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TO: Workforce Florida, Inc. and Regional Workforce Boards (RWBs)

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SUBJECT: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T) Toolkit

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Communiqué is to transmit the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) SNAP E&T Toolkit.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the toolkit is to provide State agencies with the know-how and resources to plan and implement Employment and Training (E&T) Programs under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly called the Food Stamp Program). In 1987, Congress established the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program to assist able-bodied food stamp recipients in obtaining employment. From its conception, the purpose of the E&T Program has been to help SNAP households gain skills, training, work, or experience that will increase self-sufficiency.

The recent economic recession has resulted in a vast number of newly unemployed individuals who are turning to the national social safety net for nutrition assistance and work support. While some SNAP clients need assistance with job search training and basic skills, other clients would benefit more from vocational training that would enhance their ability to obtain regular employment. This toolkit can assist State agencies in developing a dynamic E&T program to meet this wide range of needs. The toolkit provides ideas, guidelines and tools to help state and local agencies tailor their SNAP E&T programs.

AUTHORITY:

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ACTION REQUIRED:

RWBs are encouraged to share this information with service providers, workforce partners, and interested parties.

Links:

[Employment and Training Toolkit 2011](#)