

National Evaluation of the Title III-C Elderly Nutrition Services Program (ENSP)

OBJECTIVES

Information from the ENSP evaluation will:

- Support program planning and program operations
- Address program efficiency and costs
- Examine program impact on diet quality, food insecurity, socialization, and health outcomes

PARTICIPANTS

Phase 1: All State Units on Aging (SUAs), 300 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), and 200 Local Service Providers.

Phase 2: 1200 program consumers at 200 local service providers and 1200 non-consumers.



DATA COLLECTION

Phase 1: SUAs, AAA's, and Local Service Providers will complete a survey about policies and practices related to the ENSP, organizational structure, program resources, and funding. Mathematica researchers will work closely with staff at local service providers to obtain information their costs in providing nutrition services.

Phase 2: Congregate and home-delivered consumers and non-consumers will be interviewed about their characteristics, program participation, and nutritional intake. Mathematica staff will ask Local Service Providers about meals served in the Elderly Nutrition Services Program.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Mathematica is committed to protecting the security of all study data, and will only report results in summary form. We will not identify the responses of individuals or agencies.

TIMELINE

Phase 1 will begin in Fall 2013, and Phase II will begin in spring 2014.

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