



SNAP E&T REVIEW



March 2019

FNS Hosts the First SNAP E&T State Institute on Expanding SNAP E&T Programs

This year, *SNAP to Skills* is hosting two **SNAP E&T State Institutes**, a new offering from FNS that provides States with training and expertise about how to grow and build an effective SNAP E&T program.

The first of the Institutes, **Taking SNAP E&T to Scale**, took place **March 12-14, 2019**, in Arlington, Virginia, and focused on helping States work through strategic and operational challenges and opportunities to expand their programs and serve more SNAP participants. Teams from 15 States (Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia) participated in the event.



Read more about the event and view more photos [HERE](#).

The second SNAP E&T State Institute, **Improving Outcomes with Work- and Skills-Based SNAP E&T Strategies**, will focus on helping States to strengthen their SNAP E&T program outcomes by working with high quality providers to offer work and skills-based workforce development strategies. This second event will take place in Fall 2019. The application period for the second Institute has closed and State SNAP agencies who applied will be notified in the coming months about the status of their applications.



Register Now! *SNAP to Skills* Webinar on Engaging SNAP E&T Participants

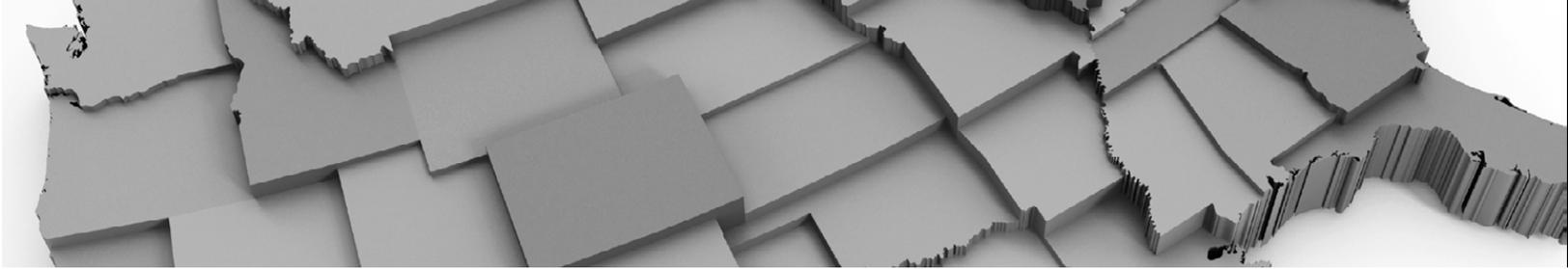
Register today for the upcoming *SNAP to Skills* webinar on **Participant Engagement Strategies for SNAP E&T**. *SNAP to Skills* will host the webinar on **April 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (PST)/1:00 p.m. (EST)**, which will focus on strategies for engaging participants in SNAP E&T programs. Fenton, a nationally-recognized social issues communications firm, will teach webinar attendees the basics of creating and implementing effective messaging strategies to engage program participants, and will explore some current examples of SNAP E&T messaging. Webinar attendees will also learn about participant engagement strategies unique to SNAP E&T, as well as what the latest insights from behavioral science can tell us about effective approaches. The speaker line up will include representatives of the Kansas SNAP E&T Farm Bill pilot program and of Able Networks (a Chicago-based SNAP E&T third-party partner) sharing examples of successful participant engagement efforts.

Register for the webinar [HERE](#).

FNS Releases Informational Memo on the Implementation of E&T Provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill

On December 20, 2018, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) was reauthorized as part of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (the Act) (P.L. 115-334). On March 6, FNS released an informational memorandum describing section 4005 of the Act and implementation dates. Regulations reflecting revisions to SNAP made by the Act will be published as soon as possible.

View the informational memorandum [HERE](#).



Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- **Research by the Workforce Data Quality Campaign, *Counting Registered Apprenticeship Completions***, explores how apprenticeship programs can be better tied by States to their overall workforce and post-secondary education strategies through data and outcomes integration. The research provides specific examples in Iowa and Washington in which the completion of registered apprenticeships is counted as part of their post-secondary attainment goals.

Access the paper [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. In addition, 10 States have been selected to receive enhanced technical assistance. In Federal Fiscal Year 2019, these States are Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

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