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SNAP E&T REVIEW



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New from FNS: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T) Screening and Referral Guidance

The 2018 Farm Bill and the FNS final rule, Employment and Training Opportunities in SNAP, emphasized improving the quality of E&T programs, in part by ensuring that E&T participants get the right services and support they need to succeed in the program. The final rule underscored the important role of screening and referral to E&T as part of that goal. New FNS guidance released on July 13 strives to create flexibility in how States implement screening and referral requirements by providing examples and best practices that ensure E&T participants are referred to E&T programs where they are most likely to be successful and can promote more efficient management of State administrative resources.

To read the SNAP E&T Screening and Referral Guidance click **HERE**.

Registration is Open! SNAP E&T National Forum on December 13-14, 2022

The USDA-FNS SNAP Office of Employment and Training (E&T) is pleased to host the second SNAP E&T National Forum on December 13-14, 2022, at the Westin Alexandria in Alexandria, VA. Join fellow State agencies and SNAP E&T stakeholders as we gather together to build better SNAP E&T programs that lead with equity, create economic opportunity, and meet local workforce needs. The Forum will be held in person and will offer participants the opportunity to network and engage with peers and subject matter experts. Register HERE. Book your room HERE.

FNS Requesting Applications for FY22 SNAP E&T National Partnerships Grants

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is now accepting applications for its SNAP E&T National Partnership Grants. Grant funds will be used to support new organizational capacity to provide are non-profit organizations with large networks of community colleges or consortia of community colleges training and other technical assistance so that members may become third-party SNAP E&T providers. The Request for Applications (RFA) was released on July 6, 2022. Applications are due to FNS by September 3, 2022. View the RFA HERE.

States Can Now Request SNAP to Skills Technical Assistance! Here's How.

FNS is now accepting requests for SNAP to Skills (S2S) technical assistance (TA) from **all State SNAP agencies** interested in growing and improving their SNAP E&T programs. These requests should meet the following requirements:

- **Targeted in scope**: TA will be directed to the completion of a **specific project** and/or targeted to meet well-defined needs and objectives.
- Limited in duration: TA can be completed in 1-3 months.

States may request TA support any time from now until September 2023 by completing a simple TA Request Form. FNS will review all submissions and may request more information before moving forward. While there are no deadlines to apply, FNS can only support up to 30 State requests, so we encourage you to think about potential projects and apply early!

Listen to the SNAP to Skills TA Information Session HERE.

Read more about the current SNAP to Skills Project HERE.

Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

Resource: SNAP Employment & Training (E&T) Resource Clearinghouse: The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) is now offering a Resource Clearinghouse which includes resources for current and potential SNAP E&T third-party providers, state agency program staff, and state policymakers seeking information to develop and broaden organizational capacity in SNAP E&T programs.

To view the Clearinghouse website click **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.

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