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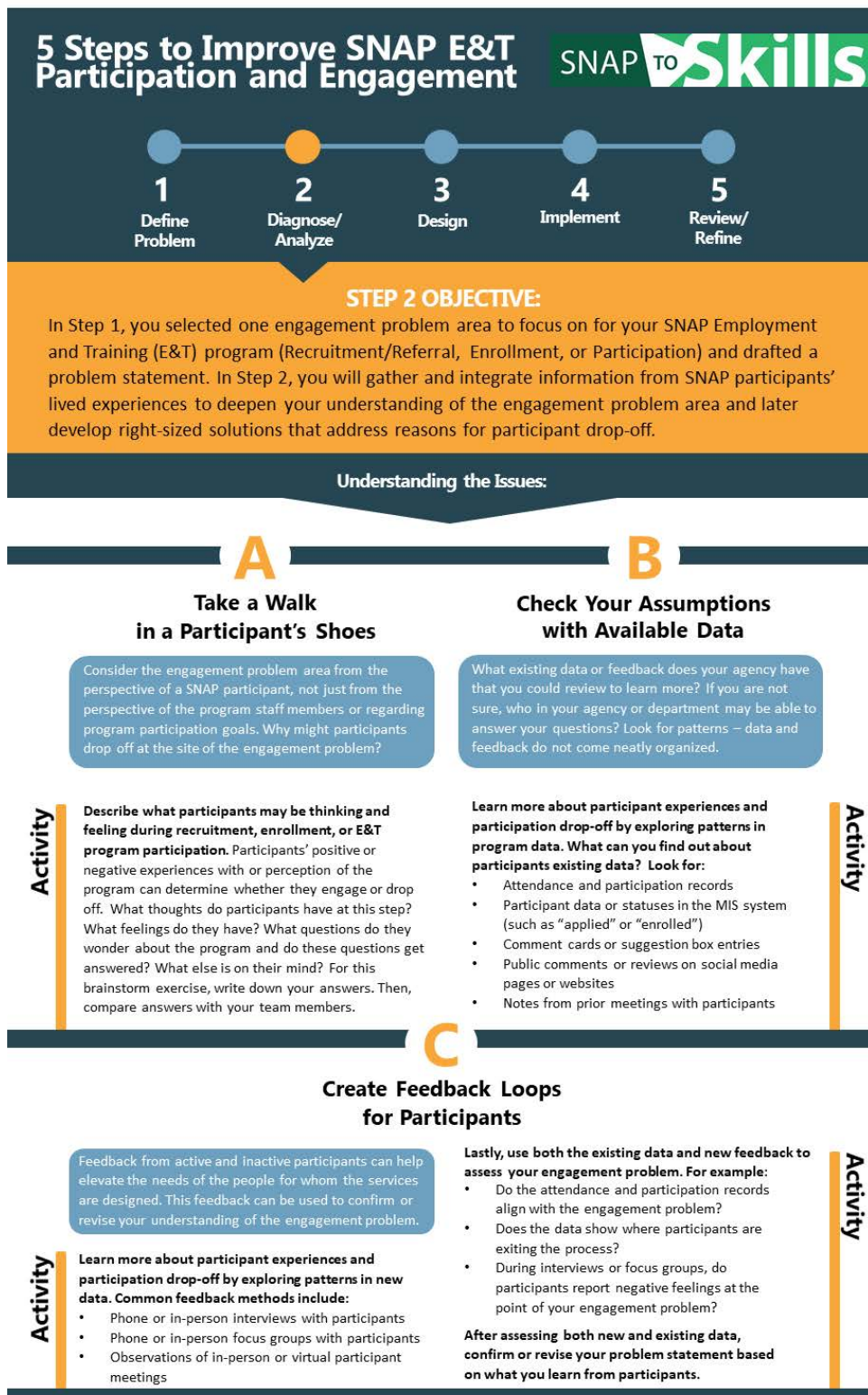


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### 5 Steps to Improve SNAP E&T Participation and Engagement: Diagnose/ Analyze the Problem

SNAP to Skills is using a [5-phase process](#) to work with States to identify E&T participation and engagement challenges. This process uses insights from behavioral science and human-centered design to identify issues, devise and implement interventions, and then measure performance to see if the interventions are working.

The infographic below dives deeper into the second step of the 5-phase process: Diagnose/Analyze the Problem. In this phase, State teams gather and integrate information from SNAP clients' lived experience as well as program data to deepen their understanding of an engagement problem, laying the groundwork for later developing a well-informed solution to the problem.



A downloadable PDF version of this infographic can be found on the SNAP to Skills website [HERE](#).

Previous infographics can be found on the FNS website [HERE](#).

## New FNS Report: The Impact of ABAWD Time Limit Reinstatement in Nine States

In June 2021, FNS released a new study that examined the reinstatement of time limits on SNAP participation for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) following the Great Recession. This report, conducted by the Urban Institute, focuses on how reinstatement of time limits impacted ABAWD employment, annual wages, and program participation. Researchers found that reinstatement of the ABAWD time limit substantially reduced SNAP participation among those subject to the time limit. The largest reduction typically occurred between the 3rd and 4th month of time limit reinstatement, the first month in which participants could lose SNAP. There was no evidence that the ABAWD time limit increased employment or annual earnings.

Read the full report [HERE](#).

## FNS Issues NEW E&T State Plan Handbook and Policy Toolkit

**E&T State Plan Handbook and Template for FY22:** FNS has recently updated the E&T State Plan Handbook and template for FY22, which includes the new program requirements established by the 2018 Farm Bill. The handbook provides guidance to State agencies administering and operating the SNAP E&T program on how to prepare and submit their annual plan to FNS for approval.

Find the new Handbook and template [HERE](#).

**SNAP E&T Program Toolkit:** FNS has released the newly updated SNAP E&T Program Toolkit. This is the first major update since the Toolkit was initially released in 2013. The toolkit is a helpful policy resource for States that can be used when training new staff or can act as a primer for potential E&T providers. FNS encourages State SNAP agencies to use the resources found within the toolkit to plan and implement their SNAP E&T programs.

Access the toolkit [HERE](#).

## FNS Develops Model Consolidated Work Requirements Notice

The recently published Employment and Training Opportunities in SNAP final rule includes a requirement that State SNAP agencies provide all households, where at least one member is subject to a work requirement, with a consolidated work notice explaining all applicable requirements. To assist States with implementation of this notice, FNS has worked with Insight Policy Research to develop a plain language model notice that scores at a 6th-grade reading level. The notice is also designed to be customizable to align with local policies and meet the varying notice production and eligibility system capabilities across States. FNS encourages all States to utilize this as a model when developing their consolidated work requirements notices.

Access the SNAP Model Notice Toolkit [HERE](#).

## Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

### **Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a Request for Information as part of its implementation of Executive Order #13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.**

OMB is seeking input, information, and recommendations by July 6 from a broad array of stakeholders in the public, private, advocacy, not-for-profit, and philanthropic sectors on available methods, approaches, and tools, related to effectively assessing whether federal agency policies and actions (e.g., programs, services, processes, and operations) equitably serve all eligible individuals and communities, particularly those that are currently and historically underserved.

Access the Federal Register Page [HERE](#).

### **Request for Public Comments: The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issued a Request for Information, Exploration of a Multi-Program, Integrated Case Management System.**

ETA is seeking public comment by July 23 on customer-centric solutions to assist States in the design and deployment of affordable, flexible technology systems to improve workforce development and reemployment service delivery at the local level. In collaboration with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) partner agencies, the agency will use this information to inform the Department's deliberations on the implementation of WIOA and technical assistance that they provide to States to help them align technology and data systems across one-stop partner programs with the customer experience at the forefront of the design.

Access the Federal Register Page [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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