## **Food to Finish:** Fighting Food Insecurity on College Campuses



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The Food Education Depot at HCC's Dale Mabry Campus

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead

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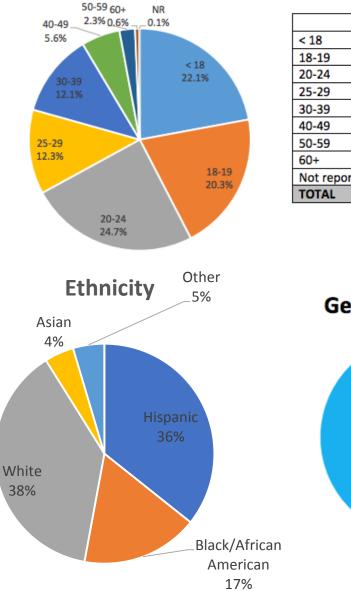
## **Student Demographics**

Hillsborough Community College Five campuses - Tampa, Florida

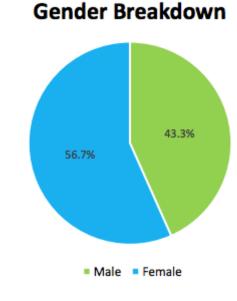
Dale Mabry Campus 22,069 non-duplicated students (2017/2018)



#### **Enrollment by Age Group**



#	%
10,010	22.1%
9,185	20.3%
11,171	24.7%
5,569	12.3%
5,471	12.1%
2,547	5.6%
1,026	2.3%
262	0.6%
46	0.1%
45,287	100.0%
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## THE STRATEGIC PROCESS

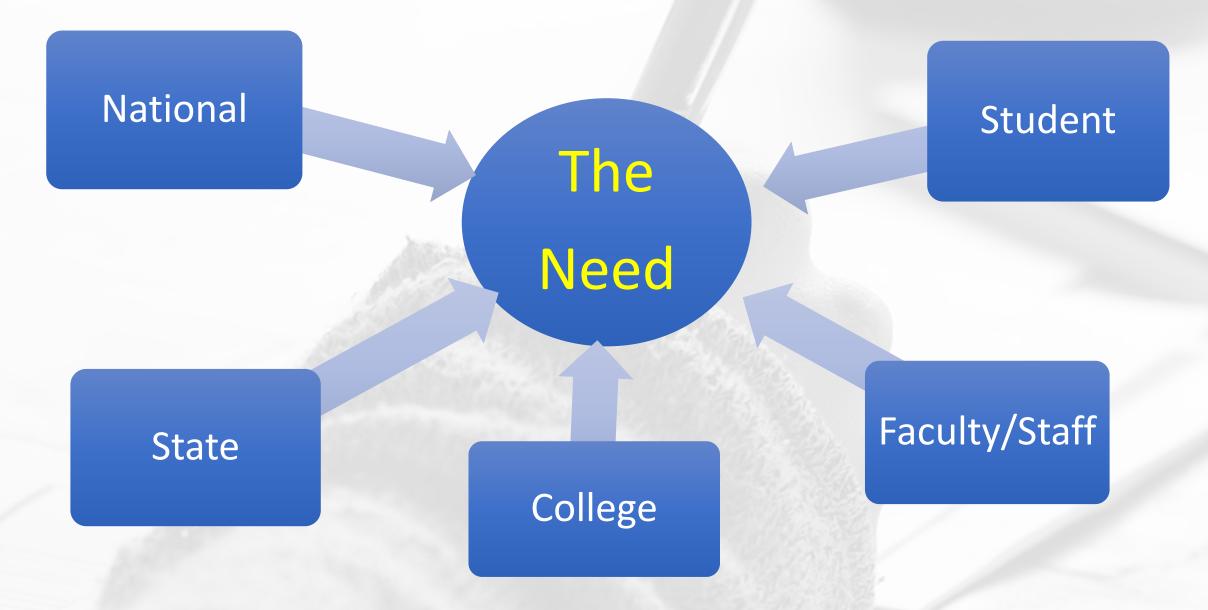
Needs Assessment Resource & Capacity Assessment

Implementation Plan

**Evaluation Plan** 

Sustainability Plan

#### **Needs Assessment**



#### College Data: February 24, 2017

	Number	Percentage
Total DM students enrolled in 2015-16	19,561	
Filled out FAFSA	12,764	65.25
Student or parent received benefits	1,612	8.24
Pell eligible	6,131	31.34
Received need-based financial aid	7,683	39.28

#### National Priority: March 1, 2017

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Sacrificing food for education can undermine a student's educational goals and create barriers on their path to obtaining a certificate, degree, or credential. This situation raises concern and deserves greater scrutiny."

- American Association of Community Colleges

#### Student Data: March 2, 2017

#### Student Needs Assessment Survey

- Distributed campus-wide via email from faculty and staff
- via Survey Monkey, anonymous responses
- Best practices guiding questions to measure for food insecurity

## Dale Mabry SGA Resolution: March 2, 2017

## **Food Insecurity Defined**

#### Low food security

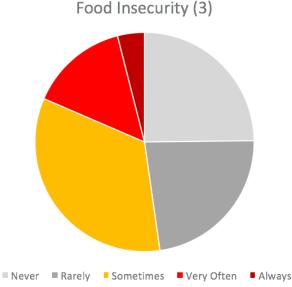
(old label=Food insecurity without hunger): reports of reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet. Little or no indication of reduced food intake.

#### Very low food security

(old label=Food insecurity with hunger): Reports of multiple indications of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake.

#### Food Insecurity Questions Aggregated

Average response rate across all three questions:

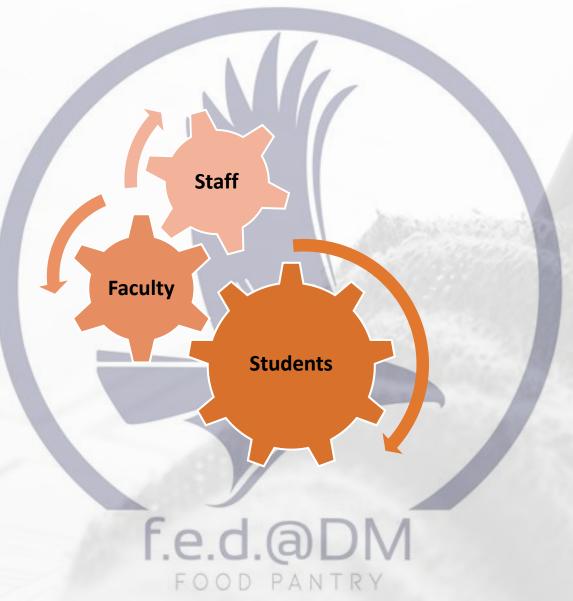


 54% reported "Sometimes" or more frequently on at least TWO questions

• 15% reported "Very Often" or "Always" to at least TWO questions (32% to at least 1)

Definition of Food Security. (2006). In United States Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service. http://ers.usda.gov

#### **Resource & Capacity Assessment**



#### **Identify Campus Resources**

- Faculty & Staff Leaders
- Administrative Champion

#### Determining the Gaps & Building Capacity

- Increase Student Participation & Collaboration in Project
- Align Across the Dale Mabry Campus
- Develop Sustainable Process



#### **Community Partners**

## **Feeding Tampa Bay**

Feeding Tampa Bay, part of the national Feeding America network, focuses on providing food to the hundreds of thousands of food insecure families in the 10-county area of West Central Florida.

## FEEDING<sup>™</sup> Tampa Bay

Because no one should go hungry.

#### **Funding Source**

## **HCC Foundation**

The mission of the HCC Foundation is to secure and steward philanthropic support to enhance Hillsborough Community College and the success of its students.

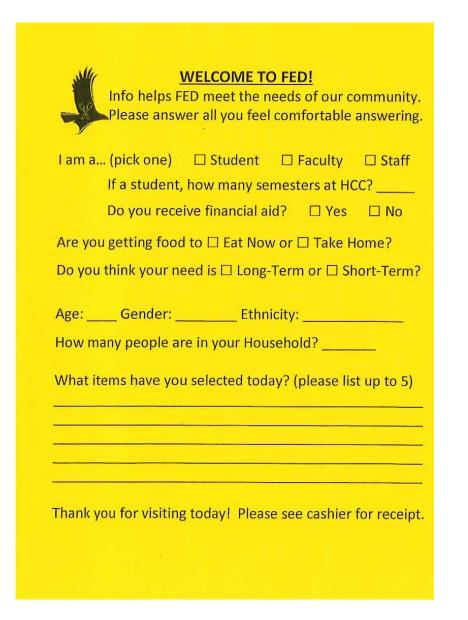


#### And finally...our space became a place!



## **The Operational Process**

- Who: Our 'visitors' are students, staff and faculty members.
- What: A shopping-like experience
- Where: Office turned food pantry/Social Science building
- When: Weekly hours set based on volunteer availability. Can visit once per week.
- Why: It doesn't matter we don't ask any questions
- How:
  - Show HCC ID card at welcome desk
  - Receive an intake form (Anonymous) to complete
  - Return completed form/items are bagged
  - Receives a receipt listings of additional resources





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#### FOOD PANTRY



The Food Education Depot is a resource for students experiencing hunger or food insecurity.

All you need is a valid HCC ID

5 items per visit/1 visit per week

SPRING 2019 HOURS Mondays: 12-3/6-7 Tuesdays: 12-4 Wednesdays: 11-3/6-7 Thursdays: 11-4 F.E.D. @ Dale Mabry

-----Food Pantry-----

#### Location: DSSC 327

#### -Eligibility



Groceries

Must be an enrolled HCC student, staff, or faculty member

~How it works

Show your Student /Staff ID Card

Fill out an intake form

Select five items

One visit per week

Open Monday- Thursday Check the door for hours of operation

(Bags may be limited. Please bring a bag)

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## **Grand Opening Event**

- November 15<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm SGA Lounge
  - General Theme: Food
  - Specific Theme: Food insecurity & Hunger
- Tabling Event Community Partners & Student Organizations

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- Tours of the Food Pantry
- Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony



## Toiletries

In addition to non-perishable food, we also offer toiletries.

-3 items per visit

Toiletry drives hosted by various campus departments and student clubs: -Dental Hygienist Club -Radiation Therapy Club -Nursing Club

Student Government Association (SGA) hosted a state-wide student conference -toiletry drive as conference's service project.





F.E.D. Food Pantry is collecting the following items:

-Bars of soap -Shampoo -Conditioner - Disposable Wipes -Shaving Cream/Razors -Toothpaste/Toothbrush -Hair brushes -Deodorant -Pocket-size Tissues -Feminine Hygiene Products -Lotion -Body Wash

For more information: Aimee Busquet DSSC 129 813-253-7432 abusquet@hccfl.edu

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## Sustainability....

#### • Summer 2019

- VISTA Staff position
  - Oversee inventory/food management
  - Address food insecurity at the college-level
  - Volunteer staffing management

#### • Fall 2019 Term

- New Inventory Process going digital!
  - Piloting new software program:
    - Manage inventory
    - Volunteer hours
    - Track intake/student information
  - Developed by Computer Science Professor and her design students

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## Any questions? Interested in collaborating? You can reach us at fed.dalemabry@gmail.com