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## FNS Releases New State Guidance on SNAP E&T Provisions of the 2018 Farm Bill

Earlier this month, FNS released additional State guidance on the implementation of changes made to the SNAP E&T program by Section 4005 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. The following documents are now available on the FNS website:

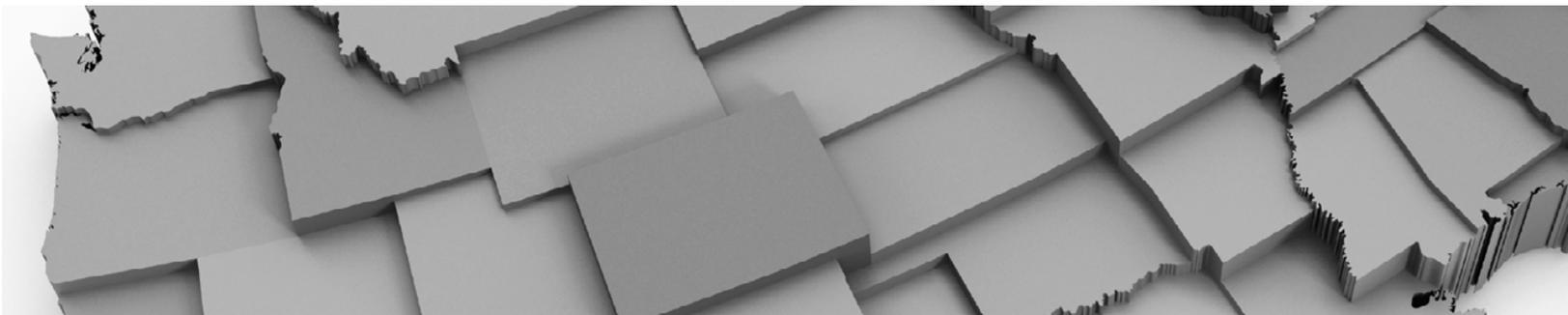
- [Questions and Answers on Section 4005 of the Agriculture Improvement Act](#) provides further guidance to States about various E&T provisions.
- [FY2020 SNAP E&T State Plan Addendum](#) is a required addendum to the State SNAP E&T plans submitted for FY2020 to address Farm Bill related requirements.



## Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- Final impact findings from the *Child Support Noncustodial Parent Employment Demonstration (CSPED) Evaluation* conducted by the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services were released in March 2019. Through this evaluation, HHS sought to examine the effectiveness of employment programs for non-custodial parents, including enhanced child support services. Eighteen implementation sites were chosen to operate programs that included case management, enhanced child support services, employment services, and parenting classes. Final impact findings show that the program increased participant earnings in the first year and increased the noncustodial parents' sense of responsibility for children. Over one-third of participants in the evaluation received SNAP benefits. USDA recently published [a memorandum](#) to State agencies encouraging them to require SNAP participants to cooperate with child support programs.

Read the full report [HERE](#).



- A new brief from the Urban Institute highlights lack of access to child care as a major impediment to participation in employment and training programs for low-income parents who could significantly benefit from career advancement opportunities. The brief, ***State Child Care Assistance Policies for Parents in Education and Training***, explores the various State eligibility requirements under the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), the largest program providing child care assistance for low-income families, which has the potential to help more parents access child care while participating in workforce development activities. States may use SNAP E&T 50/50 funds to support child care for SNAP E&T participants, but may identify other sources to provide these participant reimbursements.

Read the brief [HERE](#).



- **Did you miss the April *SNAP to Skills* webinar, *Participant Engagement Strategies for SNAP E&T*?** This well-attended webinar focused on strategies for engaging participants in SNAP E&T programs. Webinar participants heard from Fenton, a nationally-recognized social issues communications firm on the basics of creating and implementing effective messaging strategies to engage program participants. Presenters also included representatives of the Kansas SNAP E&T program and of Able Networks (a Chicago-based SNAP E&T third-party partner) sharing examples of successful participant engagement efforts.

**Access the webinar recording [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/areas have been selected to receive enhanced technical assistance. In Federal Fiscal Year 2019, these are: Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

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