TEFAP (USDA) & Link2Feed Integration

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What is the TEFAP Program?
- TEFAP stands for "The Emergency Food Assistance Program" and is also known as USDA Commodities.
- Qualifying households will receive commodities as part of their food pantry assistance.
- Households can receive TEFAP in addition to other qualifying programs (i.e., CSFP, Pantry Assistance, Senior Servings (where applicable)).
- A proxy can be used to pick up TEFAP Assistance if the neighbor cannot themselves.

TEFAP Eligibility Integrated into Link2Feed:
- Qualified households must live in Oklahoma and meet the established income guidelines by household size.
- Program (re)certification occurs every July, with updated income guidelines.
    - As a client signs for the (re)certification, they are acknowledging the non-discrimination statements and declaring they meet the program guidelines.
    - This TEFAP Tab replaces the annual paper form titled "TEFAP Client Eligibility Form."
- If a household receives SNAP, they are automatically eligible* to receive TEFAP, regardless of their income in Link2Feed.
    - *This is umbrellaed under Oklahoma's categorical eligibility rule which states a household is pre-determined as eligible because of receiving other benefits and automatically authorized to receive TEFAP.*
- On the TEFAP Tab, Link2Feed will automatically calculate eligibility based on information entered during intake. The "Eligibility Chart" details if the household meets the income by size of household.
    - If the item is green, the client meets the qualification.
    - If the item is pink, the client does not meet the qualification – and the agency may need to explore further (ex: as income is too high or they need to be recertified, etc.).
    - If the item is yellow, this indicates that Link2Feed has automatically overridden the income because the household receives SNAP benefits.
- TEFAP Pantry Distributions are recorded on the Services Tab and capture client's (or proxy's) signature.
    - Recording TEFAP Assistance on the Services Tab replaces the paper form titled "Bilingual Food Pantry Log."
    - If the TEFAP Assistance button is greyed out, please go to the TEFAP Tab, and review the chart.
    - If the household does not meet the TEFAP requirements, they are not able to receive USDA foods.

Rights and Responsibilities:
- No eligible neighbor will be discriminated against based on gender, sex, ethnicity, race, or religion.
- Faith based organizations cannot require participation in religious activities such as prayer to receive the meals.

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