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## Focus on skill building, not work requirements

The evidence is in - out of date and ineffective work requirements to public benefit programs simply don't work to connect people to family-supporting jobs. These counter-productive rules encourage workers to take low-wage jobs rather than build skills and credentials that would help them compete in today's economy.

**Voluntary, job-driven skill building should be a key element of safety net programs** – that's what helps people and businesses get the skills they need to compete without creating red tape for community colleges and training organizations. [Read more on today's blog](#) which explains how President Trump's proposed budget calls for the establishment of work requirements in federal housing aid and food assistance programs; and explains how the administration is encouraging states to tie work requirements to Medicaid as well.

Also on the blog – how NSC is focused on strengthening workers' access to education and training through the safety net programs – and how we've convened a national advisory panel of experts to guide our work on the intersection of the safety net and skills policy.



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