



## SNAP E&T Data and Technical Assistance (DATA) Grant Summaries

The SNAP Employment and Training Program Monitoring, Oversight & Reporting Measures interim final rule was published on March 24, 2016. This rule implements section 4022(a)(2) of the Agriculture Act of 2014 requiring State agencies to report on, among other things, earnings and employment outcomes for SNAP E&T participants. State agencies must begin reporting outcome data beginning in January 2018. To help States and local areas meet these requirements, in September USDA awarded approximately \$5.7 million in Data and Technical Assistance (DATA) grants to eight States. The grants are intended to support the full range of needs States may have related to the development, collection, reporting, analysis and use of SNAP E&T participant outcome data. Among other things, funds can be used for training and capacity building, including efforts to improve E&T data quality; information technology systems development to support the collection, reporting, and analysis of SNAP E&T data; and/or continuous program improvement of SNAP E&T programs.

**Arkansas** -- Arkansas will add new functionality to their SNAP E&T Management Information System (MIS) by: fully automating their reporting requirements; establishing an internal E&T provider inventory control system; and building direct interfaces with Arkansas Department of Workforce Services (DWS), the Arkansas Research Center (ARC), and the Arkansas Works Medicaid Recipient Portal.

**California** -- California will create a statewide workforce portal that will function as a centralized, web-based location for data collection and enrollment verification by allowing universal and automatic uploads from E&T providers, regardless of the case management system they use. The portal will: allow for real-time enrollment verification across county-lines, support reverse referral requests, and track service receipt across multiple providers.

**Connecticut** -- Connecticut will build a platform to link data across four agencies: SNAP and SNAP E&T data from the Department of Social Services; child care and home visiting data from the Office of Early Childhood (OEC); wage, training, and employment data from the Department of Labor (DOL); and higher education data from the CT State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) System. The data platform will routinely connect SNAP E&T participants to child care subsidies, use client level data to identify and enroll additional participant into the SNAP E&T system from OEC's and CSCU's data sets on families in higher education and training programs, and assess the outcomes of SNAP E&T participation by linking to DOL's data on employment and wages and CSCU's data on graduation rates.

**Illinois** -- Illinois will develop a new Work Verification System (WVS) to track E&T services and outcomes for the purposes of meeting SNAP E&T outcome reporting requirements. Additionally, the WVS will support: a thorough assessment and referral for services based on the assessment; the development of Responsibility and Service Plans; automated provider referrals and shared case management; and automatic attendance and activity reports for the purpose of participation requirements.

**Kentucky** -- Kentucky will integrate SNAP E&T data into its Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS), which tracks participation and outcomes data across education and workforce development programs. Kentucky will develop key SNAP E&T metrics; integrate SNAP E&T data into the SLDS; create an interactive feedback report; and link SNAP E&T participant data with other key data within the SLDS, such as Medicaid and Pell grant eligibility, to develop a more accurate socioeconomic status indicator.



**Nevada** – Nevada will: expand the capacity for data exchange between their eligibility system and their E&T case management system; enhance the interface with their labor agency to obtain quarterly wage records; create new capacity to store and manage E&T outcome data; and create automated E&T data reports.

**New York** – New York will develop and implement a unified SNAP E&T performance evaluation and reporting application. The application will use automated data feeds to combine SNAP participation and household characteristics, SNAP E&T program participation, and outcome information from four sources: NY Department of Labor’s Wage Reporting System, NYC Human Resource Administration’s work activity system, the Welfare to Work Caseload Management System, and the Welfare Reporting and Tracking System. The data will be used for the purposes of meeting the new SNAP E&T outcome reporting requirements, as well as monitoring, performance measurement, and program evaluation.

**South Dakota** -- South Dakota will improve the quality of SNAP E&T data and the efficiency of data collection by: coordinating with the State’s Bureau of Information and Telecommunications and Department of Labor and Regulations to map all SNAP E&T data sources and develop mechanisms to streamline the collection of required reporting information from each of these sources; develop mechanisms to consolidate data into a single repository where it easily can be cleaned, stored, and accessed for reporting and analysis; create standardized reports that meet all Federal and State SNAP E&T outcome reporting requirements, as well as other management reports; analyze these reports to identify specific program areas where operations can be improved; and use the data to make policy and operational changes to improve program outcomes.