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USDA Joins Federal Partners for One Workforce for America Initiative

The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Labor (DOL), and Agriculture (USDA) will join efforts to put American workers first in an economic recovery initiative to help more families experience the benefits of work. Together, through the “Engaging as One Workforce for America” initiative, HHS’ Administration for Children and Families (ACF), DOL’s Employment and Training Administration (ETA), and USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will work to increase the capacity of State and local governments to engage unemployed individuals. These efforts will seek to shorten durations of unemployment and reduce disconnections from the workforce that make it harder for individuals to return, as well as connect to the workforce those who were not participating in the labor force before the pandemic, through a comprehensive and coordinated public and private effort.

The three agencies will join forces with an initial small number of States to pilot cross-program strategies that will help more Americans impacted by COVID-19 access re-employment services, training, and social supports to help them enter, re-enter, and remain in the workforce.

Read more [HERE](#).

ICYMI: Recordings are now available from the SNAP E&T National Forum!

The first-ever SNAP E&T National Forum took place on October 13-15, 2020. Over 1,500 E&T partners registered for the event to share and learn best practices for increasing employment among SNAP households through State SNAP E&T programs. If you missed the event, or want to view sessions that you didn’t get to see the first time, all recordings for plenary and breakout sessions are available through the virtual platform for registrants until November 23. After November 23rd, recordings and materials will be available on the FNS website.

USDA Awards \$10 Million to Move SNAP Participants Forward

USDA Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced in October that USDA awarded \$10 million in grants to strengthen SNAP E&T, which helps participants gain the skills, training, or work experience they need to move toward and into employment. USDA provided more than \$6.7 million in SNAP E&T National Partnership Grants to help four national non-profit organizations expand program capacity to serve SNAP participants and more than \$3.2 million in SNAP E&T Data and Technical Assistance (DATA) Grants to support improved E&T data collection and reporting across five SNAP State agencies. FNS awarded the SNAP E&T National Partnership Grants to the National Association of Workforce Boards, Goodwill Industries International, American Public Human Services Association, and Roberts Enterprise Development Fund to expand and bolster SNAP E&T by leveraging their large networks to train new third-party providers. FNS awarded the SNAP E&T DATA Grants to SNAP State agencies in Georgia, New Hampshire, New York, Tennessee, and the District of Columbia. These grants will empower awardees with the technology capabilities to better understand which E&T services and strategies are most effective in moving SNAP participants toward a brighter future.

Read more [HERE](#).

Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

New Report: Using Data Systems to Improve Workforce Development Outcomes in a Changing Landscape

In a final report, the Workforce Data Systems Project examines the technological infrastructure of WIOA reporting systems in 46 States through surveys and State site visits and provides recommendations to improve the integration of data systems for workforce practitioners and policymakers. The project, initiated by the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) and National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB), with funding from the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, sought to understand whether WIOA program partners effectively applied technology to assess the labor market, improve stakeholder communication, streamline case management, and meet WIOA goals. State SNAP agencies are required to report annually on SNAP E&T outcome measures, which are similar to the performance indicators for the core programs in WIOA, but reflect the unique characteristics of the SNAP E&T program and its participants.

Read the final report [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, 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.

Previous editions of the SNAP E&T Review are accessible [HERE](#).



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