



## SNAP E&T REVIEW



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### SNAP to Skills Project Will Continue in 2018

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is pleased to announce that the *SNAP to Skills* (S2S) project will continue in Federal Fiscal Year 2018. This year's work will bring new resources to States and their partners, including technical assistance to a second round of SNAP to Skills States!

The project's third year will also focus on building the *SNAP to Skills* portfolio of tools and resources to support all States in building high-quality SNAP E&T programs. Let us know what you'd like to see in 2018!

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### Announcing the 2018 SNAP E&T Learning Academy

Based on the success of last year's inaugural SNAP E&T Learning Academy, **FNS is excited to announce that the SNAP E&T Learning Academy will be offered again this year.** We had a diverse and engaged class of 2017 and look forward to a new group of participants for 2018. Ninety-five (95%) of 2017 Learning Academy participants reported that the Academy advanced and broadened their knowledge of SNAP E&T. Learning Academy participants had the following to say about their experience:

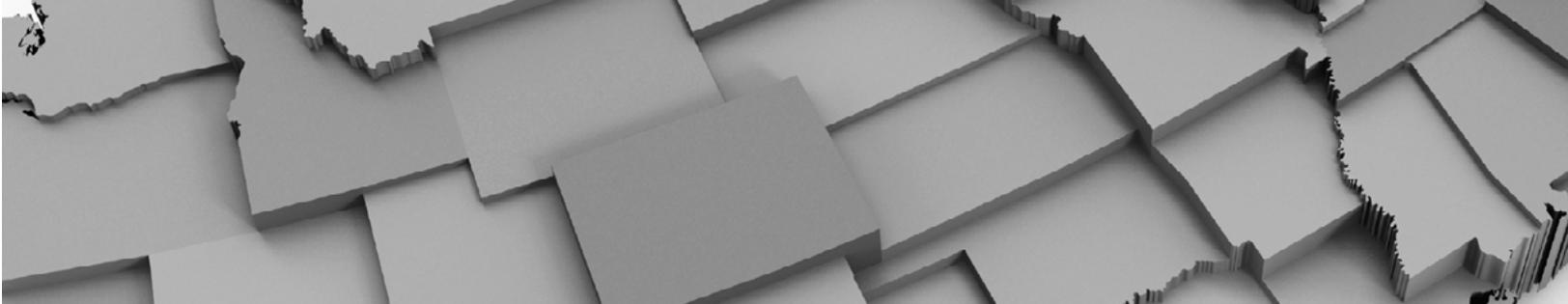
*"My organization is much more informed about the requirements of a third-party provider and feels confident about our ability to partner with SNAP agencies in new states."*

- 2017 Academy Participant

*"The project really helped to provide the foundation to build partnerships. It allowed me to gather the right information needed to move forward."*

- 2017 Academy Participant

The 2018 Learning Academy will create leadership capacity to build a new generation of SNAP E&T programs. Through a mix of working on individual projects, group sessions, and peer sharing, participants will have the opportunity to gain technical expertise on SNAP E&T that they can apply to their work within their States or across multiple States.



**A Call for Applications will be posted soon to the *SNAP to Skills* website.** FNS is seeking applicants from State and local government, along with advocacy, research, philanthropic and other organizations that have a significant stake in issues related to education and training strategies for SNAP participants.

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## Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- **National Skills Coalition (NSC) releases updated 50-State scan of sector partnerships.** NSC's updated scan examines which States have policies that support the establishment of workforce development partnerships within specific key industry sectors. The scan shows that 32 States now have such policies in place, 11 more States than were represented in a similar scan completed by NSC two years ago.

Read more **HERE**.

- **Heartland Alliance will present webinar on WIOA and High-Barrier Populations** on October 30, 2017 at 1:00pm CDT. A follow-up from last year's webinar on a similar topic, this webinar provides a progress update on what communities have learned about how to ensure WIOA state planning and implementation takes into account the workforce needs and interests of individuals facing barriers to employment. Speakers will include: Melissa Young, *Heartland Alliance*; Heidi S. Boyd, *Hennepin County Housing Stability*; Brian Paulson, *Pohlad Family Foundation*; Chaer Robert & Laura Ware, *Colorado Center on Law & Policy*; Will Heaton, *Center for Employment Opportunities*; Erika Rincón Whitcomb, *PolicyLink*; and David Socolow, *Center for Law & Social Policy*.

Register for the webinar **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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