

FYI-Cessation of Emergency Food Distribution (SNAP Boxes)

Background:

CTAC entered into an emergency contract with the **Regional Food Bank of Northeast Florida, Inc. (Contract No. 14933)** to support the distribution of supplemental food boxes to participating Family Resource Centers (FRCs) in response to the SNAP benefits disruption.

Update

The Regional Food Bank has formally decided **not to request any additional withdrawals** from the CTAC emergency allocation and has initiated termination of the agreement.

Effective **January 20, 2026**, food box distributions under this contract will be **discontinued**, and **no additional food deliveries** will occur beyond this date.

Rationale Provided by Partner:

The partner cited two primary reasons for ending the agreement:

1. **Operational Capacity:** The program proved highly labor-intensive and required significant staff and resource reallocation from core operations. The partner will continue limited distribution using **Alachua County funding**, independent of CTAC.
2. **Limited Provider Demand:** FRC feedback did not demonstrate strong demand for a second distribution cycle:
 - Cessation of SNAP emergency
 - Responses received from 4 of 6 FRCs.
 - Only 3 FRCs requested additional boxes.
 - One FRC reported slow distribution and requested only 60 additional boxes.

Provider Communication:

CTAC issued a formal notification to all participating FRCs confirming:

- Contract termination effective January 20, 2026.
- Discontinuation of all CTAC-funded food box deliveries via the SNAP Emergency Initiative
- Appreciation for provider participation and collaboration.

- Distribution of a **provider survey** to gather feedback on implementation, communication, and overall impact to inform future planning and funding strategies.
- Commitment to sharing any alternative food assistance resources should they become available.

Next Steps:

- Administration of the FRC feedback survey and internal review of findings.
- Documentation of lessons learned to inform future emergency response models.