

Partner Site: _____

Date: _____



Healthy Pantry Certification

Program Objectives

Healthy Pantry Partners must meet a minimum of 5 optional strategies and all listed required strategies to obtain certification.

Objective 1 – Market Healthy Foods

Required Strategies:

- _____ Display poster signage that markets healthy food choices (minimum of 5 posters)
- _____ Display shelf tags that highlight specific items (minimum of 5 cards)
- _____ Display fresh produce in a prominent location
- _____ Display Foods to Encourage pantry items at eye level
- _____ Display recipes and nutrition information in a location convenient for clients
- _____ Identify staff member to oversee nudge display

Optional Strategies:

- _____ Offer healthy food samples coupled with a recipe and available pantry item(s)
- _____ Incentivize healthy food items
- _____ Emphasize cooking from scratch by putting meal components together

Objective 2 - Increase Nutrition Education

Required Strategies:

- _____ Utilize Volunteer Tip Sheet to train new volunteers on nutrition nudges
- _____ Engage community partner(s) to provide nutrition education and resources (at least quarterly)

Optional Strategies:

- _____ Offer onsite cooking demonstrations
- _____ Provide information on nutritional benefits of SNAP, WIC, and other resources
- _____ Host a health fair
- _____ Display ONIE cooking demonstration videos in client waiting area

Objective 3 - Increase access to a variety of fruits and vegetables

Required Strategies:

- _____ Provide a variety of fresh produce
- _____ Provide low sodium canned vegetables and no sugar added canned fruit
- _____ Order a minimum of 70% green or yellow coded items on Agency Express

Optional Strategies:

- _____ Asks donors to host a healthy food drive and request specific items
- _____ Demonstrate to staff and clients on how to properly handle and store produce
- _____ Provide additional distribution day for produce and other perishable items

Objective 4 – Provide appropriate environment for those with chronic disease, dietary restrictions, age or culture.

Required Strategies:

- _____ Have a special section for diet specific food (i.e. gluten free, low sodium, vegetarian, etc.)

Optional Strategies:

- _____ Provide resources for selecting food for clients with diet related conditions
- _____ Work with registered dietitian or healthcare provider to identify healthy options
- _____ Partner with local hospital or clinic to take patient referrals for food insecurity

Other Unlisted Strategies? _____

Pantry Representative Printed Name: _____

Pantry Representative Signature: _____ Signature Date: _____