

Foodshare Rural Expansion

Improve health outcomes by providing access to food box hubs which serve neighborhoods in rural areas in addition to helping patients with Type 2 diabetes mellitus to improve their eating habits by overcoming three major hurdles: fresh food access, affordability, and nutrition education

Project Aims

- Build statewide capacity to increase fresh food access in SC by facilitating a network of 34 organizations that will replicate FoodShare programs into their model.
- Drive community level collaborations across the care continuum with a focus on referrals to address basic needs and help residents manage chronic disease (emphasis on diabetes).
- Develop Veggie Rx (produce prescription) program for low-income patients with diet-related disease using a partnership model of care.

Successes

- To date, FoodShare has replicated the model in 11 counties: Richland, Spartanburg, Greenville, Orangeburg, Bamberg, Kershaw, Lee, Chesterfield, Lancaster, Marlboro, and Laurens.

Future Directions

- Six additional counties will launch within the next 6 months: Marlboro, York, Cherokee, Pickens, Hampton, and Williamsburg.
- Expanding the FoodShare SC model to Berkeley, Greenwood, Abbeville, Florence, Colleton, Jasper, and Oconee.

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