



CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

A Voice for Washington's Children, Youth & Families

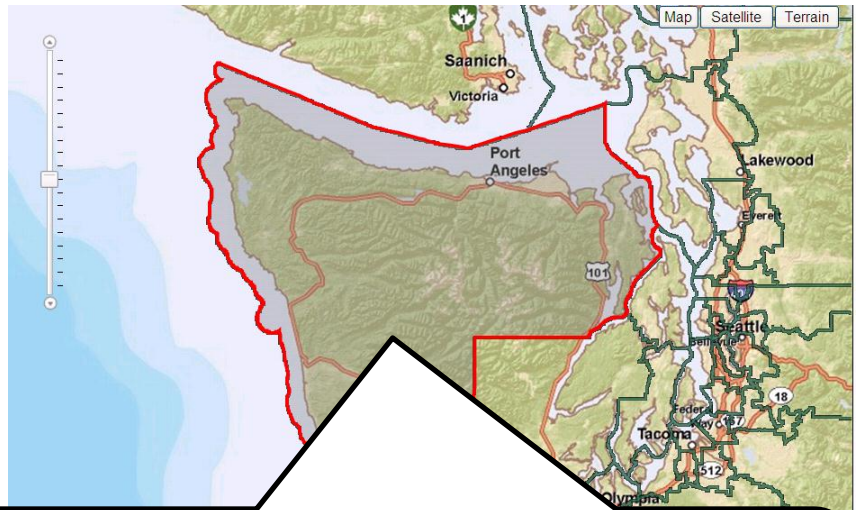
Protect State Food Assistance for the 24th District

- State Food Assistance helps nearly **50** Grays Harbor, Jefferson and Clallam County residents avoid hunger.
- The Legislature created SFA in 1997 to provide continued food assistance to **legal immigrants** and others cut off of the food stamp program by Congress.
- Every five SFA dollars spent at local grocery stores results in \$9 in economic activity.
- **The Children's Alliance calls upon the Legislature to reject the elimination of vital food assistance to Washington families.**

Hunger up 90%



With hunger nearly doubling since 2007, food banks like this one are already struggling to meet demand. State Food Assistance helps thousands of children avoid hunger.



Coastal Harvest works hard to help all the agencies we possibly can, but we can't make up for the loss of Basic Food benefits. These benefits have the greatest impact for hungry families—putting food directly on their tables on a regular basis. Our agencies report steadily increasing numbers of clients, and also note that families are being forced to move in together to pool resources and keep a roof over their heads.

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