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SNAP E&T REVIEW



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Strengthening Connections for SNAP E&T Participants within the Workforce Development System

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:

- Establishing an intentional process to connect SNAP E&T participants with local workforce providers including Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) or other traditional workforce-funded programs including those operating within AJCs.
- Creating processes to jointly serve and co-enroll participants in both WIOA and SNAP E&T services.
- Contracting with local WDBs to operate as a SNAP E&T intermediary.
- Contracting directly with local WDBs to operate as a third party to offer SNAP E&T service.

Establishing partnerships between SNAP E&T and other local workforce programs offers great potential but can be complicated and take time and commitment to do. State SNAP agencies can begin by understanding WIOA funding, eligibility criteria and outcome priorities; and how that differs or aligns with the SNAP E&T program. Partnerships should be developed with the support of leadership of both systems and meet the needs and goals of both agencies involved.

More information on SNAP E&T and Workforce Development System collaboration can be found [HERE](#).

Register Now: Improving Equity and Data in SNAP E&T: Early Findings from the First Year of Minnesota's DATA Grant Project and Findings from FNS's SNAP E&T Data Assessment

How can SNAP E&T programs identify opportunities to improve program equity and quality? How can they develop systems to make data-driven program improvements? In this webinar for State agencies, FNS' SNAP Office of Employment and Training (OET) will share information about the FY2023 SNAP E&T Data and Technical Assistance (DATA) Grant opportunity and will be joined by the Minnesota Department of Human Services and Mathematica Policy Research to hear about their recent work focused on making data-driven SNAP E&T program improvements.

The FY2023 SNAP E&T DATA Grants support the development of State SNAP E&T data collection and reporting systems across two available tracks: 1) Advancing Equity within SNAP E&T Programs; and 2) Improving SNAP E&T Data Validity and Reliability. Applications for the FY2023 SNAP E&T DATA Grant are due on June 27, 2023.

State agencies may register [HERE](#).

The FY23 SNAP E&T DATA Grant RFA is available [HERE](#).

Grant Opportunity: FNS Seeks Proposals for the SNAP E&T National Partnership Grant

FNS is accepting proposals for the FY2023 SNAP E&T National Partnership Grant. Grants will be awarded to non-profit organizations with nation-wide broad member or affiliate networks that provide direct workforce development services to low-income and low-skilled individuals, including SNAP participants. Grant funds will be used to support new organizational capacity for the grantee (i.e. the national organization) to provide member or affiliate organizations training and other technical assistance so that member or affiliate organizations may become third-party SNAP E&T providers. To be eligible, applicants must have at least thirty geographically diverse member or affiliate organizations in two or more FNS Regions.

Find the Request for Assistance on Grants.gov [HERE](#).

ED Releases Memo on Student Eligibility for SNAP when COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Ends

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) has released a memo outlining the end of the temporary student exemptions authorized in 2021 that have expanded SNAP eligibility for students due the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). The lifting of the PHE on May 11 will begin to end flexibility related to student eligibility for federal benefit programs including SNAP and Medicaid.

Review the memo [HERE](#).

Just 5 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 which is available to all State SNAP agencies through September 2023. To date, several State SNAP agencies have benefited from targeted technical assistance directed at strengthening their E&T programs. Technical assistance is provided by Seattle Jobs Initiative (SJI) and MDRC in coordination with FNS.

FNS is 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.

You can request S2S Rapid Response TA by completing and submitting a short [TA Request Form](#). FNS will review all submissions and may reach out for clarifying information before moving forward. 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](#).

Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

Resource: *Survey of SNAP E&T Program Case Management*

A new report from FNS provides insights about how States are implementing the SNAP E&T case management requirement and gives a comprehensive picture of SNAP E&T case management. Read about effective assessments, participant reimbursement options and how States are investing in training for case management staff. With the passage of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (known as the 2018 Farm Bill), States are also now required to provide case management to all SNAP E&T participants. Although some States have provided case management as part of their SNAP E&T programs for many years, others are now implementing it for the first time or enhancing their services in response to this requirement.

View the executive summary and access the full report [HERE](#).

Save the Date: *Economic Mobility & Well-Being Conference, August 27-30, 2023 Hyatt Regency Long Beach, Long Beach, CA*

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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