



## SNAP E&T REVIEW



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### E&T Impact: Lives Transformed

Annette is a successful SNAP E&T participant in Minnesota, one of 10 SNAP to Skills States working to make a difference in the lives of SNAP E&T participants. Read her story below.

#### Annette's Story

After twenty years of raising her children as a single mom, Annette went back to school to earn her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification. Eager to enter the healthcare field, she took the first step toward her career goal of becoming a Registered Nurse (RN) by completing the CNA program at Hennepin Technical College.

Her success during the often challenging transition to school and back into the workforce was supported by HIRED's Pathway to Healthcare Careers program. HIRED is a Minneapolis-based workforce agency that provides job skills training and employment assistance to dislocated workers, low-income adults, people making the transition from welfare to work, recent immigrants and youth.

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

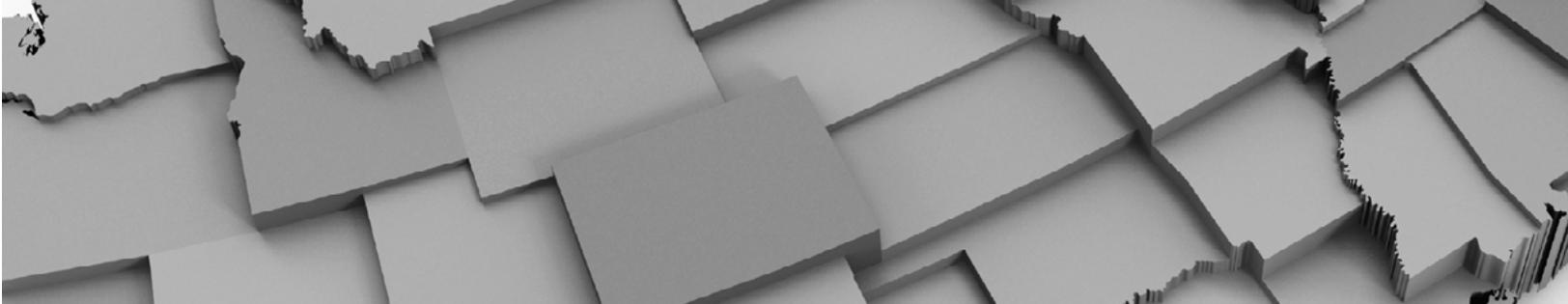
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### E&T In Action: Highlights from Our States

#### Minnesota: *Growing Partnerships and Programs*

Minnesota envisions a SNAP E&T program that provides low-income Minnesotans clear pathways to developing marketable and in-demand skills leading to career advancement and self-sufficiency.

Prior to 2015, Minnesota's SNAP E&T program relied primarily on its limited 100 percent SNAP E&T funds to provide services in most of the State's 87 counties and 11 tribal governments, along with four pilot 50-50 programs in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties (Minneapolis/St. Paul metro areas). At that time, the program was led and operated by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) through an interagency agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). Minnesota is State-supervised and county-administered.



A few years ago, the State began to explore how to expand their SNAP E&T 50-50 program, with support from an inclusive stakeholder group and the Minnesota Funders Collaborative and later, the *SNAP to Skills Project*. The State embarked on a deliberate planning process, incorporating feedback from community stakeholders along the way. Through this planning process, the State was able to implement some key initial decisions that would strengthen their program's foundation for future expansion.

Minnesota began by moving the administration of the program from DEED to DHS. This approach better leveraged the strengths of each agency: allowing DEED to continue to provide strategic guidance about SNAP E&T as part of the State's workforce development strategy, while permitting DHS to ensure that SNAP E&T was designed to meet the unique needs of SNAP participants.

Read the full story [HERE](#).

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## Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- **SNAP E&T Learning Academy Concludes in Seattle.** The 2017 SNAP E&T Learning Academy concluded this month during an in-person meeting in Seattle, WA. The 34 individuals selected to participate shared their SNAP E&T projects, discussed their plans for next steps, and heard from Washington State officials during the two-day closing event. Learning Academy participants were selected through a competitive application process earlier this year. FNS is excited about the progress of participants and enthusiastic about the experience and knowledge that participants can take back to their own States and others.



- **FNS presented a webinar on the SNAP E&T Outcome Reporting Requirements** on August 23, 2017 to highlight some of the clarifications provided through the second round of Q&A's released in May 2017, such as the suggested report template, national measures and component completion measures. In addition, the webinar featured speakers from the Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance who spoke on the allowable use of employment and wage information from the Unemployment Insurance system.

Watch the recording **HERE**.

- **FNS Awarded the SNAP E&T Data and Technical Assistance (DATA) Grants** in September 2017 to eight States and local agencies to support them 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**.

- **New Report from the Department of Education shows a Payoff for Non-Degree Credentials.** The U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics released a new report entitled *Adult Training and Education: Results from the National Household Education Surveys Program of 2016* which is based on responses from 47,744 adults to a 2016 survey. The goal of the survey was to learn more about the prevalence of non-degree credentials and gauge perceptions about their value in the job market. The data showed that more than a quarter of Americans hold a non-degree credential, with 21 percent completing a work experience program. These credentials are showing promising pay off in the job market.

Read more **HERE**.

- **Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce recently released a report entitled *Good Jobs that Pay without a BA*.** The research found that despite a steep decline in manufacturing, there are still 30 million good jobs for workers without a bachelor's degree. These jobs pay \$55,000 per year in median earnings and a minimum of \$35,000 annually. The Center launched a website which will soon incorporate a tool that will let users explore the concentration of good jobs for non-BA workers nationally and by State, including detail on wage levels and other job characteristics.

Check out the website and report **HERE**.



- **The Catalyst Kitchen Network highlighted SNAP E&T** on an August 22 webinar. The webinar focused on the how SNAP E&T funds can support members of the Catalyst Kitchen network in providing training to SNAP recipients. Two organizations, FareStart of Seattle, WA and Community Servings of Massachusetts, shared their experience using SNAP E&T funds to support their programs.

Watch the recording from FNS [HERE](#); FareStart [HERE](#); and Community Servings [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](#).

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## 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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