

# Basic Need Insecurity

## University of Arizona

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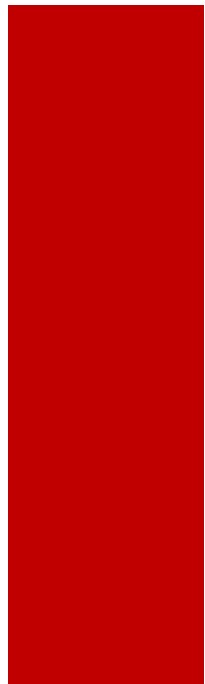
# What Are Basic Needs



# The Problem

# An Issue of Access

39%



College<sup>1</sup>

12.5%



National<sup>2</sup>

# THREE TIMES

**THE NATIONAL AVERAGE**

This matches the GAO's findings: 39% of undergraduates are below 130% of the FPL<sup>3</sup>

Also matches University of California and California State University systems data

# Need Insecurity Is an Equity Issue

- ❖ 60% of Indigenous college students are food insecure<sup>5</sup>
- ❖ 47% of Hispanic college students are food insecure<sup>5</sup>
- ❖ 49% of LGBTQ college students are food insecure<sup>5</sup>

Compare with 36% of white students, and 37% of straight students, who experience food insecurity<sup>5</sup>

# Looking to the Future

- Supporting our most at risk students
- The benefit on Arizona as a whole
- Becoming thought leaders in Arizona



# A Solution

# What Can We Do?

- ❖ Making data based decisions
- ❖ Creating the University of Arizona Basic Needs Coalition
- ❖ Shifting the culture and stigma around basic needs
- ❖ Becoming the thought leaders in Arizona on Basic Needs



# What Have Others Done

- ❖ Advocacy
  - ❖ Research
    - ❖ UCBOR and Alabama relied on data
  - ❖ Connect students to SNAP
  - ❖ Expand food pantries
  - ❖ Basic needs center
- ❖ Swipe Out Hunger
  - ❖ NAUs App
  - ❖ Food scholarship program
  - ❖ Farm scholarship program
  - ❖ Convene and build awareness
  - ❖ Formation of campus basic needs security coalitions

# Promising Impacts

Food scholarship programs in Houston – programs where students received bags of groceries twice a month – retained 60% of students as compared to 16% students in the same demographic. The retained students earned a GPA of 3.05 compared to 2.75 of students without the program. <sup>6</sup>

# The Ask

# Questions?

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Thank you!