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Announcing the Spring 2024 SNAP E&T State Institute

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is pleased to announce the 2024 SNAP E&T State Institute, which will take place **May 14–15, 2024,** at the Tysons Corner Marriott in Tysons, Virginia. The theme of this State Institute is *Building a Bridge from Vision to Outcomes in Your SNAP E&T Program*—similar to the theme of the State Institute hosted in September 2023. The SNAP E&T State Institute is an exciting opportunity for States to align a vision for their program with actionable, short-term goals and steps they can take to make a difference.

State SNAP agencies should contact their <u>FNS Regional Office</u> for more information about the Institute and how to apply.

Save the Date: SNAP E&T 2024 National Forum

Mark your calendar—the third SNAP E&T National Forum is scheduled for **October 29-30, 2024,** at the Tysons Corner Marriott in Tysons, Virginia! Sponsored by the FNS SNAP Office of Employment and Training (OET), the Forum convenes Federal, State, and local SNAP E&T stakeholders from across the country to connect, share best practices, hear from experts, and work together to build more effective SNAP E&T programs. Stay tuned in the coming months for more information about registration.

FNS Awards FY23 SNAP E&T National Partnership Grants

In September 2023, FNS awarded approximately \$5 million in FY23 SNAP E&T National Partnership grants to Goodwill Industries International, the National Community Action Partnership, the National Governor's Association, and the Roberts Enterprise Development Fund.

The SNAP E&T National Partnership grants are designed to support organizational capacity in national nonprofit organizations that provide workforce development services to individuals with low incomes, including SNAP participants. Each grantee has a broad member or affiliate network and will use the grant funds to increase States' capacity to serve SNAP E&T participants by encouraging the network members or affiliates to become third-party SNAP E&T providers.

Learn more about how the grantees will use their grant funding.

Revisiting Resources: Understanding the E&T Data Lifecyle

Every year, FNS provides States with tools and resources to support SNAP E&T programs. We want to remind you about a resource from the SNAP E&T 2022 National Forum titled *The E&T Data Lifecycle—What Is It and Lessons Learned*. This presentation explores the SNAP E&T data lifecycle and the role it plays in shaping E&T programs. It provides insight into the data that are collected, how the data are used, and how States can replicate and use data for planning and evaluating E&T programs.

Access the slides from this presentation.

How Can the SNAP E&T Review Better Serve You?

We are interested in hearing from YOU—regular readers of the *SNAP E&T Review*—to help us improve this monthly e-newsletter. What content would you like this newsletter to feature? What types of resources would you find most useful? If you have an idea or a suggestion, please send it to us: SNAPtoSkills@mathematica-mpr.com.

Upcoming Events, Important Dates & Resource Links

Save the Date: Casting a Vision for Your E&T Program – A Virtual Learning Session, January 16, 2024, 1:00-2:30 pm ET

A compelling and meaningful vision can help shift the culture and focus of your program from one that goes through the operational motions to one that is goal-directed. This virtual learning session—*Casting a Vision for Your E&T Program*—will help attendees define and differentiate between a program vision, mission, strategy, goals, and action steps. Participants will hear from SNAP E&T peers about how they have used a vision to guide and shape their program operations and improvement efforts, and the effect this has had on their teams. This session will also offer practice guidance on how to develop and refine a program vision in collaboration with partners and providers. Participants will leave this session equipped and inspired to take a next step in creating or refining their own vision statements.

Register for the session.

New Website: Promising Occupations Career Exploration Resource

Explore a new career website from the Administration for Children and Families, developed in partnership with Mathematica. The Promising Occupations website is designed to help professionals and jobseekers identify careers that provide family-sustaining wages. The site includes more than 600 occupations that pay \$15 an hour or more, are projected to grow over the next 10 years, and require short-term training or education. Users can explore careers through interactive searches and filter by location, occupation type, education level, hourly wage, and more.

Visit the website at <u>promising-careers.org</u>. To learn how your SNAP E&T program may be able to use this website to serve your program participants' needs, consider attending one of the following complimentary office hour sessions:

- Tuesday, December 5, 3:00–4:00 pm ET (Register)
- Thursday, December 14, 4:00–5:00 pm ET (Register)

About the SNAP to Skills Project

Launched in October 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. S2S is operated by Mathematica, Inc.

Read previous editions of the SNAP E&T Review.

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