

Food Security Assessment

1. Can you describe the organization you work for?

2. What community do you mainly serve? How long have you been serving that community?

3. What do you think is the biggest issue surrounding food security? Rate the following topics on a scale of 1-5 (1 being the smallest issue and 5 the largest).
 - a. Transportation:
 - b. Lack of access:
 - c. Lack of knowledge about food assistance programs:
 - d. Expense:
 - e. Not interested in buying local:

4. Most of Montana's produce is sent out of state. What reasons come to mind? Why do you think this is?

5. Does your community have a farmer's market?
Describe items offered:

Is it well attended?
Do you attend it yourself?

6. Is there a shift in your community towards using more locally grown products (ex. meats, vegetables, fruits, grains)?

7. Does your community's school system participate in a local food program, like Farm to School or Farm to Cafeteria?

If so, can you tell us more about that program? Do you know how this program works?

8. What aspects of a food program, if any, do you work most closely with? How long have you been working with the program and in what capacity?

9. Does your work allow you to serve participants of a food program? List types of food assistance programs:

Can you give an approximate number or percentage of how many you serve on some form of food assistance (ex. WIC, SNAP)?

10. Do you think that there is a shortage of information about eligibility and general information about these kinds of programs? What ways can we better inform the public about these programs?

11. What do you think is the biggest impediment or roadblock preventing a larger number of eligible people in participating in food assistance programs?

12. What do you think is the biggest roadblock towards establishing a farm to school or farm to cafeteria program in the community you serve?

13. What are food issues facing your community today?

14. How can your community address these food issues?

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