

## **Washington State SSI/FS Combined Application Project**

Washington State Combined Application Project (WASHCAP) offers fast and simple Food Stamps assistance for qualified SSI applicants and recipients through a federally-approved Food Stamp demonstration project. SSI applicants who wish to apply for Food Stamps may simultaneously apply for Food Stamps and SSI using the SSI application with a few additional questions. Recipients participating in this project can report changes by mail or telephone to the Social Security Administration (SSA). Recertification is done by the state agency using a simplified form and process.

WASHCAP is available to single individuals only, and households can opt in or out of the project at any time. In order to participate, clients must be on SSI, at least 18 years of age, not working, and living alone (or buying and preparing food separately). There are 90,000 Food Stamp recipients in the state, of which 18,000 cases may be converted to WASHCAP.

The advantages of WASHCAP are: reduced workload for county welfare departments, a simplified application and recertification process through a single point of entry, lower QC errors, and a 24-month recertification period. WASHCAP is fully automated with daily updates whereby Food Stamp eligibility is automatically established and/or terminated based on an individual's SSI eligibility status.