

Certification Overview

NPP combines the best practices of healthy pantry work grounded in trauma-informed principles and processes that promote a client and community-centered distribution. The Nutrition Pantry Program offers Silver or Gold certification to distributions that demonstrate evidence of implementation across six focus areas.

UC San Diego ACTRI Center for Community Health NPP Implementers will guide you through every step of the program. This dedicated individual will provide 1:1 technical support and resources based on your pantry interests, as well as make final certification recommendations to Leah's Pantry.

1 Preparation

- Complete Planning Call Questions
- Complete the Healthy Food Pantry Assessment (HFPAT)
- Complete Pantry Needs Assessment
- Collect client input

Benefits of Certification:

- Be a part of a growing network of certified pantries in California and around the country
- Recognition in the community and larger food security network
- Access to webinars, trainings, resources, grants and funding opportunities
- Leadership opportunities through presentations, trainings, conferences, and sharing with other pantries and food banks

2 Work Plan Creation & Implementation

Review the six focus areas:



Nutrition Education



Cultural & Dietary Accom.



Inventory



Environmental



Pantry Policies & Procedures



Community Connections

- Document existing work in each focus area
- Determine new work in focus areas based on pantry & client needs, survey results, pantry capacity, and client input
- Assign initial growth stage for each focus area



Seed—pantry has not yet begun to work in the area, but would like to



Sprout—pantry has started work, and may even have significant work, can provide examples, but still wants to do more



Bloom—pantry has evidence of activities in this area and they are currently satisfied with their efforts

- Implement work plan and document improvements

3 Certification

- Document final growth stage of each Focus Area on the Work Plan
- Complete post-HFPAT
- Bronze, Silver or Gold Certification awarded based on final focus area stages
- Recognize pantry's accomplishments

GOLD: 5-6 blooms, no seeds



SILVER: 3-4 blooms, ≤ 1 seed



BRONZE: 1-2 blooms



4 Maintenance

- Review work plan annually for improvement opportunities
- Share your Nutrition Pantry work in the community

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