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# The Nutrition Pantry Program

## — 2022 IMPACT REPORT —

### *Nourishment Beyond Nutrition*



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## About the Program

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The Nutrition Pantry Program (NPP) is a Policy System and Environments (PSE) intervention program that combines the best practices of healthy pantry work with a *Trauma-Informed* approach. The NPP network includes food banks, public health providers, social service agencies, and nonprofits. Through NPP, trained implementers offer food distribution sites technical assistance, increased community resources, and connection. Participation in the Nutrition Pantry Program results in strengthened client and community-centered food networks and more resilient local food systems. In 2022, Leah's Pantry trained over 204 NPP implementers, added 49 new sites to our growing network, and graduated 24 pantries from the program.

## Tracking Impact: NPP's Six Focus Areas



**Cultural & Dietary Accommodations:** Survey clients for preferences; use feedback to understand culturally appropriate food needs, provide translated materials, define processes for easily assisting clients with special diets.



**Nutrition Education:** Provide nutrition classes and demos (virtually or live), refer clients and volunteers to online nutrition education Mini Course, nudge clients towards healthy options easily and in a variety of settings.



**Environment:** Check-in process is easy and efficient, distribution is warm and welcoming, healthy options are convenient and attractive.



**Inventory: Food Sourcing & Waste Reduction:** Set inventory goals, communicate inventory needs to donors, engage communities as providers of supplemental food, prioritize efforts to reduce waste.



**Community Connections:** Partner with social service agencies to offer warm referrals, create space for clients to connect with each other, and participate in the NPP network.



**Policies and Procedures:** Document pantry policies and procedures, formalize nutrition guidelines, post policies in a visible area.

## Reach

As of 2022, the Nutrition Pantry Program (NPP) is implemented throughout **22** counties in California. In addition to the California region, we've established partnerships in **eight** states; growing our reach and efficacy, proudly partnering with Arkansas, Arizona, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia and Washington!

**204 Implementers Trained in 2022**

**24 Total Pantries Graduated in 2022**

### Quick Stats from 2022:

Average number of Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) changes, per certified site: **18**

Average number of PSE changes for Bronze certificate graduates: **7**

Average number of PSE changes for Silver certificate graduates: **11**

Average number of PSE changes for Gold certificate graduates: **20**



### Our 2022 Pantry Graduates:

- AVPH Food Pantry
- East Side Union School District
- Gavilan College
- Jewish Family Services LA SOVA Valley
- Jewish Family Services LA SOVA West
- Operation Promise
- RCCG Jesus Assembly AV
- San Jose State University
- Santa Clara University - Bronco Pantry
- Westmoreland Community Pantry
- El Lirio's Pantry
- St Joseph Center
- Centro Cristiano Manatial de Vida
- Stephen's Memorial Pantry
- Neighborhood Impact - TREND Pantry
- Foothills Food Bank
- Mercado El Sol
- LACDPH Antelope Valley Wellness Center
- Central City Neighborhood Partners
- Saint Vincent De Paul Exeter
- Serra's Pantry

# Praise from our NPP for Implementers' Training



"I enjoyed both the online training and Zoom training. Your staff did a great job compiling and explaining a wealth of information.

Looking forward to implementing it."

"I thought it was one of the better trainings I've done due to the mix of materials, the engaging live session, and the requests for feedback and participation"

"The real life case studies were great because the pantries were very much like what we deal with."

"Thank you for this training. I'm excited about Leah's Pantry and feel it will help our pantries become stronger not just nutritionally but as a welcoming resource."



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