

Food Assistance Programs/ Food Pantries/Free Meals

Food Assistance Programs

4 the Kids

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4 the Kids SD pays for student meals in Codington, Hamlin, and Clark counties in South Dakota. We deposit funds directly into student meal accounts.

Cornerstone Church – Lunch Bunch

1350 11th St NE

Provides low cost lunches on Wednesdays during both lunches for Junior and Senior students during the school year. Lunch Bunch does not meet on early out days. For more information: contact 605-886-2242.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

DSS 20001 9th Ave SW

605-882-5000

Provides financial assistance to help cover the cost of food. Qualification is based on income. Apply at the Department of Social Services office or online.

WIC (Women, Infants, & Children Nutrition Program)

104 1st Ave NW

County Health Nurse

605-882-5177

Provides nutritious food supplement to pregnant and nursing women, infants, and children under 5 who qualify based on income.

Watertown Area PACH (People Against Child Hunger) Program

Email: watertownpach@gmail.com

605-886-4427

pachwatertown.org

Any child in grades K-12 enrolled in the Watertown Public School District or any Codington County School is eligible during the school year. Pre-registration is required and the number of participants is limited. To register, applicants must complete a form available on web-site or e-mail or call to receive a form.

Watertown Area Summer PACH (People Against Child Hunger) Program

First United Methodist Church

605-886-4427

Email: office@watertownfirst.church

This provides additional food resources during the summer. Any child in grades Pre-K through Grade 12, enrolled in any Watertown or Codington County school may participate in the Summer PACH Program. There are no other eligibility requirements. Annual registration will occur in April. Through the Registration and Consent Form, participants can pick up a Food Box monthly at the PACH Distribution Site (back side of

the mall). At this time, we are unable to provide for special dietary needs, so all boxes will have the same foods.

Watertown School District

Free & Reduced school meals

200 9th St. NE; 605-882-6312

Contact: Kim Johnson, Determining Official

Email: kim.johnson@k12.sd.us

Apply online through your Infinite Campus Parent Portal, or pick up an application at your child's school. Acceptance is based on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

Food Pantries

Cornerstone Church Food Pantry

1350 11th St NE

605-886-2242

Hours are from 9:00am– 12:00pm every non-holiday Monday.

The Salvation Army

621 4th St SE

605-886-4030

salarmywatertown.org

Contact: Alexis Vanwermer

Food Box can be picked up every 31 days, and is open Monday from 1pm-3 pm, Friday from 9am-11:30am (except 4th Fridays of the month). Senior Box is every 4th Friday of the month from 9am-12pm.

Free meals

Free meals are served every week at these times and locations:

Salvation Army

621 4th St. E

Mon., Wed., Fr.; Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm

The Banquet at Grace Lutheran Church

202 2nd St. SE

Monday; Dinner 5:30pm-6:30pm

60s Plus & Meals on Wheels

Watertown Senior Center

26 1st Ave SW

605-882-2166

Must be 60+, or married to someone 60+. Donation of meal suggested. Can use SNAP benefits to pay. Options include: Congregate (at the Center 11:00-12:30 M-F); use Star Card; Home-delivered – put in cooler outside door; Frozen meals – choose 7 meals from menu, 7 slices of bread, 7 milks & 7 juices; and Star Card to use at designated restaurants (Prairie Stop or Hy-Vee in Watertown)