

## **Alabama's Elderly Simplified Application Project (AESAP)**

The Alabama Elderly Simplified Application Project (AESAP) is designed to reinvent the Food Assistance Program application process for those households where all members are elderly (age 65 or older), and have no earned income. This project is a major outreach effort to a segment of our population facing barriers to participation in the Food Assistance Program due to the complexity of the application process and problems associated with age, such as transportation, mobility and disability. It is designed to increase the efficiency of the Food Assistance Program and improve delivery of food assistance benefits to eligible households by improving program administration.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- All household members are 65 years of age and older **on the date of application.**
- No earned income **in the month of application.**
- **Income and resource limits are the same as for any other food assistance household.**

### **Interview Procedure**

- Two Page Application (Front/Back)
- Three year certification
- No face-to-face interview unless requested by the household
- Household self-declares eligibility information, unless questionable (see verification requirements below for exceptions)
- Benefits calculated the same as any other food assistance household

### **Verification**

- Medical expenses (if claiming deduction)
- Non-citizen status
- Questionable information
- Shelter expenses
- Utility expenses