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New *SNAP to Skills Project* will focus on Increasing Participant Engagement, Recruitment

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* (S2S) through FY 2021. This year's project will build upon the success of previous rounds of *SNAP to Skills* but focus new attention on increasing SNAP E&T participation and engagement among eligible SNAP participants.

FNS will select a new round of States who will engage in a two-year process, using a human-centered design approach, to identify specific challenges that hinder the growth of participation in their SNAP E&T programs. States will work collaboratively with S2S to develop and implement promising interventions that address the participation and retention challenges identified.

In addition, S2S will continue to provide valuable SNAP E&T resources and learning opportunities, including the S2S website, *SNAP E&T Review*, webinars, and tools. We will share with all States and their partners what we learn about effective strategies to increase participation in SNAP E&T.

Since 2015, S2S has provided direct technical assistance to States and individuals, helping them to build job-driven programs. Direct and long-term S2S technical assistance was provided to 22 States to help improve their SNAP E&T operations and over 70 individuals have participated in the SNAP E&T Learning Academies. Additionally, 17 States participated in *SNAP E&T State Institutes*. These *State Institutes* provided training to interested States on scaling their SNAP E&T programs and adopting work- and skills-based learning strategies. S2S also makes tools, resources and learning opportunities available to all States and SNAP E&T stakeholders through the [SNAP to Skills website](#).

FNS is fortunate to be working on the *SNAP to Skills Project* with the support of a new partnership of MDRC and Seattle Jobs Initiative (SJI). Both organizations have a wealth of knowledge and experience with SNAP E&T.

Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

- **2019 State of the Workforce Report**

This National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) report offers a compilation of fact sheets featuring labor market information from each of the 50 state workforce agencies. The fact sheets also include information on key industries for growth, state innovations, and state contacts for the information represented in the profile. **Read the full report [HERE](#).**

- **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 recording [HERE](#) and the webinar slides [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) 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, with specific States selected to receive enhanced technical assistance. FNS will soon be selecting these States for FY 20-21.

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