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## SNAP E&T REVIEW



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### *E&T Impact: Lives Transformed*

Jodi is a successful SNAP E&T participant in Pennsylvania, one of 10 current *SNAP to Skills* States working to make a difference in the lives of SNAP E&T participants. Read her story below.

#### **Jodi - A New Start**

After a short period of incarceration, Jodi was faced with the task of finding employment. Jodi had not applied for a job in some time. She had few of the skills and tools one needs for a successful job hunt, including a resume. But Jodi was determined to move on from living in survival mode, just trying to make it day-to-day, and to be in a better place in her life.

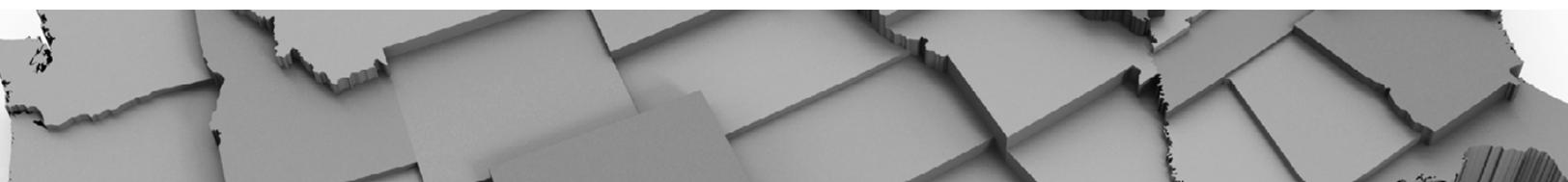
Jodi was referred by her probation officer to the Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) in Philadelphia, a SNAP Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) service provider. CEO provides individuals exiting incarceration with comprehensive support, (including immediate paid employment), skills training (including job-readiness training), and ongoing career support (including job coaching, placement and retention).

Through her participation in CEO's program, Jodi built a resume, practiced interview skills, and gained computer proficiency. She also connected with *Dress for Success*, which provided her with an outfit so she could look her best for interviews.

READ THE FULL STORY [HERE](#).

### *Register Today for the Upcoming SNAP to Skills Webinar, Using Data to Assess and Improve SNAP E&T Programs*

As States expand and strengthen their SNAP E&T programs, they are using more and better data to ensure their programs are effectively and efficiently moving SNAP participants toward self-sufficiency. This webinar will address several key questions about data, such as:



- What type of outcome data and other information should States use to determine if their SNAP E&T programs and providers are administered well and are achieving good outcomes for participants?
- Where and how can they get this data?
- How can States use data to continuously improve their programs?

Presenters in this webinar, USDA Food and Nutrition Service and the Department of Labor, will provide big picture answers to these questions. Participants will also hear about State specific experiences from Pennsylvania and Washington. **The webinar will take place on September 25 from 10:00 – 11:30 PT/1:00 – 2:30 ET.**

Register for the webinar [HERE](#).

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## *Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links*

**Did you miss the July 18 SNAP to Skills webinar, Using “Intermediaries” to Streamline and Support Expanded SNAP E&T Programs?** This well-attended webinar focused on using “intermediaries” to streamline the administration of SNAP E&T programs, allowing programs to expand more quickly. Intermediaries are organizations or entities that can carry out a number of required administrative tasks and provide support to State SNAP E&T programs by centralizing some operational and fiscal functions. Presenters shared a variety of intermediary models currently being used in SNAP E&T programs around the U.S.

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