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**Despite Federal Cuts, Nourish Colorado Remains Firm in Its Commitment to Nutrition Education**

**DENVER, CO** — Last month, Congress passed a sweeping Budget Reconciliation bill that eliminated funding for SNAP-Education - Colorado's largest nutrition education program, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Nourish Colorado is currently an implementing agency of this program in Colorado but faces threats to continued nutrition education after September. In the past year alone, SNAP-Ed reached nearly 400,000 Coloradans in 56 of 64 counties. It delivered hands-on shopping and cooking classes, promoted healthy food choices at food pantries and grocery stores, and provided essential food skills education in low-income communities. USDA's data shows that for every \$1 invested in nutrition education, up to \$10.64 is saved in health care costs.

Despite this loss, Nourish Colorado is not stepping back from its deep commitment to nutrition education. Instead, we are doubling down on our values, honoring the incredible impact that SNAP-Ed had in our state, learning from past successes, and working with our partners to chart a new path forward.

"Nutrition education is core to a resilient and equitable food system in Colorado. It provides practical tools and knowledge that empower families to make the most of their

resources, improve their health, and build lasting connections to local food.” Says Rakia Ranney, Director of Nutrition Education at Nourish Colorado.

This week, Nourish Colorado will host a **statewide convening of SNAP-Education partners on August 8<sup>th</sup> in Durango, Colorado**. They will bring together organizations, educators, and advocates from across Colorado who have been central to the SNAP-Education program’s reach and success. “Together, we will celebrate our collective impact, reflect on lessons learned, and strategize how to sustain this essential work across our state despite the funding loss.” says Brigid Hunt, SNAP-Education Partner Manager at Nourish Colorado.

“Our values haven’t changed just because the funding landscape has,” said Wendy Peters Moschetti, Executive Director of Nourish Colorado. “Coloradans still need access to nutrition education — and we will continue to support our communities and partners however we can.”

**Following the convening, Nourish Colorado staff will attend the Durango Farmers Market on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate National Farmers Market Week.** We invite everyone in the Durango area to visit us and enjoy all the local food that Durango area producers have to offer.

Amid all the challenges facing food and farm systems right now, Nourish Colorado will continue to champion nutrition education, advocate for policy solutions that support food access, and work with partners statewide to ensure all Coloradans can nourish themselves and their families with confidence and dignity.

For more information about Nourish Colorado and how to support our ongoing efforts, visit [www.nourishcolorado.org](http://www.nourishcolorado.org).

### **About Nourish Colorado**

Nourish Colorado is a non-profit organization committed to increasing access to nutritious, local food and building a more equitable food system across Colorado. We conduct policy advocacy for systems change, manage programs that increase food access and support local producers, and work alongside community partners to inspire collective action.