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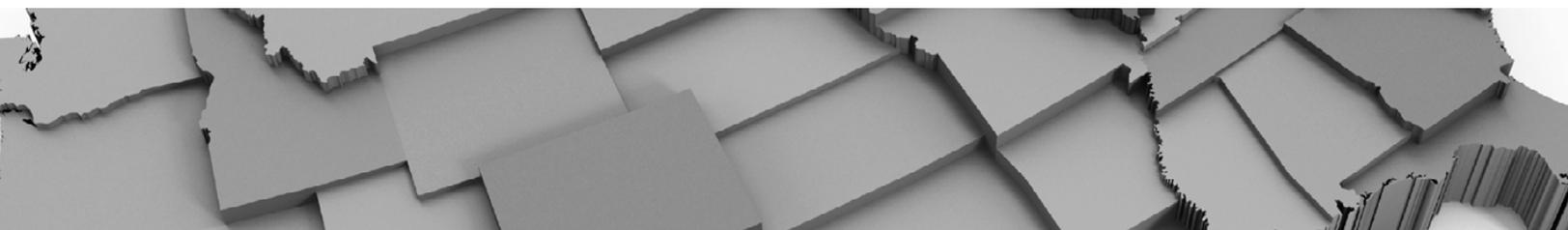
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SNAP to Skills Hosts the Fall 2019 SNAP E&T State Institute

On September 10-12, *SNAP to Skills* hosted a very successful Fall 2019 SNAP E&T State Institute, **Improving Outcomes with Work- and Skills-Based SNAP E&T Strategies**. The event, the second of two State Institutes offered in 2019, took place in Arlington, Virginia, and included participating teams from 16 States (Arkansas, Connecticut, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin). The Institute focused on workforce development best practices, such as career pathways and sector partnerships, which help SNAP participants gain skills and good jobs leading to economic self-sufficiency. State SNAP agencies can incorporate lessons learned at the Institute to continue strengthening their E&T programs.



State Institute participants learned about relevant new research and effective employment and training models from a variety of presenters including: Abt Associates, Academy of Hope, Baltimore Alliance for Careers in Healthcare, CEO Works, DC Central Kitchen, National Association of Workforce Boards, Northern Virginia Community College, Per Scholas, So Others Might Eat, State of Minnesota, State of Oklahoma, State of Oregon, State of Pennsylvania, USDA Food and Nutrition Service, and the US Department of Labor.



Participants conducted site visits to local employment and training providers Academy of Hope, DC Central Kitchen, and So Others Might Eat. They also participated in a workshop led by Dr. Donna Beegle of Communication Across Barriers who provided them with tools and strategies for better connecting employment and training programs with the individuals and communities they intend to serve. Finally, States worked in teams to develop concrete plans for improving the outcomes of their SNAP E&T programs.

Both of the *SNAP to Skills* 2019 State Institutes were extremely productive. States that participated gained valuable information about building evidence-based, employer-driven SNAP E&T programs, had the opportunity to learn from their peers, and continued their commitment to strengthen their SNAP E&T programs. FNS and *SNAP to Skills* thanks everyone who contributed to making the State Institutes such a success!

Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- **Did you miss the September 25th *SNAP to Skills* webinar, *Using Data to Assess and Improve SNAP E&T Programs*?** This well-attended webinar focused on how States are using more and better data to ensure their programs are effectively and efficiently moving SNAP participants toward self-sufficiency. The webinar addressed 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?

Webinar presenters included USDA Food and Nutrition Service, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the States of Pennsylvania and Washington. **Access the webinar slides [HERE](#). The webinar recording will be made available in a future *SNAP E&T Review* edition.**

- **Correction from the Summer 2019 SNAP E&T Review.** The story of SNAP E&T participant, Jodi, which appeared in the Summer *SNAP E&T Review*, incorrectly stated that she had participated in CEO Works' Philadelphia program. In fact, Jodi participated in CEO's Oklahoma City program.



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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