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ANALYSIS

## Trump funding cuts axed nutrition program



SNAP-Ed taught people how to identify healthy food patterns, keep food safe and navigate a complex food environment. It also taught low-income Americans how to improve their budgeting and planning for meals that balance cost and nutrition. GETTY IMAGES

### SNAP-Ed saved money, helped Americans eat healthier

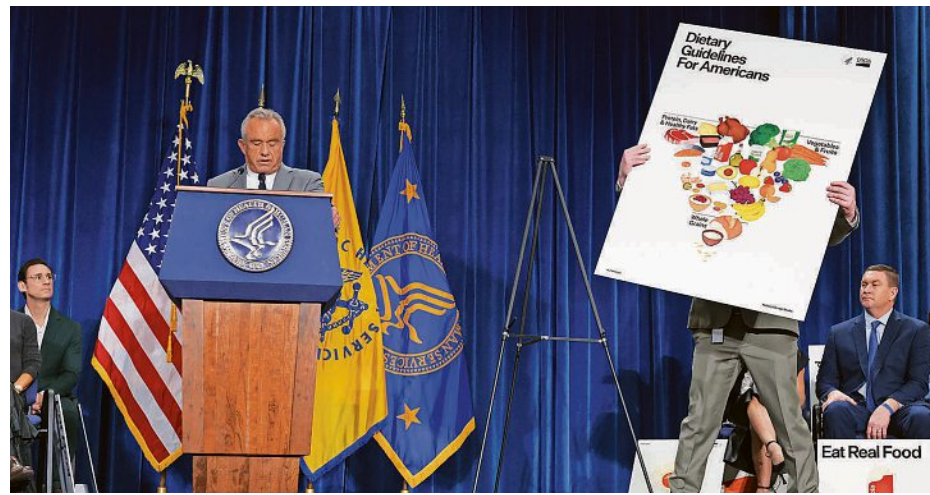
**Diane Cress**  
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THE CONVERSATION

If the government had found a way to save \$10 for every dollar it spent helping low-income people get healthier, wouldn't it make sense for it to keep doing that?

Well, that's exactly what the U.S. government did when it piloted the SNAP-Ed program in 1977. This U.S. Department of Agriculture program persisted for nearly 50 years until the Trump administration shuttered it in 2025.

SNAP-Ed served as the nutrition education arm of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which helps more than 40 million Americans buy groceries.

SNAP-Ed complemented SNAP by teaching people who get those benefits how best to use that government assistance. It paid for nutrition educators to teach lessons at schools, community centers and university extension offices. The educators led grocery store tours, taught label reading and budget comparisons, and taught cooking classes. And they offered a mix of printed and



Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and the Make America Healthy Again movement have embraced a core principle: Healthy habits prevent chronic disease. Yet the Trump administration stopped funding SNAP-Ed, which helped boost health in at-risk communities. ANNA MONEYMAKER/GETTY IMAGES

online resources to support good nutrition in the home.

While the federal government fully funded the program, the states, along with Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico, administered and implemented SNAP-

Ed through local community programs, often partnering with nonprofits. It cost only one penny for every SNAP dollar spent, and it worked.

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## How gas prices are affecting water activities

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As boat fuel prices continue to rise quickly and steeply, some Treasure Coast locals may be changing their habits and charter captains are considering adding fuel charges, but tourists don't seem to be fazed yet.

Just as on land, the cost of boat fuel and diesel at marinas in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties has increased by over \$1 since early March. The average was \$5.37 a gallon for regular and \$5.68 for diesel, including tax, when TCPalm surveyed these marinas on March 31:

• **Vero Beach Municipal Marina:** \$5.10 for regular and \$4.80 for diesel

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## Would renters heed warnings from an app over a local?

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ORLANDO – Florida emergency managers want to work with short-term rental companies to better message disaster situations so Sunshine State visitors aren't caught unaware during a hurricane.

The rise in Airbnb and VRBOs has left a blind spot in communications, they said, which is tough enough when trying to convey a storm's hazards to Florida residents with varying degrees of experience, trust and means of receiving information.

Sandra Tapfumaneyi, chief of emergency management in Sarasota County, spoke about her nascent work with short-term rentals at the National Hurricane Conference in Orlando on March 31 during a session on how meteorologists and first responders worked together during hurricanes Helene and Milton in 2024.

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