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New recommendations for strengthening SNAP E&T out today

National Skills Coalition has just released a set of [recommendations](#) for strengthening the SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) program.

These recommendations would build on key policy improvements made in the 2014 Farm bill and expand access to high-quality, skills-based training models for SNAP recipients seeking to get and keep well-paying jobs.

Read the recommendations [here](#) and register for our [upcoming webinar](#) on **Thursday, December 14th** for a deeper dive into federal policy updates, including SNAP E&T.



SNAP Employment and Training (SNAP E&T)

Recommendations for Reauthorization

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The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as "food stamps") is one of the nation's most important safety net programs, providing targeted aid to more than 40 million Americans each month to feed their families. While the amount of SNAP benefits for families is generally small — the average household receives about \$250 per month in nutrition assistance — it is a critical support for those who struggle to put food on the table.¹

The majority of SNAP participants are children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those caring for young children or disabled family members and as such are not expected to work.² In SNAP households with working-age adults without disabilities, many

people work. Sixty percent of these households work while receiving SNAP benefits, but don't earn enough to make ends meet.³ Others are unable to find adequate and sustainable employment. Low levels of education make it difficult for those who don't have jobs, as well as the working poor, to move off of SNAP and into family sustaining careers. In an economy where as many as 80 percent of all jobs require at least some form of education or training beyond high school — and as many as half of all long-term SNAP recipients have less than a high school diploma⁴ — this means that many SNAP participants, even when they find work, are trapped in low-paying jobs and unable to advance.

1 <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/jd34SNAPmonthly.pdf>
2 <https://www.cbpp.org/research/food-assistance/chart-book-snap-helps-struggling-families-put-food-on-the-table/#part2>

3 <https://www.cbpp.org/research/food-assistance/chart-book-snap-helps-struggling-families-put-food-on-the-table/#part2>
4 https://fns-prod.azurevds.us/sites/default/files/snag/3258net1_10w17sTheTimeforBuildingSNAPETPrograms.pdf

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