



SNAP E&T REVIEW



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SNAP to Skills Releases New Policy Brief - SNAP E&T and WIOA: Partnering to Raise Skills and Employment

SNAP E&T programs 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. [A March 2016 joint letter issued by the Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service \(FNS\)](#) and the Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) encouraged SNAP and the workforce system to collaborate on shared strategies that connect SNAP participants to employment and training services through American Job Centers (AJCs). In particular, the letter emphasized ways to provide services to Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs). This brief highlights how States can use SNAP E&T funds strategically, along with WIOA resources, to expand the types of services E&T participants receive to more comprehensively meet their needs and improve outcomes.

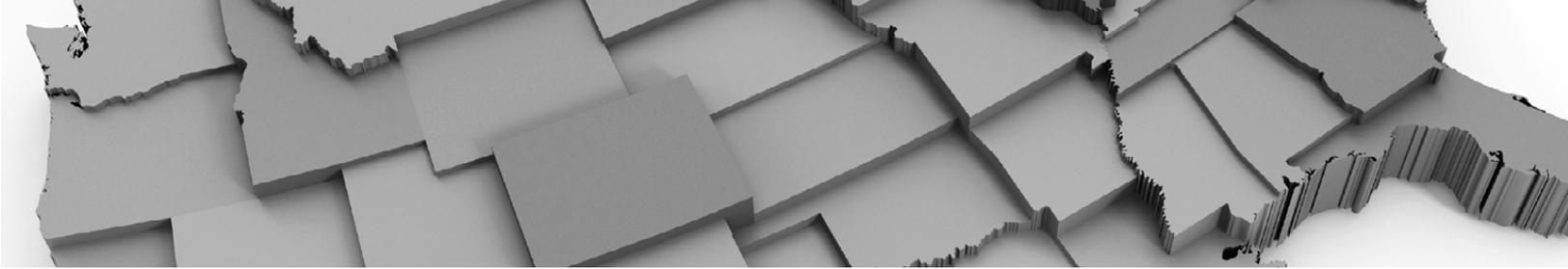
Read full the brief [HERE](#).

Did you miss SNAP to Skills' recent webinar, SNAP E&T and WIOA: Partnering to Raise Skills and Employment?

We had a larger number of registrants than we could handle, so if you were unable to access the webinar, or are just now learning of it, here's your opportunity to listen to the recording and access the presentation materials. The webinar expanded on the recent SNAP to Skills brief highlighting SNAP E&T and WIOA partnerships (mentioned above), and featured speakers Julie Strawn of Abt Associates, Patrick Gihring and Stacey Triplett from Portland's Worksystems, Inc., Lynn Dahn with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, and Nola Speiser with Hennepin County, Minnesota. The webinar discussed strategies for better aligning SNAP E&T and WIOA resources to expand services and improve outcomes for SNAP E&T participants and provided examples for how this is being accomplished within States and local areas.

Access the webinar recording and [HERE](#).

Access a 508 compliant version of the PowerPoint [HERE](#).



Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- **Register for the National Council for Workforce Education’s Annual Conference** on September 26-27, 2018 in Clearwater Beach, Florida. The conference will feature workforce initiatives organized around five conference strands: partnerships that improve program design; diversity and equity; the future of work and “new collar” jobs; new and creative training models; and work-based learning. FNS will be presenting a session on Wednesday, September 26, SNAP Employment and Training: Supporting Partnerships to Reach High-Barrier Populations. Early-bird registration ends on August 26, and conference registration closes on September 14.

Learn more [HERE](#).

- **Public Agenda released new report, *A Major Step: What Adults without Degrees Say About Going (Back) to College***. Public Agenda surveyed and conducted focus groups of low-income adults who are considering attending college to learn about their perspectives on: the connection between education and career goals; how they plan to pay and prepare for college; the types of information that can help them make decisions about college; the different types of educational options available (e.g., online, guided pathways); approaches to making higher education more affordable and increasing student success. This type of information should be useful to SNAP E&T programs and State agencies as they design SNAP E&T programs that help participants gain access to further education and training.

Read the 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 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. In Federal Fiscal Year 2018, these States are: Alaska, Arkansas, California, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee.

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