Most Legal Immigrants Can Get Food Stamps!

If your income is low enough, many legal immigrants and all citizens living with immigrants CAN get food stamps. The rules can be complicated, but here are some guidelines.

❖ The following legal immigrants can get food stamps RIGHT AWAY:
  • Legal immigrant children (Under 18)
  • Refugees, asylees, and some other legal immigrants escaping persecution
  • Legal immigrants receiving certain disability benefits

❖ After 5 years of living in the U.S., almost all other legal immigrants can get food stamps.

❖ All U.S. citizens can get food stamps, even if they live with immigrants who cannot get food stamps.

❖ Undocumented immigrants are not eligible for food stamps.
  Undocumented immigrants can apply on behalf of their citizen children.

REMEMBER:

• You DO NOT have to pay back the food stamps you get.
• Getting food stamps WILL NOT affect your immigration status.

Need more help? Call us. We can answer questions or help you apply.

Food Stamp Hotline: 215-430-0556
Community Legal Services: 215-227-2400
Welfare Law Line: 215-227-6485

We can provide an interpreter if you tell us what language you speak.
There are also interpreters available at Philadelphia’s County Assistance Offices.