



## SNAP E&T REVIEW



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### Apply Today for the SNAP E&T Learning Academy – Deadline Extended to December 4!

The SNAP E&T Learning Academy is an opportunity for a select number of individuals to gain technical expertise on SNAP E&T that prepares them to work within their State or across multiple States to build high-quality SNAP E&T programs. FNS is seeking applications from individuals from State and local government (including counties and cities), National and State advocacy organizations, National and State research organizations, State workforce development providers, philanthropy, and other organizations that have a considerable stake in issues related to education and training strategies for low-income people.

**The application deadline for this year’s Academy has been extended to December 4, 2017.** For more information on how to apply, read the Call for Applications (CFA), which can be found on the SNAP to Skills website or downloaded [HERE](#). Applicants who were not accepted into the 2017 Learning Academy are strongly encouraged to apply. USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service will cover transportation, lodging, and per diem costs associated with participating in the Academy.

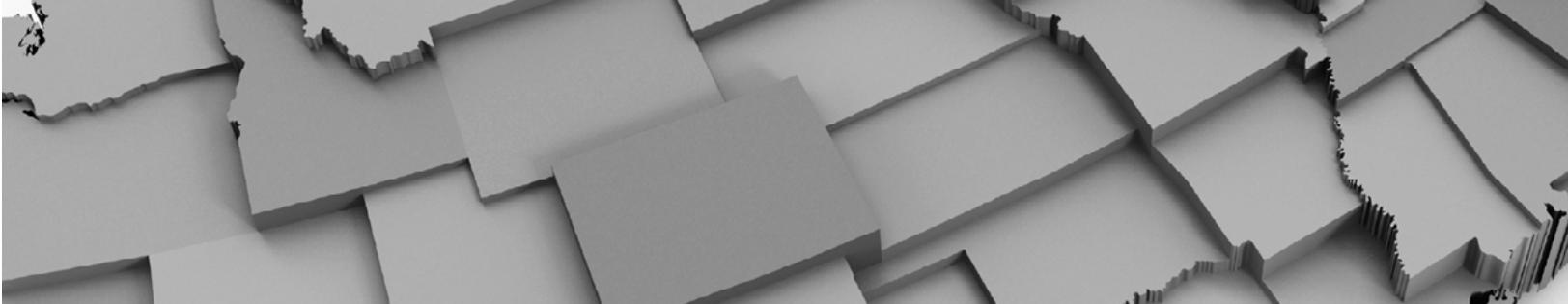
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### Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- **Investing in America’s Workforce Initiative, a collaboration led by the U.S. Federal Reserve System, issued a new publication, *Investing in America’s Workforce: Report on Workforce Development Needs and Opportunities*.** The Report analyzes information gathered from nearly 1,000 leaders who work at the intersection of workforce training, recruitment and finance. It provides a current snapshot of the workforce development sector and its key challenges, and offers strategies for improving the human capital of America’s labor force, expanding access to jobs, and innovating workforce development.

Read the report [HERE](#).



- **The Education Commission of the States Highlights Arkansas' Career Pathways Initiative (CPI).** Launched in 2005, CPI is a cross-system model that leverages Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) dollars through the State's community colleges to fund tuition and related expenses for low-income, educationally underprepared parents. The CPI also leverages support from other State agencies to ensure students are supported through their educational pathways. The CPI has demonstrated promising results for students in terms of higher graduation rates and post-graduate earnings.

Read more **HERE**.

Read more about how integrating SNAP E&T into career pathways systems can boost outcomes **HERE**.

- **The National Governors Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices announced the States selected for its Policy Academy on Work-Based Learning.** The 6 States – Alabama, Idaho, Illinois, Nevada, North Carolina and Rhode Island – were selected as second-round participants in a policy academy focused on scaling high-quality work-based learning opportunities. These will focus on connecting youth and young adults (ages 16-29) with career opportunities in STEM-intensive industries, such as advanced manufacturing, health care, information technology and energy.

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.

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