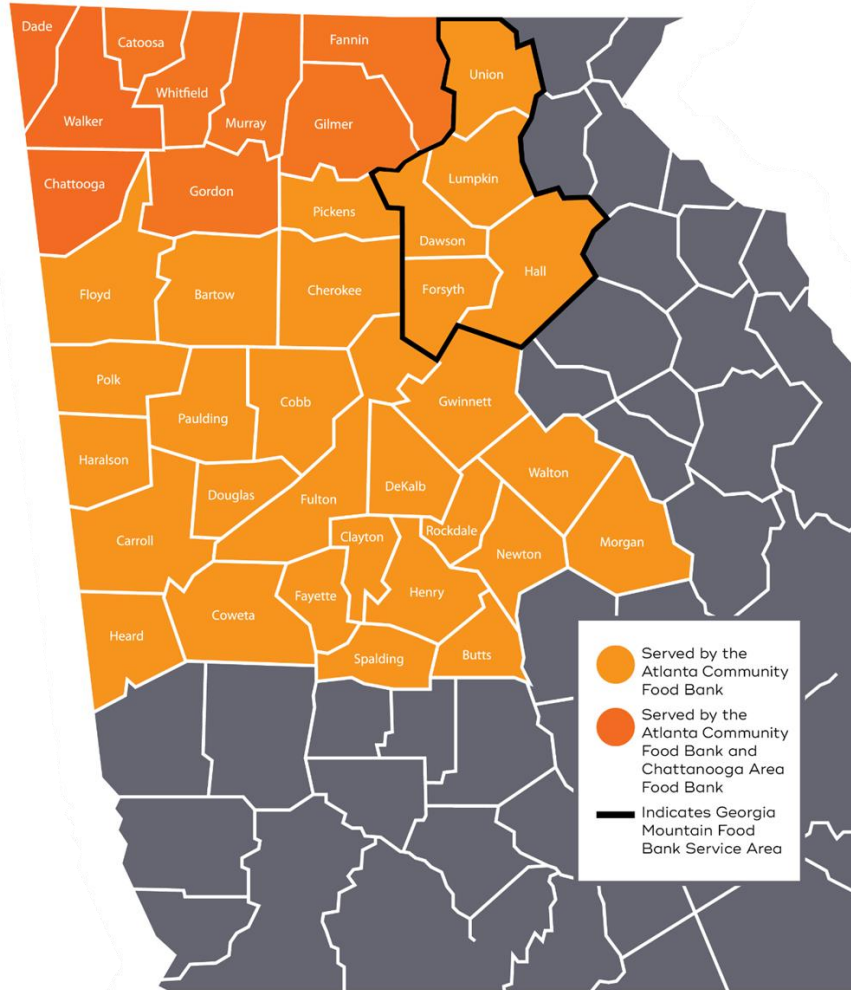


A Brief History





Atlanta Community Food Bank's Service Area



- 29 Counties
- 700 Partner Agencies
- 525,000 People (8.4%)
- 153,000 Children (10.1%)

15% African American
12% Hispanic
6% White

How Does It Work?



Local Neighbors, Farms, Retailers, Grocery Stores, and Restaurants supply food to **food banks**.



Food banks sort and provide food to **food pantries**.

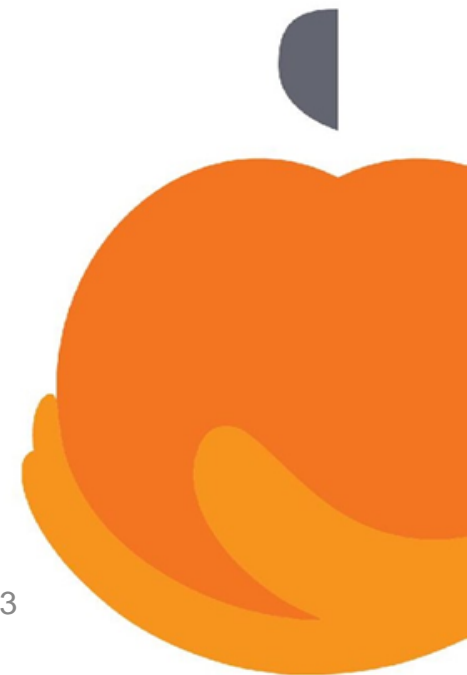


Food pantries receive the food and pass it out to people who are **food insecure**.



People who are **food insecure** can go to food pantries to receive much of the food they need.

Stats and Facts

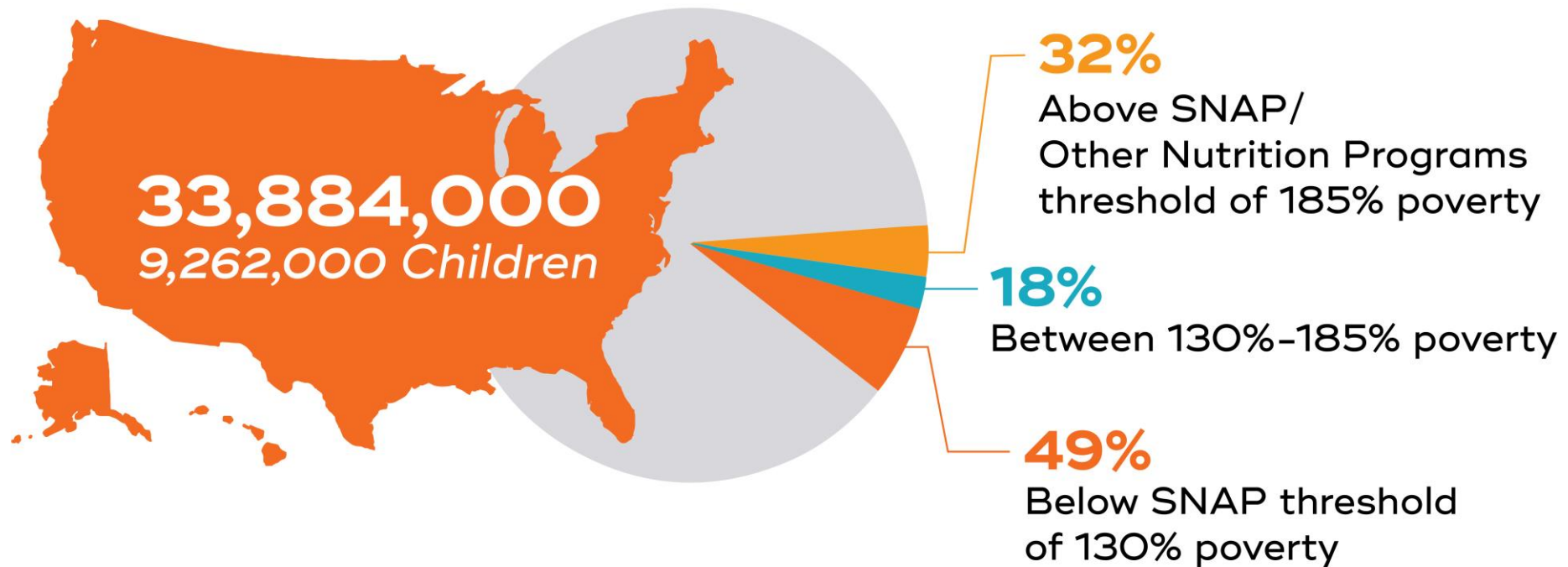


Food Insecurity and Hunger

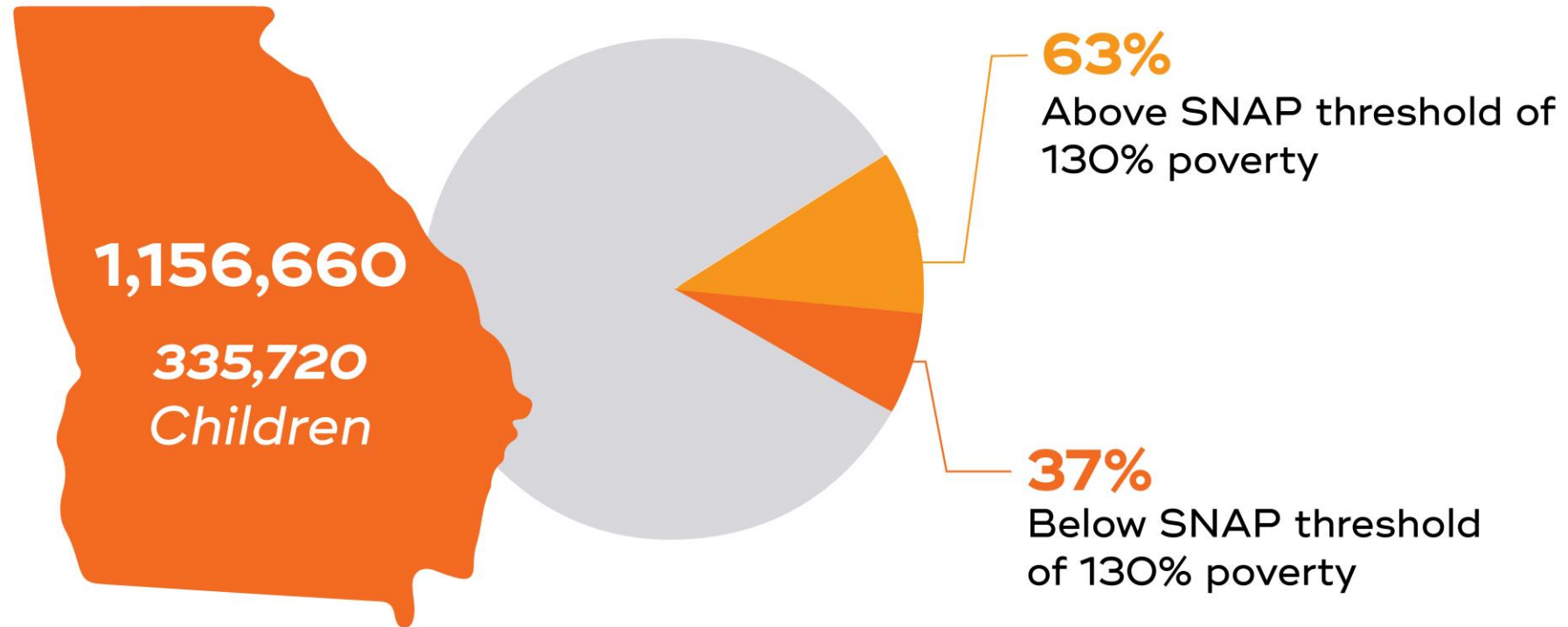
The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines **food insecurity** as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life.

Hunger refers to a personal, physical sensation of not having food, while **food insecurity** refers to a lack of available financial resources for food at the household level.

2021 Overall Food Insecurity in the United States



2021 Food Insecurity in Georgia



Cobb County

General Population

2021 Food Insecurity In Cobb County, Georgia

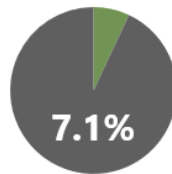


FOOD INSECURE POPULATION IN COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

53,950



FOOD INSECURITY RATE IN COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA



ESTIMATED PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AMONG FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE IN COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA



62% Above SNAP threshold of 130% poverty

38% Below SNAP threshold of 130% poverty

AVERAGE MEAL COST IN COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

\$4.16

ANNUAL FOOD BUDGET SHORTFALL

\$39,614,000

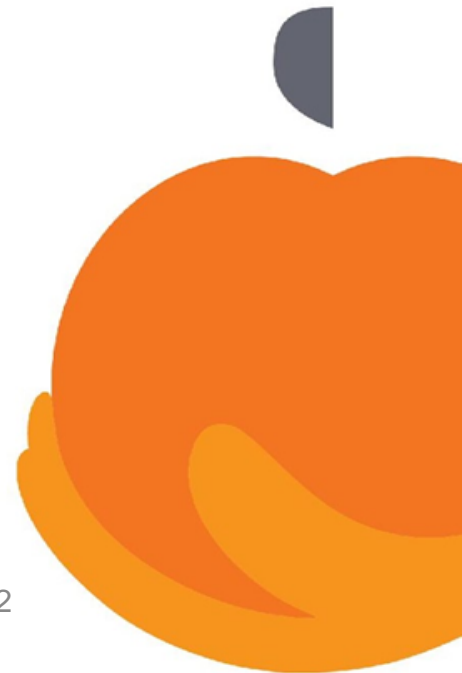




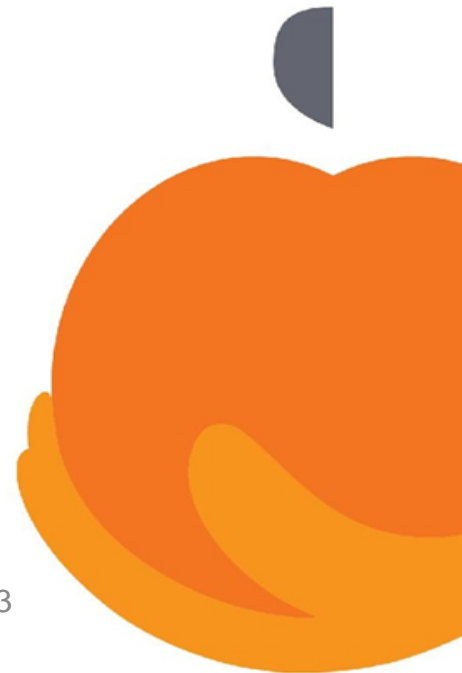


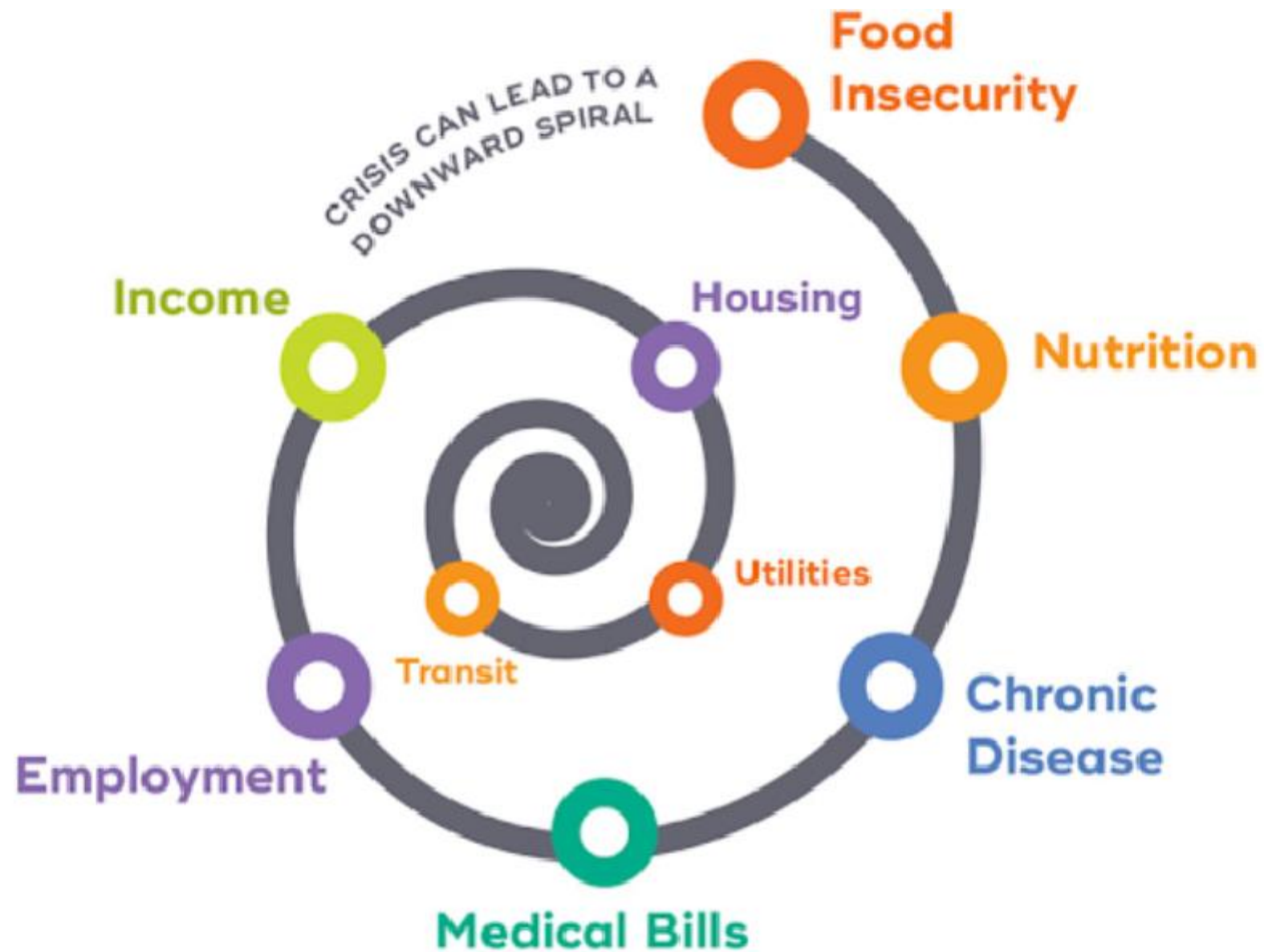


Simulation Instructions



Debrief





Responses to Food Insecurity

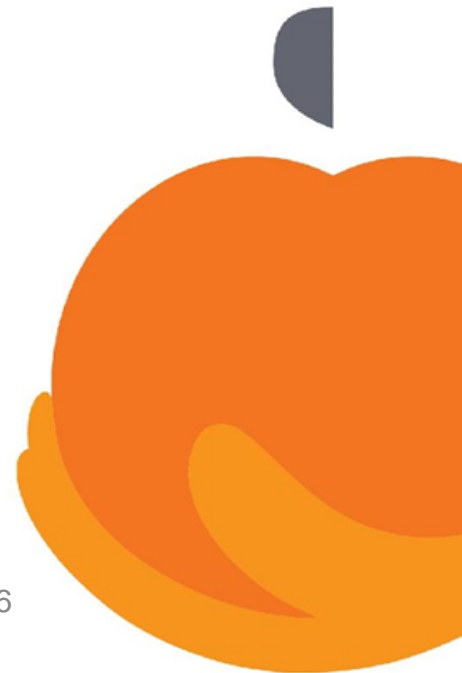
Community

- Food Bank
- Food Pantries
- Community Kitchens
- Shelters
- Faith community
- Friends and Family
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Government

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- School and Summer Meals
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

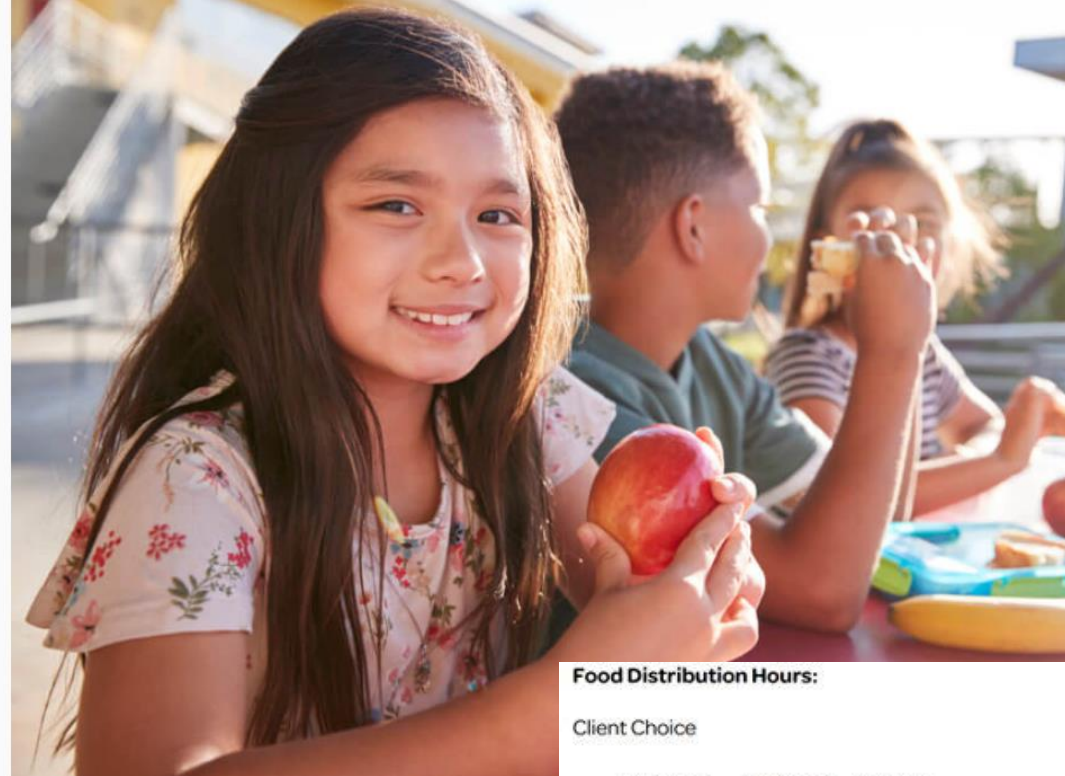
Removing Barriers



COMMUNITY FOOD CENTERS CONNECT FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN NEED WITH GROCERIES.

Food assistance is available.

[Make an Appointment](#)



COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER – MARIETTA

Address: 1605 Austell Rd., Marietta,
GA 30008

SUNDAY–THURSDAY

Food Distribution Hours:

Client Choice

- Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Monday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Friday CLOSED
- Saturday CLOSED

To make an appointment to get food: Call [478-394-4547](tel:478-394-4547)

To Volunteer: [Visit our volunteer page](#)

Community Food Center– Marietta

- Client Choice
- Over 550 Households/week
- Over 30,000lbs/week
- Served over 2,500 households &
- 8,000 individuals in first 6 weeks
- Always need volunteers!

www.acfb.org/get-help/

GIVE

GET INVOLVED

HUNGER IN GEORGIA

OUR IMPACT

PARTNER RESOURCES



DONATE



GET HELP



SEARCH

WE'RE ENDING
HUNGER IN OUR
COMMUNITY.



FEEDING AMERICA

TO FIND A PANTRY

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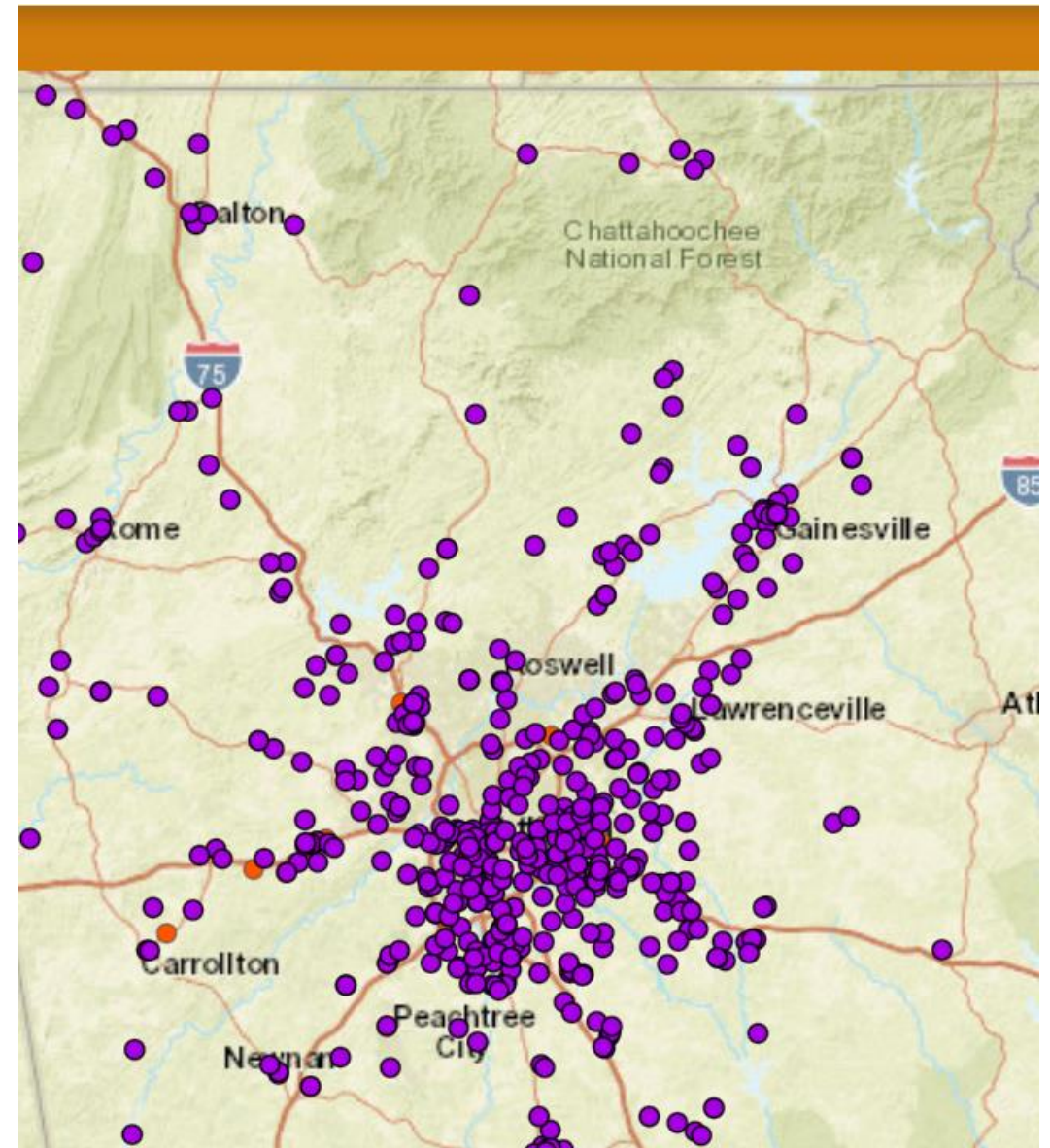
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AT 678.553.5917



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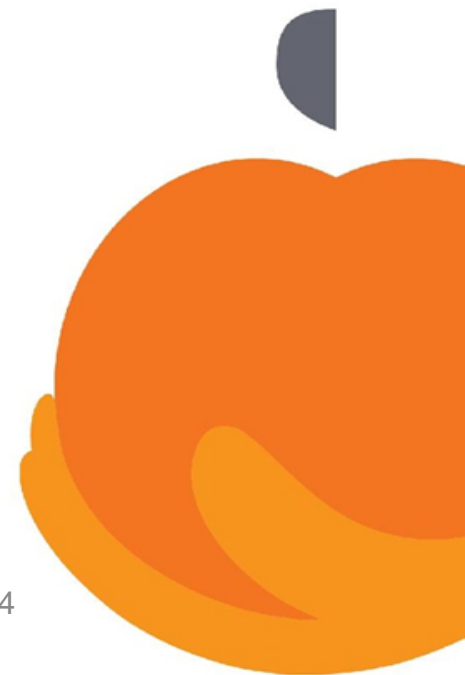
Food as Medicine

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Jesse Hill Market is home to our Food as Medicine program, an innovative program offering all members of the Grady community – patients, families, employees, visitors, and neighbors – access to healthy, affordable food in partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank.



Ways to be Involved



Volunteer

Advocate

Food & Fund Drives

Events

Hunger Education

Partner With Us



Q&A

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