Developments in Skills-Based SNAP E&T

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Today’s Agenda

• Context for skills-based SNAP E&T developments
• Key findings from two reports
• Discussion with three states
• Audience Q&A
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Context

• WIOA combined state plans
• FNS communications on job-driven SNAP E&T
• SNAP to Skills Project
Building Skills-Based SNAP E&T in 4 States

- Technical Assistance to Connecticut, Iowa, Maryland, Oregon

- Common Themes among States:
  - Need for Knowledge of SNAP E&T at Multiple Levels
  - Need for Champions and a Strong Vision
  - Need for Additional State Capacity and Ways to Support This
  - Need for Additional Infrastructure, Procedures
  - Need for Identifying Potential Partners and Matching Funds
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- **Key Lessons Learned:**
  - Stakeholder Buy-In via Champions/Strong Vision for E&T
  - Add State Staffing and Infrastructure Through Creative Means
  - Start Small with Targeted Pilot
  - Build on What Works (Quality Programs/Initiatives Already Exist)
  - Deliberate Methods to Identify Local Partners and Investments
  - Alignment with other Public Programs (WIOA, TANF, Pell)
Skills-Based SNAP E&T Aligned with WIOA

• Technical Assistance to Tennessee

• Key Research Questions:
  ▪ Impact of WIOA/State Workforce Plans on SNAP E&T Programs
  ▪ Opportunities for SNAP E&T and WIOA Alignment that also Supports Robust, Skills-Based SNAP E&T Programs
  ▪ Positive Models (Tennessee)
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- Little Evidence within WIOA State Workforce Plans of How SNAP E&T Might be Impacted or Whether/How SNAP E&T and WIOA are to be Better Aligned

- States Interviewed Believe Any Alignment will Come from Future Planning Efforts and/or at the Operational Level, within the American Job Centers

- Federal Government is Increasingly Directing Workforce Programs, including SNAP E&T, to be Better Aligned, more Job-Driven, more Outcome-Focused
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- **Opportunities for Better Alignment of WIOA and SNAP E&T:**
  - Continued Joint Planning Efforts (Workforce and SNAP/SNAP E&T)
  - Building a System of Cross-Referrals Between E&T and AJCs
  - Common Assessments of Participants in Multiple Programs
  - Shared Data and Data Systems Between Multiple Programs
  - Career Pathways as a Framework for Alignment
  - SNAP E&T and TANF Alignment
Discussion with Three States

Why did your state decide to build a skills-based SNAP E&T program?

What specific steps is it taking to do that?

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Sara Muempfer
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Discussion with Three States

How does your state’s SNAP E&T program align with other key skill-building initiatives?

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What steps is your state taking to align SNAP E&T with WIOA?

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