

WHAT IS THE SNAP to SKILLS PROJECT?

SNAP to Skills (S2S) is a technical assistance project funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service that is designed to provide States the tools and resources they need to build more effective and job-driven SNAP E&T programs. The project is expected to last two years, ending in September 2017.

Seattle Jobs Initiative (SJI) was selected by FNS to develop and operate S2S due to its wealth of experience developing high-quality workforce development programs and providing technical assistance to States on developing and operating SNAP E&T programs at the strategic, administrative and programmatic levels.

The work of *SNAP to Skills* will include the following:

- **Providing direct and intensive technical assistance to 10 States to develop, improve and expand their SNAP E&T programs (in particular their 50-50 SNAP E&T programs). States selected for SNAP to Skills include: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina and Tennessee. These 10 States were chosen to participate based on their existing level of commitment to and interest in expanding their SNAP E&T programs, their ability to build effective partnerships with local training providers, and the availability of strong, job-driven workforce development programs in their States.**
- **Developing a suite of tools and resources for States to utilize to facilitate the development of their SNAP E&T programs.**
- **Publishing a series of policy briefs that will serve to inform States and other stakeholders about innovations, policies and best practices that will further their SNAP E&T programs' success.**
- **Developing a platform that allows FNS, States and other SNAP E&T stakeholders to communicate, share information, resources, challenges and successes, access relevant research and knowledge, and create networks.**
- **Developing and offering learning opportunities for States and other SNAP E&T stakeholders.**

The success of *SNAP to Skills* at helping States to achieve meaningful advancement toward robust and successful SNAP E&T programs will depend on the commitment of States of both the time and energy to partner with the project team to advance States' program goals.