



SNAP E&T REVIEW



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What's it Like to Participate in the SNAP E&T Learning Academy? Hear from Past Participants

SNAP to Skills asked participants of the **2017 SNAP E&T Learning Academy** to share what they learned from the experience. They answered questions about the key things they learned, their SNAP E&T projects, how the Academy helped them advance these efforts, and other benefits of the overall experience. Jenny Welch Buller from Kansas said, "The Learning Academy was an impressive experience from start to finish. The one-on-one calls with my expert liaison, access to policy experts, carefully constructed curriculum, and passionate support from the [Academy] staff all together made for a deep and meaningful learning experience." The **2018 SNAP E&T Learning Academy** is currently underway with 37 new participants.

Read more of the interviews [HERE](#)

Read more about the Learning Academy [HERE](#).

Register Now for the Upcoming *SNAP to Skills* Webinar – *SNAP E&T and WIOA: Partnering to Raise Skills and Employment*

SNAP E&T and State and local workforce agencies share a common goal of enabling low-income individuals to gain the skills necessary to qualify for jobs leading to self-sufficiency. Guidance issued by FNS in March 2016 encouraged SNAP and workforce agencies to collaborate on shared strategies that connect SNAP recipients—particularly able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs)—to employment and training services through American Job Centers (also known as one-stop centers). This webinar will highlight how States can use SNAP E&T funds strategically, along with WIOA resources, to expand the types of services SNAP E&T participants receive to more comprehensively meet their needs and improve outcomes. Worksystems in Portland, Oregon and the Minnesota Department of Human Services will share how their SNAP E&T program and workforce systems are working together, including through third-party reimbursement models.

Register for the webinar [HERE](#).



SNAP to Skills Releases New Policy Brief –SNAP E&T Data Capture, Measurement & Reporting

More than ever, States need to improve their capacity to collect and report high - quality data for their SNAP E&T programs. Such forces as new federal reporting requirements, an expanded focus on program accountability, and a growing number of third-party partnerships all create a need for more and better SNAP E&T outcome data. This brief addresses the following:

- Why States should collect and analyze data;
- What States must collect and what additional data they may find useful to collect;
- What resources are available to States to support data collection and reporting; and
- Examples of how States are capturing, measuring, and reporting data.

The brief also includes examples of commonly used workforce development metrics and best practices for creating metrics.

Read the full Brief [HERE](#).

Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- **USDA’s Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, Brandon Lipps, speaks with SNAP E&T participants in Georgia.** Acting Deputy Under Secretary Brandon Lipps shares his takeaways from the visit in a USDA blog post, “Goodwill’s SNAP E&T Initiatives Help Georgians Return to Work”. Goodwill’s program provides skills training to help participants get on a path to a better life for themselves and their families.

Read the blog [HERE](#).

- **The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) publishes promising evidence that the Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) program is helping low-income participants find good jobs and increase their incomes.** In just over 5 years, the first round of HPOG provided more than 36,000 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients and other low-income individuals with education and training for occupations in the healthcare field. The recently published implementation report shows that 72% percent of those employed after HPOG enrollment were employed in healthcare jobs, which had generally higher wages and better benefits than jobs in other sectors. In addition, the results show higher earnings and employment rates for those who completed training than those who did not. The majority of HPOG participants receive SNAP.

Read the full report [HERE](#).

- **Working Poor Families Project releases new report, *Low-Income Working Families: Rising Inequality Despite Economic Recovery*.** The Working Poor Families Project is a national initiative supported by the Annie E. Casey, Joyce and W.K. Kellogg Foundations to strengthen policies to assist families striving to work their way into the middle class and achieve economic security. The report shows that while job growth has been strong since the end of the Great Recession, many working families are worse off than they were before the Recession began. According to the report, while most low-income families today are working, they are not earning enough to pay for basic living expenses because they often find themselves in low-paying jobs, part-time jobs, and/or jobs with limited advancement opportunity. One of the primary recommendations made by the report is to increase access to education and skills training for these working families. SNAP E&T can help to support this recommendation.

Read the full report [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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