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Submit Your Session Idea for the SNAP E&T National Forum!

The first-ever Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) National Forum will bring together SNAP E&T stakeholders from across the country to share and learn best practices for increasing employment among SNAP households through State SNAP E&T programs. The National Forum is hosted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and will be held on October 13-14, 2020, in St. Louis, Missouri. Many of the sessions at the National Forum will be developed by State SNAP agencies and E&T stakeholders! Have an idea for a session? Please submit a session proposal by completing the online submission process by July 8.

For more information and to register or submit a session for consideration, visit [HERE](#).

To expand participation, this will be a hybrid event. This means that there will be an option to attend in person, or virtually. The hybrid format will allow you to attend and participate in the forum in the way that is best for you.

Request for Applications: FY2020 SNAP E&T Data and Technical Assistance (DATA) Grants

The purpose of this recently released grant competition is to support the development of State SNAP E&T data collection and reporting systems. FNS is currently accepting applications for the FY2020 SNAP E&T DATA Grants until July 13, 2020. DATA Grant funds should be for one or more of the following purposes: 1) training and capacity building, including efforts to improve E&T data quality; 2) information technology (IT) systems development to support the collection, reporting, and analysis of SNAP E&T data; and/or 3) continuous program improvement of SNAP E&T programs, including the provision of effective and efficient services that move SNAP participants toward stable, good jobs.

Read more [HERE](#).

ICYMI: Adapting SNAP E&T Services for the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond

On June 18, S2S hosted a webinar about how States and their provider partners have had to quickly re-tool their SNAP E&T services, shift to virtual delivery models and plan for a new normal that includes fewer options for in-person interaction to engage participants. Presenters John Briscoe, SSP Employment and Training Programs Manager, *Oregon Department of Human Services*; Jerry Rubin, Executive Director, *Jewish Vocational Services (Boston, MA)*; Kate Kinder, Director, *Portland Community College (Portland, OR)*, and Valerie Greenhagen, Regional Director, *Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)* shared what has worked, what has been most challenging, and what emerging practices will remain as they re-open and move beyond the pandemic.

A recording of this webinar is available for streaming on the SNAP to Skills website [HERE](#).

Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

Introducing the Pathways to Work Evidence Clearinghouse, a new resource from the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) in the Administration for Children & Families (ACF).

Now more than ever, leaders and operators of programs for job seekers with low incomes need evidence on the interventions and strategies that can help their clients succeed in the labor market. The Pathways Clearinghouse [website](#) provides free, reliable, and accessible information about what works to help job seekers with low incomes find and sustain employment, identifies interventions designed to improve employment outcomes, reduce employment challenges, and support self-sufficiency for people with low incomes. ACF is hosting a launch webinar on this new platform on July 15 from 2:00 – 3:30pm ET.

View the website [HERE](#) and register for the webinar [HERE](#).

About the SNAP to Skills Project

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, while 7 States have been selected to receive enhanced technical assistance. In Federal Fiscal Years 20 – 21, these are: Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

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