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SNAP TO SKILLS

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## USDA and DOL Release Joint Letter Encouraging States to Serve Time-Limited Recipients through the Public Workforce System

On June 9, 2023 the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) released a letter encouraging SNAP State agencies and State and local workforce agencies and boards to develop shared strategies that will better connect SNAP participants, particularly those who are subject to time-limited benefits, to employment and training opportunities through programs offered by American Job Centers (AJCs) as the pandemic related suspension of SNAP time-limited benefits for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) ends.

Read the letter [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 Grants. 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. Grant applications are due on July 10, 2023.

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

## ICYMI: 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

In May 2023, FNS hosted a webinar on improving equity and data in SNAP E&T programs, featuring Mathematica's findings from a multi-year assessment of SNAP E&T data and data systems, and speakers from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), who

shared accomplishments from their SNAP E&T Data and Technical Assistance (DATA) Grant Project to advance program equality, quality, and data capacity.

Key takeaways from the webinar:

- States should examine the data they collect—and explore collecting new measures—to ensure the data can be analyzed to assess program quality and outcomes through an equity lens.
- Qualitative data can help States deepen their understanding of participants, partners, and their programs' impact.
- DATA grants can help support and enhance States' ability to assess and analyze their SNAP E&T program services and outcomes for continuous program improvement.

Find the link to the webinar recording [HERE](#).

## Last Call! SNAP to Skills Technical Assistance

Time is running out on the opportunity to participate in SNAP to Skills (S2S) Rapid Response technical assistance (TA), which is available to all State SNAP agencies through September 2023. To date, 13 State SNAP agencies have benefited from rapid response TA directed at strengthening their E&T programs, which is provided by Seattle Jobs Initiative (SJI) and MDRC in coordination with FNS.

FNS is accepting requests for S2S 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 TA 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, and Resource Links

**Register Now: Economic Mobility & Well-Being Conference, August 27-30, 2023, Hyatt Regency Long Beach, Long Beach, CA**

The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) is holding the APHSA Economic Mobility & Well-Being Conference between August 27th and 30th at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach, CA.

The conference will bring together SNAP Directors, TANF Administrators, and other human services stakeholders from across the country. The conference will offer sessions on SNAP E&T services and best practices.

Register for the conference [HERE](#).

**Resource: Evidence Snapshot—*Work Experience and Work-based Learning***

Check out the *Pathways to Work Evidence Snapshot* from Mathematica on Work Experience and Work-based Learning programs. This Evidence Snapshot describes the effectiveness of seven rigorously studied programs that used work experience and work-based learning as their primary service. On average, work experience and work-based learning interventions improved several outcomes. Short-term annual earnings increased by \$649 and long-term annual earnings increased by \$713, on average, across the interventions for which these outcomes were examined. Work-based learning can be an effective strategy for States as they design their SNAP E&T programs to improve employment and earnings outcomes for SNAP participants.

You can read more about this [HERE](#).

**Resource: *Keep It Simple: Picking the Right Data Science Method to Improve Workforce Training Program***

This new brief from the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) explores data science methods that workforce programs can use to predict participant success. The brief notes that using these predictive models provide an early warning system that identifies participants who need more support, such as childcare and transportation services.

You can read more about this [HERE](#).

**Resource: *Speed, Value, and Economic Mobility: How Community Colleges are Developing Short-Term, High-Value Credentials that Lead to Good Jobs and Careers***

This CAEL research report explores the experiences of ten community colleges in their efforts to develop quality non-degree credentials that can be completed in in one year or less, lead to good-paying jobs in high-demand industries, and are stackable to a higher degree, allowing learners to unlock opportunities for even greater economic mobility. State SNAP E&T programs seeking to expand postsecondary opportunities for participants could consider partnerships with community colleges who are offering these types of credential programs as a way to increase the skills and employability participants who need job training to secure a better job.

Read the 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 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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