





## **SNAP Employment & Training: An Overview**

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# Today's Goals



- Learn more about current SNAP E&T strategies in IL
- Discuss challenges, ideas and questions
- Start to think about how the workforce field can be prepared for possible changes in state and federal policy

# SNAP Program



- A 100% federally funded program to provide food assistance
- Currently has work requirements that apply to Able Bodied Adults without Dependents
- IL has a waiver from ABAWDs requirements in every county except DuPage

# SNAP Employment & Training



- IDHS gets funding from USDA/Food & Nutrition Service for SNAP E&T Federal law
- Details in state's SNAP E&T plan
- Current capacity

# SNAP Employment & Training



- SNAP E&T Contracts
- EPIC Pilot program
- SNAP to Success

# SNAP E&T Contracts



- Ongoing SNAP E&T services are delivered by contracted organizations
- \_\_\_ organizations across the state
- Services are mostly job prep and placement

# EPIC Pilot



- Employment opportunities, Personalized services, Individualized training, Career planning
- IL is one of 10 states in a federal pilot program to test ***skills-based*** SNAP E&T programs.
- Co-administered by IDHS and DCEO
- Required national evaluation across all pilot sites ended earlier this year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ contracts, \_\_\_\_\_ continue into this final year.



# SNAP to Success



- Not a program, but a financing strategy between a provider, IDHS and USDA/FNS
- Providers must already spend non-federal money on workforce services for SNAP recipients
- Eligible expenses get matched funding from USDA via contract with IDHS
- IDHS launched S2S with providers in 2017

# Panel Discussion



- Names

# Small Group Discussion



- Your experience serving SNAP recipients or running a SNAP E&T program
- Identify challenges
- Identify opportunities
- Possible questions for IDHS

# Next Steps



- Evaluation of today's meeting: please add more questions for IDHS and identify what else you would like to learn about
- Compile notes
- Review notes and ideas for possible follow up



Thank you!