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## SNAP E&T REVIEW



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### *SNAP to Skills Kicks Off Another Year!*

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is pleased to announce the continuation of the *SNAP to Skills Project* into FY 2019. Since 2015, *SNAP to Skills* has provided direct technical assistance to 15 States to help them strengthen their SNAP E&T programs. In FY 2019, we will again be providing support to a new crop of States and continuing to make the [SNAP to Skills website](#) and its resources available to all States.

FNS is also excited to announce a new offering for States in FY 2019. This year, we will operate two SNAP E&T State Institutes. The first Institute in Winter 2019 will focus on how to address operational challenges associated with growing and expanding your SNAP E&T program. The second Institute in Fall 2019 will focus on how to strengthen and use work-based learning strategies in SNAP E&T. All States are encouraged and eligible to apply for these opportunities. More information will be available in the coming weeks on the [SNAP to Skills website](#) and through the *SNAP E&T Review*.

### *SNAP E&T Learning Academy Concludes with Convening of Participants in Chicago*



The 2018 SNAP E&T Learning Academy wrapped up in September as participants met for two-and-a-half days in Chicago. Participants presented their Learning Academy projects: research, tools, and other concrete deliverables intended to further the development of high-quality SNAP E&T programs. In addition, participants had the opportunity to visit two local providers, Jane Addams Resource Corporation (JARC) and National Able Network, to learn first-hand about their effective employment and training models. The 2018 SNAP E&T Learning Academy commenced in February, and included an initial convening in March as well as six virtual learning sessions.



## FNS Releases New SNAP E&T Video Series: *SNAP E&T in Action*

FNS is excited to announce the release of the *SNAP E&T in Action* series. Created as part of the [SNAP to Skills Project](#), the videos highlight how SNAP E&T is working around the country to help SNAP participants gain the skills they need to find work or advance in their careers.

We encourage States and their partners to begin now to use these videos to show how SNAP E&T can support job-driven training that helps SNAP participants earn credentials and work toward self-sufficiency. FNS hopes these videos inspire continued efforts by States and their partners to build high-quality SNAP E&T programs.

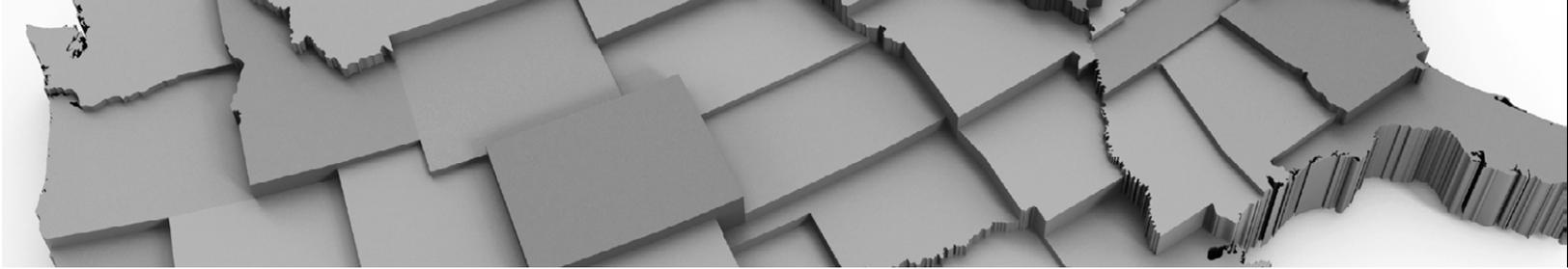
Access the Videos:

[SNAP E&T in Action: Economic Impact](#)  
[SNAP E&T in Action: Fit for Purpose](#)  
[SNAP E&T in Action: New Partnerships](#)

## Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- **Did you miss *SNAP to Skills'* September webinar, *Securing Employment and Stabilizing Housing: Connecting SNAP E&T with Housing Programs and Services*?** This September 25th webinar focused on how SNAP E&T can support programs and partnerships that best meet the needs of unstably-housed and homeless SNAP participants. It featured presenters from the States of Arkansas and Massachusetts discussing their innovative approaches to improving employment outcomes and stabilizing housing for SNAP participants.

Access the Webinar Recording [HERE](#).



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- ***Building the Apprenticeship Pipeline***—a new resource from the National Skills Coalition. With the current national focus on building apprenticeship opportunities, this timely brief discusses how apprenticeships can be made more accessible to a broader segment of the population through supports such as childcare and the development of pre-apprenticeships for individuals who may currently lack the skills to access apprenticeship programs.

Access the brief [HERE](#).

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## 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 were: Alaska, Arkansas, California, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. USDA/FNS is currently selecting the 10 States that will participate in Federal Fiscal Year 2019.

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