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FNS Selects Participants for the 2018 SNAP E&T Learning Academy

FNS is pleased to announce the 2018 SNAP E&T Learning Academy participants. We received a tremendous response to this year's call for applications and thank all of the applicants for their interest in advancing the SNAP E&T program nationally. This year's Academy will include 40 participants from 29 States in all regions of the U.S., as well as a diverse group of State and county SNAP agencies, workforce agencies, and community-based organizations. The Learning Academy will provide participants the opportunity to gain technical expertise on SNAP E&T that will prepare them to work with their States or across multiple States to build employer-driven SNAP E&T programs. Participants are currently preparing for the start of the Academy in February.

See a list of the 2018 SNAP E&T Learning Academy Participants [HERE](#).

You Asked for It, You Got It: *SNAP E&T Operations Handbook*

FNS is excited to announce the release of the *SNAP E&T Operations Handbook: A Step-by-Step Guide to Developing, Implementing, and Growing a SNAP E&T Program*. This new resource provides a "soup to nuts" guide for States on how to build a SNAP E&T program using third-party partners to deliver services. It outlines a "Plan, Implement, Grow" framework that States can use to thoughtfully plan their SNAP E&T program growth. The Handbook is a useful companion to the FNS policy guide, the *SNAP E&T Toolkit*. Stay tuned to the *SNAP to Skills* Project for additional tools and resources coming in 2018!

Access the Handbook [HERE](#).



Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- **The USDA is accepting applications to support small businesses.** The applications are for loans and grants to support business expansion, create jobs, and increase economic opportunities in rural communities. Funding is provided through USDA's Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program that offers loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations to help businesses with 10 or fewer employees to access capital to start or grow businesses. Funds are used to provide training and technical assistance or establish revolving loan funds, typically \$5,000 to \$50,000.

Read more **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 advances SNAP E&T programs in all States through these tools and resources, while 10 States have been selected to receive enhanced technical assistance. In Federal Fiscal Year 2018, these States are: Alaska, Arkansas, California, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee.

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