

States Might:

- Prepare an outreach plan to conduct or contract outreach activities to groups working with seniors
- Conduct telephone certification interviews
- Take advantage of FSP waivers
- Offer large print FSP application forms
- Offer application form for FSP only or FSP and Medicaid
- Conduct certification interviews at senior centers
- Make home visits to get application forms and conduct certification interviews
- Provide training to EWs on special needs of elderly
- Designate certain EWs to handle elderly cases
- Designate a certain area of the local office for elderly interviews
- Use volunteers from community groups at local office (play area to limit children in waiting room, fill out application forms, etc.)

My Suggestions:



Advocates Might:

- Encourage State agency to submit outreach plan
- Offer use of their facilities for certification interviews
- Conduct pre-screening interviews
- Provide application assistance (fill out application forms, help with on-line filing, help obtain verification documents, etc.)
- Take elderly applicants to local office and attend certification interview
- Educate adult children about benefits of food stamps for low income parents
- Provide information about the benefits of the FSP in waiting rooms, informational packets, while conducting other program interviews, etc.
- Make enhancements to computer system to incorporate FSP information
- Discuss multi-program benefits with elderly to promote FSP
- Make referrals to the FSP
- Arrange for volunteers to help at the local food stamp office

**Tools to Reach the
Elderly Population**