SUPPORTING FAMILIES THROUGH INCREASED SNAP E&T AND TANF COORDINATION

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WHAT IS SNAP E&T?

Purpose: to assist members of SNAP households in gaining skills, training, work, or experience that will increase their ability to obtain regular employment

- Right now, USDA provides ~$300 million annually to states to operate SNAP Employment and Training programs
- All states are required to operate E&T programs and must submit an annual E&T plan
- In FY 2015, SNAP E&T served about 1 million participants (up from about 650,000 in FY 2014)
WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SNAP E&T?

SNAP recipients who:

- Are receiving SNAP in the month they participate in a component—except for job retention;
- Do not receive TANF cash assistance; and
- Are able to work upon program completion.

- SNAP and SNAP E&T do not have participation time limits
- States can operate mandatory or voluntary programs
UNIQUE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- In a time of limited resources, E&T can bring new capacity to the system.
- States are currently leaving money on the table.
- Rare opportunity to leverage existing investments.
ENHANCE COLLABORATION: THIRD PARTY-PARTNERSHIPS

- Sometimes also referred to as third-party “match” programs or third-party reimbursement programs
- E&T services are provided by third parties, such as community colleges and community based organizations
- Partners pay for services and get reimbursed 50% through Federal funding
NATIONAL SNAP E&T PROJECTS
2014 FARM BILL PILOTS

- All 10 pilots up and running (CA, DE, GA, IL, KS, KY, MS, VA, VT, WA)
- Annual Report to Congress released soon
- Uses rigorous evaluation methods
First-ever large-scale technical assistance project to support growth in SNAP E&T
- Focused on job-driven programs
- Funded by FNS, led by SJI

Targeted Technical Assistance
- 10 States: Arkansas, Arizona, California, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee

Materials/Resources
- Monthly newsletter about SNAP E&T
- “Workbook” to help States work through steps to develop and operationalize SNAP E&T program
- 10 Policy briefs on best practices in SNAP E&T
- Success stories
ENHANCED COORDINATION WITH TANF

- Align funding streams to provide more comprehensive services (e.g. child care, transportation)
- Continuation of services for participants no longer receiving TANF to promote long-term economic security
- Supports the development and support of career pathways approaches
- Support non-custodial parents and guardians in child-only TANF families
- Increase accessibility and availability of job-driven skills training programs that lead participants to economic self-sufficiency
THINGS YOU CAN DO

- Read our new policy briefs on why [now is the time for States to build their SNAP E&T programs](https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/ET_Toolkit_2013.pdf) and [SNAP E&T and ABAWDs](https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/ET_Toolkit_2013.pdf)
- Sign up to receive our new SNAP E&T newsletter [https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFNS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USFNS_197](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFNS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USFNS_197)
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