



Recognizing the Life-Changing Power of Employment – and the Role of SNAP E&T in a Better Future

Last month, Brandon Lipps, FNCS Acting Deputy Under Secretary, shared new videos from FNS that document SNAP recipients' powerful success stories as they pursue—and find—their path to employment and a better life. The four videos feature SNAP E&T programs from rural and urban communities across the country that are helping SNAP participants prepare for, get, and keep good jobs.

View the blog post and videos [HERE](#).



Daniel, a machinist, completed SNAP E&T training through GMT Corporation and has been on the job for eight months.

An Inside Look at the first SNAP E&T State Institute

A new USDA blog post highlights the first SNAP E&T State Institute, *Taking SNAP E&T to Scale*, which provided training and peer networking opportunities to help States improve and strengthen their SNAP E&T programs. In a recent blog post sharing highlights from the event, Joe Tvrdy, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at FNS, shared the Agency's commitment to providing the resources States need to build high quality programs, and the proactive customer service to implement them successfully.

View the blog post [HERE](#).

Delivering SNAP E&T Components through the Statewide Workforce Development System: New Guidance from FNS

Earlier this month, FNS released guidance on the requirement of States to deliver their components through the statewide workforce development system. The guidance clarifies that the “statewide workforce development system” refers to a network of providers, which may include government and the public sector; community-based organizations and nonprofits; employers and industry; occupational training providers; and post-secondary institutions, such as community colleges.

This guidance memo is pursuant to the President's Executive Order, *Reducing Poverty in America by Promoting Opportunity and Economic Mobility*, which instructed USDA to review regulations and guidance documents to ensure they are consistent with promoting economic opportunity and ensuring the most efficient use of taxpayer funds.

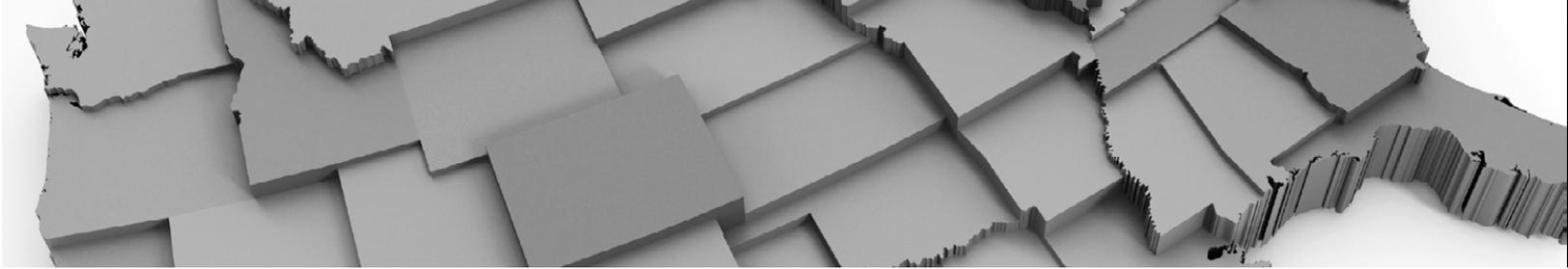
Read the guidance [HERE](#).



ICYMI: SNAP to Skills Webinar on Engaging SNAP E&T Participants

Earlier this month, *SNAP to Skills* hosted a webinar, *Participant Engagement Strategies for SNAP E&T*, focused on strategies for engaging participants in SNAP E&T programs. Webinar participants heard from Fenton, a nationally-recognized social issues communications firm, receiving guidance on the basics of creating and implementing effective messaging strategies to engage program participants. Presenters also included representatives of the Kansas SNAP E&T program and of Able Networks, a Chicago-based SNAP E&T third-party partner, sharing real examples of successful participant engagements efforts.

Access the webinar slides [HERE](#). A recording of the webinar is coming soon.



Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- **USDA Food and Nutrition Service’s Informational Memo on the Implementation of E&T Provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill.** On December 20, 2018, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) was reauthorized as part of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (the Act) (P.L. 115-334). On March 6, FNS released an informational memorandum describing section 4005 of the Act and implementation dates. Regulations reflecting revisions to SNAP made by the Act will be published as soon as possible.
View the informational memorandum [HERE](#).
- **Upcoming *SNAP to Skills* webinar will focus on SNAP E&T intermediary models that can help States increase their capacity to administer an expanding program.** In May, keep a look out for the registration announcement for this webinar, which will take place in June.

About the *SNAP to Skills* Project

Launched in October of 2015, *SNAP to Skills* (S2S) is a project of USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), operated in partnership with Seattle Jobs Initiative (SJI), to provide States the tools and resources they need to develop job-driven SNAP E&T programs that help SNAP participants find jobs and work toward self-sufficiency. The project seeks to help advance SNAP E&T programs in all States through these tools and resources. In addition, 10 States have been selected to receive enhanced technical assistance. In Federal Fiscal Year 2019, these States are Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

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