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SNAP TO SKILLS

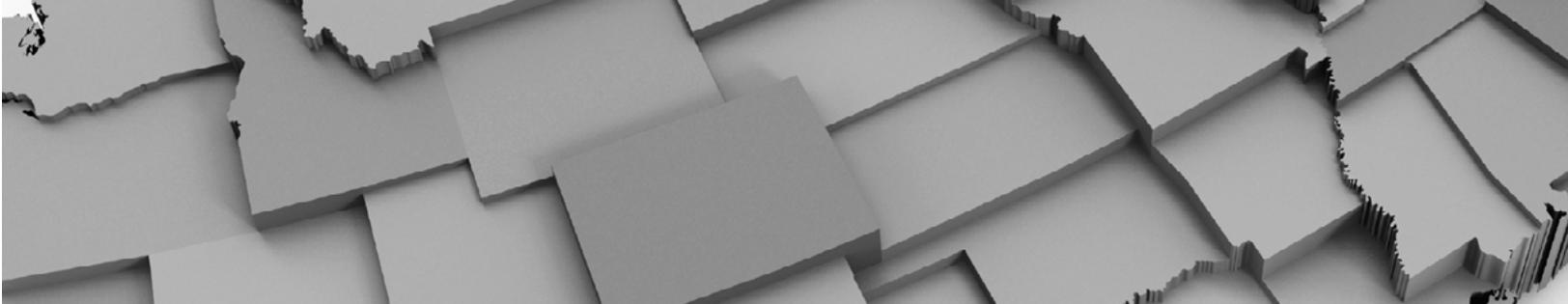
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SNAP E&T Learning Academy Kicked off in February

The 34 individuals selected to participate in the **2017 SNAP E&T Learning Academy** (see list of participants [HERE](#)) attended the kick-off session on February 15. Participants will next attend a two-day learning session in the Washington, D.C. area in late March. Learning Academy participants were selected through a competitive application process and, over the coming year, will be working on projects to advance SNAP E&T in their State or across multiple States.

SNAP to Skills Will Hold Webinar on Community and Technical College Partnerships

Join us on April 12, 2017 from 1-2:30 PM EST for the *SNAP to Skills* webinar that will highlight the value and opportunity of partnerships with community and technical colleges and the role they can play in building robust, demand-driven SNAP E&T programs. The webinar will discuss key steps for understanding the local community college system and organizational structure and how to utilize existing, available non-federal funds for reimbursement with the 50-50 SNAP E&T funds. The webinar is open to the public and geared towards State agencies and community college representatives. More information on this webinar and registration to come!



Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- **Read the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) memo outlining Policy Clarifications for Mandatory E&T:** FNS recently issued a policy clarification regarding several statutory and regulatory requirements that State agencies operating mandatory E&T programs must implement to ensure adequate protections for SNAP applicants and recipients as well as proper administration of the program.

Read the memo **HERE**.

- **Read the National Skills Coalition (NSC) *Integrated Education and Training Policy Scan*:** NSC scanned all 50 States and the District of Columbia to learn which States have Integrated Education and Training (IET) policies in place. The scan shows that 18 States have adopted at least one form of IET and provides useful information on those programs. For States without IET policies and for those that aim to further expand their current policies, NSC developed the *Integrated Education and Training Toolkit* to support State advocates and policymakers in advancing these efforts.

Read the scan **HERE**.

Read the toolkit **HERE**.

Access the *SNAP to Skills* Website

In October 2016, FNS officially launched a **new digital platform for the *SNAP to Skills Project***. This new resource will serve as a “one-stop-shop” for information and news about SNAP E&T. States and their partners are able to access information about the project, SNAP E&T tools and resources, policy briefs, and stories from successful SNAP E&T programs.

ACCESS THE WEBSITE **HERE**.



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, while 10 States have been selected to receive enhanced technical assistance. These States are: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Previous editions of the SNAP E&T Review are accessible here:

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