SNAP-Ed Innovates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Rhode Island SNAP-Ed helps low-income Rhode Islanders eat healthy on a budget and engage in positive nutrition and physical activity habits. During March through September 2020 of the pandemic, RI SNAP-Ed shifted priorities to meet the evolving needs of community partners and participants.

The Work → Challenge → Solution → Results

Direct Education
- No face-to-face series of direct education programs allowed
- Transformed programming into virtual workshops that were interactive and engaging for all ages
- Series education programs to 432 participants through 11 community partners

Partnerships
- Shifting SNAP-Ed priorities to meet the immediate needs of partners
- Joined additional coalitions, work groups, & committees to assist in meeting community needs
- 14 new or rejuvenated partnerships with state and local community partners

Policy, Systems, & Environmental Change Interventions
- Increased food access needs, but limited food options
- Created resources with tips to prepare and use vegetables for community partners to provide with pre-packed food bags and boxes
- Over 14,000 resources in English, Spanish and Portuguese distributed through 5 community partners

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