SNAP Employment & Training Program (E&T)

Participant Orientation

"Every person deserves a pathway to success"



SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) is:

- A voluntary program for SNAP recipients
- Provides job skills training and education
- At no cost to participants

What is E&T?

The purpose of (E&T) is to help individuals receiving SNAP benefits obtain employment through voluntary participation in supervised job search, job skills training or education activities that promote self-sufficiency.

Who is Eligible for E&T?

To be eligible for E&T services, a person must:

- Receive SNAP benefits or have a pending application
- Be at least 18 years old (may be 16-17 years old if already have a high school diploma or working toward a high school diploma or equivalent)
- Not be receiving FIP/PROMISE JOBS services
- Reside in an E&T Service Area
- Be able and ready to work within one year of education/training completion

Available Services

Education Services include:

- Basic Education:
 - High School Equivalency (HiSED)
 - English as Second Language (ESL)
 - Continuing Education
- Short-term certificate or diploma programs for in-demand industries
- Two-year credit degree programs for in-demand industries
- Vocational & Occupational Industry specific training programs
- Work Readiness
 - Skill and interest assessment, educational remediation services
 - Problem solving and critical thinking, workplace relationships, life skills

Available Services

Employment Services

Job Search activities

Resume building

- Application assistance
- Workshops/job fairs

Job Retention Services

- •Upon completion of education, training, or job search
- •Up to 90 days from employment start date

Work Training Services:

Self-Employment/Entrepreneurship

•provides training in setting up and operating a small business or other self-employment ventures.

Internship

•provides structured learning experience that takes place in a workplace, required for a participant to become proficient in a specific occupation.



Complete an Employability Assessment

Every E&T
Participant
works with
an E&T Case
Manager



Develop Employability Plan



Regularly communicate to monitor needs and progress



Case Managers assist, coach, refer, provide needed supports

Possible Assistance

- Tuition assistance/training costs
 - Books
 - Program Fees
 - Testing/Licensing fees
 - Other necessary training materials
- Transportation assistance
- Clothing/Uniforms
- Equipment/Tools

- Reasonable Accommodation Supplies
- Dependent Care Assistance
- Medical Supports (including minor dental work)
 - DOT Physicals/Drug Testing
 - TB Tests
 - Immunizations
- Emergency Housing/Utility Assistance
- Other reasonable and necessary with State approval

Participant Responsibilities



Attend class/training and appointments as scheduled



Meet all requirements and expectations of education or training program in which enrolled



Submit any required time or expense verification as required



Return requested information to the Department of Health and Human Service



Maintain regular communication with E&T Case Manager as outlined in Employability Plan:

Communicate any change in ability to actively participate in program

Communicate any change in supports needed

Ask questions or discuss concerns

Share progress information

Report any employment information

Benefits of E&T

Increased opportunity for education & training programs

Increased availability of supportive services while in training

Gain skills needed for gainful employment

Achieve economic self- sufficiently

In some cases, participation in E&T may extend eligibility and ability to receive SNAP benefits

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- Mail:
 - Food and Nutrition Service, USDA 1320 Braddock Place, Room 334 Alexandria, VA 22314; or
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