

Supporting Students' Basic Needs

Meeting students' immediate food needs

- All 23 campuses have a food pantry or food distribution program.
- A majority of campuses offer meals through meal sharing or meal voucher programs.
- A majority of campuses make fresh fruit and vegetables available to students.
- Nine campuses accept Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) with additional campuses in development.
- More than 10 campus food retailers allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) dollars to be used to purchase hot food on campus. Additional retail outlets are working to add this benefit.

Providing emergency funds and housing

- All 23 CSU campuses offer on-campus emergency housing or vouchers for off-campus housing.
- A majority of campuses offer emergency grants or funds.
- 14 campuses raise donations from the community specifically to support students' basic needs.

Connecting students with resources

- All 23 campuses offer students CalFresh application assistance.
- Nearly all campuses have websites that connect students with on- and off-campus resources, and many faculty members include resource links in course syllabi.

- All 23 campuses have administrators or staff who manage programs and connect students with resources.
- 11 campuses have case managers or crisis response teams.
- All 23 campuses partner with local food banks and other community organizations.
- 13 campuses host dedicated Basic Needs Centers.
- 14 campuses have Basic Needs Ambassador training programs for students, faculty and staff.
- 17 campus health centers have established partnerships with on-campus Basic Needs support and are connecting students in need to those services.

Offering additional support

- 19 campuses provide cooking classes and recipes to help students prepare healthy and inexpensive meal options.
- A majority of campuses offer wellness workshops, with many offering self-help seminars and other types of support communities.
- 14 campuses have established programs providing clothing for students in need including interview-appropriate attire, and 7 campuses host pop-up career clothing events or community partnerships.
- 14 campuses host financial literacy workshops for students.

