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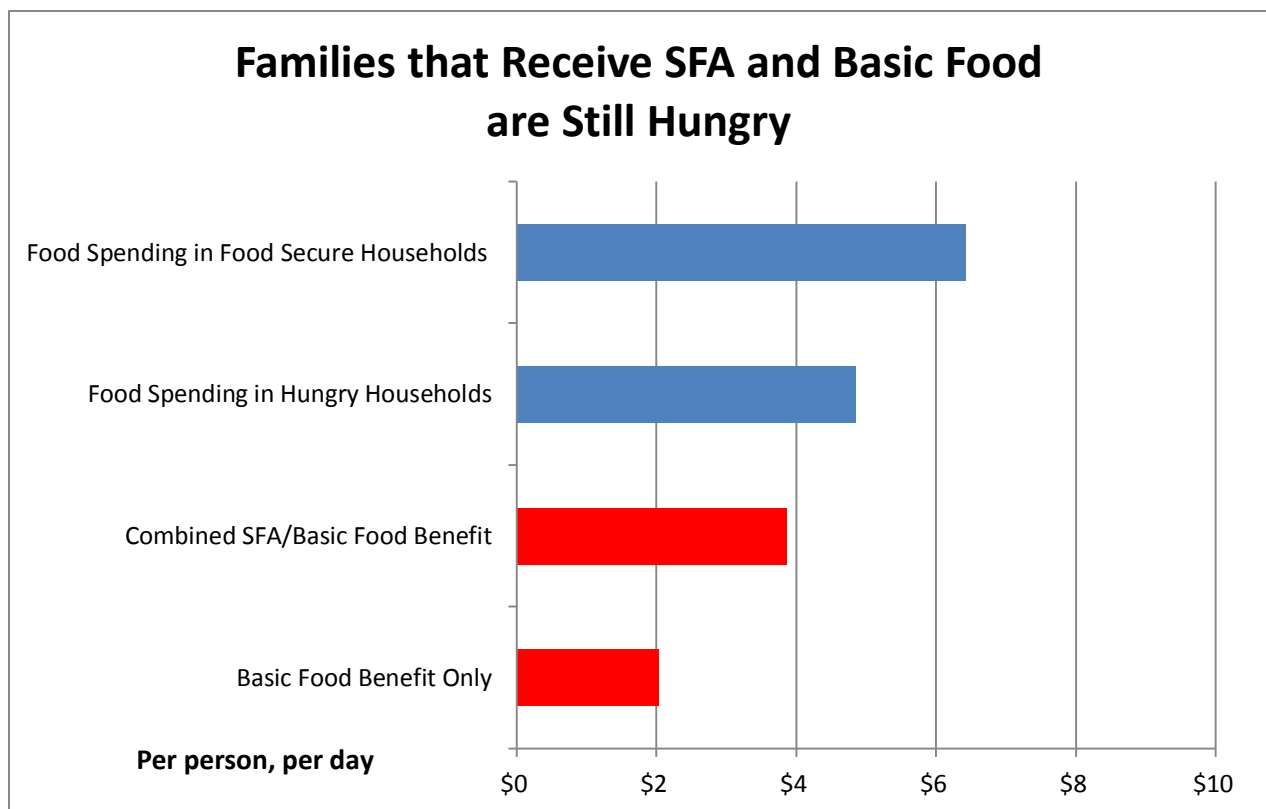
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Impact of Loss of State Food Assistance Benefits to Households Where Members Receive SFA and Federal Basic Food

The Department of Social and Health Services stated in 2011 budget documents that many households receiving State Food Assistance include other household members who receive federally funded food stamp (Basic Food) benefits. **Policy makers should know that if SFA is eliminated, these households will NOT have sufficient food assistance through Basic Food to prevent hunger.**

In fact, removing benefits from one or more family members can easily push the entire family into hunger. **It only takes a small cut to tight family budgets to send them into hunger, just \$11 per person per week, according to the USDA Economic Research Service.**

Here's the math:



Sources: US Department of Agriculture, Food Security in America 2010, September 2011.
Department of Social and Health Services, 2011.

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