



# SNAP E&T REVIEW



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## Just 6 Months left! SNAP to Skills Technical Assistance

Don't miss out on the opportunity to participate in SNAP to Skills (S2S) Rapid Response technical assistance available to all State SNAP agencies through September 2023.

States can request assistance on a broad range of topics that aid in growing and improving SNAP E&T programs and services. Some projects that participating States have completed so far include:

- Developing strong partnerships between SNAP E&T programs and local Workforce Boards.
- Strengthening SNAP E&T program operations such as the development of E&T provider handbooks, SNAP E&T invoice processes, and program monitoring plans.
- Improving SNAP E&T referral processes centered around the SNAP participant experience and input from SNAP eligibility workers.
- Exploring SNAP E&T intermediary roles and recruiting, assessing, and onboarding quality third-party partners.

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You can request S2S Rapid Response TA by completing and submitting a short [TA Request Form](#). Rapid Response technical assistance projects need to be completed by September 30, 2023. Don't miss out. Apply now!

Listen to the SNAP to Skills TA Information Session recording [HERE](#).

Read more about the current SNAP to Skills Project [HERE](#).

## FNS Releases Guidance on SNAP and College Students

USDA places a priority on ensuring that all eligible students receive the SNAP benefits for which they are qualified. Earlier this month, FNS issued guidance for States on the end of the public health emergency on May 11, 2023, and what that means for college students receiving SNAP. Along with this update, FNS issued a clarification and useful flowchart that States can use with college students for the purposes of determining SNAP eligibility.

- *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Preparing for Changes in Student Eligibility Following the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE)*

This memo provides an update on the rules concerning student eligibility for SNAP and changes due to the lifting of the COVID-19 Federal public health emergency on May 11, 2023. To help State agencies prepare for these changes, FNS has consolidated resources related to student eligibility into the attached document. Read the memo [HERE](#).

- *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Institutions of Higher Education and Student Eligibility Rules*

This memo clarifies two elements of longstanding SNAP policy: which individuals are considered enrolled in an institution of higher education and, therefore, subject to the student eligibility rules, and which students are exempt from the SNAP work requirements. A flowchart is enclosed with the memo to assist with applying the policy. Read the memo [HERE](#).

## FNS Releases Literature Review on Wage Subsidies and Work-Based Learning for SNAP

The "*Employment and Training Opportunities in SNAP*" final rule allowed SNAP E&T to fund subsidized wages for E&T participants in work-based learning or other work experience activities. This study describes the wage subsidy and work-based learning models that aid in improving employment outcomes, the extent to which these models promote strong connections between government programs and employers, and the implications of previous findings on how to best implement wage subsidy and work-based learning programs within SNAP E&T. Read the literature review [HERE](#).

## Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

### **Resource: Department of Labor (DOL) Launches Job Quality Academy**

DOL is launching the Job Quality Academy in partnership with Jobs for the Future. The Academy is a professional development and strategic planning experience. Through the Academy, 16 community-representing teams will receive intensive technical assistance to help them develop job quality action plans for their respective communities. Teams will participate in two three-day in-person summits in Washington, DC in the summer of 2023. Interested communities can learn how to apply [HERE](#).

## Resource: Bridge to Finish Outcome Study

MDRC provides a final report on the Bridge to Finish program, a campaign developed by the United Way of King County in Washington State offering campus-based Benefit Hubs at 10 community colleges. The Benefit Hubs conducted targeted outreach and recruitment to students connecting students with public benefits and resources including SNAP. This resulted in increased eligibility for SNAP E&T for students. All of Washington States' community colleges are SNAP E&T providers. To access the full report 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 also providing multiple States the opportunity to benefit from individualized technical assistance to advance their programs. In Federal Fiscal Years 22 – 23, any State may apply to receive technical assistance on a rolling basis to support specific, short-term projects to advance their E&T programs.

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



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