



## SNAP E&T REVIEW



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### E&T Impact: Lives Transformed

Karimi and Adah are SNAP participants served by SNAP E&T third-party providers in Minnesota, one of 10 *SNAP to Skills* States working to make a difference in the lives of SNAP E&T participants. Read their stories below.

#### Karimi's Story

Karimi left his native country of Morocco in search of a better life and inspired by the opportunities offered in America. Eventually, he was able to open his own Moroccan restaurant, but after a few disappointing years was forced to close down.

Desiring new skills and greater financial stability, Karimi connected with Goodwill-Easter Seals in Minnesota. He enrolled in a three-month Construction training program to build basic skills and a Mechanics training program at the Dakota County Technical College.

Read more of Karimi's story [HERE](#).

#### Adah's Story

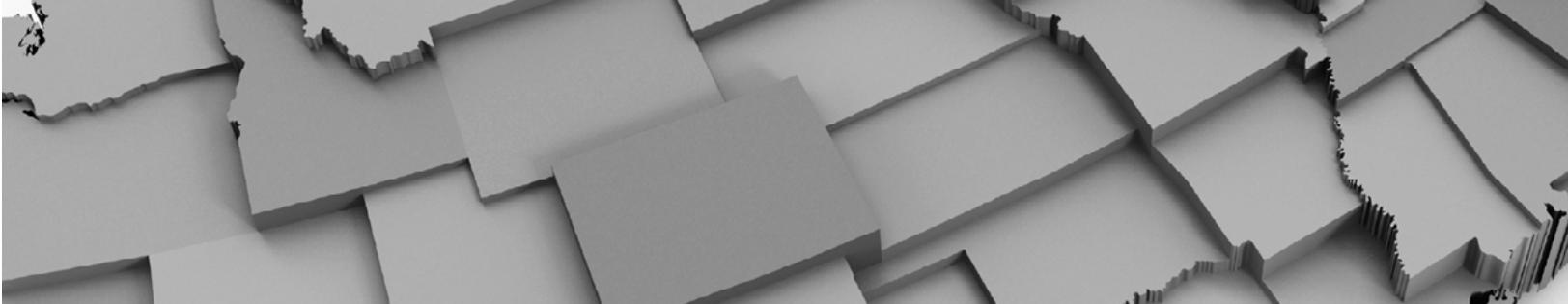
After her husband lost his job, Adah—a busy mother of three—seized an opportunity to find work in the healthcare field, a long-term goal of hers. She reached out to HIRED, a Minneapolis-based SNAP E&T partner, after seeing a brochure at her daughter's school. She enrolled in the training program at Hennepin Technical College, thanks to support and guidance from the staff at HIRED.

Read more of Adah's story [HERE](#).

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### Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- **State SNAP E&T Plans for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 were due on August 15, 2017** and are currently being reviewed by FNS.



- **FY 2017 SNAP E&T Data and Technical Assistance (DATA) Grants** are expected to be awarded to local and State SNAP agencies by the end of September. The grants are authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, which provides approximately \$5 million in discretionary grant funds. The grants will support State and local agencies in collecting and reporting outcome data for SNAP E&T programs, as well as technical assistance so that States can implement more effective, data driven E&T programs.

Learn more **HERE**.

- **USDA presents on SNAP to Skills at the 2017 American Association of SNAP Directors (AASD) Annual National Conference** on September 10-13, 2017 in Memphis, Tennessee. Since 2015, 10 States have been working with *SNAP to Skills* to build employer-driven SNAP E&T program. Come hear about their stories and learn about USDA's tools and resources designed to help States plan and operationalize an effective, employer-driven program.

Learn more **HERE**.

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## 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.

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