

# SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) Program

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# SNAP E&T Program

The purpose of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T) Program is to help SNAP households gain skills, training, work, or experience that will increase self-sufficiency and reduce their reliance on SNAP benefits.



# Louisiana SNAP E&T Program

There are two categories of SNAP E&T participants:

- mandatory participants and
- voluntary participants.

The State of Louisiana operates a mandatory and voluntary SNAP E&T program.



# Louisiana SNAP E&T Program

DCFS utilizes contractual agreements with Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) and SNAP E&T contracted partners to meet the SNAP E&T requirements. Louisiana's SNAP E&T Program has three elements:

- Louisiana Job Employment Training (LaJET ) Program,
- Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) Business and Career Solutions Centers, and
- Voluntary SNAP E&T Providers



# Mandatory SNAP E&T Participation

## Louisiana Jobs Employment and Training (LaJET)

Louisiana contracts with LWC to operate the LaJET Program in four parishes: Caddo, Orleans, Ouachita, and Rapides. DCFS sends referrals to LaJET for services.

LaJET offers Job Search Training and Job Search.



# Mandatory SNAP E&T Participation

## **Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) in Louisiana Workforce Commission**

Louisiana currently has a federal ABAWD waiver that exempt ABAWDs from the SNAP time limit.

Louisiana partners with LWC to offer ABAWDs job skills assessments, training, and employment assistance through LWC's fifty-nine (59) Business and Career Solutions Centers. ABAWDs are MWRs ages 18 – 49 who are required to participate in E&T when referred to LWC Business and Career Solutions Center.



# Voluntary SNAP E&T Program

- Louisiana has operated a small SNAP E&T program that was a mandatory program for many years, but began expanding in 2016.
- Our first voluntary partner was Liberty's Kitchen here in New Orleans.



# Voluntary SNAP E&T Providers

- E&T Providers who partner with DCFS can receive up to 50% reimbursement for administrative costs. This enables providers to expand their services in their community.
- These providers can also receive up to 50% reimbursement for supportive services provided to SNAP participants.





# Voluntary SNAP E&T Providers

- All Voluntary SNAP E&T Providers utilize reverse referrals. The provider recruits participants and provides a list of participants to DCFS each month.
- DCFS determines which participant receives SNAP benefits in order to provide funding for the provider to offer supportive services to SNAP participants.



# Voluntary SNAP E&T Providers

- SNAP E&T Providers conduct an assessment with all potential participants.
- Intensive case management is provided to all participants. They use a holistic approach to ensure the success of their participants.
- Life skills are an essential part of any good SNAP E&T provider's program.



# Voluntary SNAP E&T Providers

The provider determines which components to offer. They may provide one, two, or several components. These include but are not limited to:

- Job Search
- Job Search Training
- Education
- Work Experience
- Job Retention



# Voluntary SNAP E&T Providers

## Provider

Liberty's Kitchen

(partnership began May 2016)

Calcasieu Parish Police  
Jury & City of Lake Charles  
(partnership began July 2016)

## Parishes Served

Orleans

Calcasieu, Allen,  
Beauregard, Cameron,  
Jefferson Davis



# Voluntary SNAP E&T Providers

## Provider

## Parishes Served

Café Reconcile

(Partnership began July 2018)

Orleans, Jefferson

Covenant House

(Partnership began July 2018)

Orleans



# Voluntary SNAP E&T Providers

## Provider

## Parishes Served

Youth Empowerment Project  
(YEP)  
(Partnership Began October 2018)

Orleans

New Opportunities Vision  
Achievement (NOVA)  
(Partnership Began October 2018)

Ouachita, Richland,  
Morehouse, Madison,  
East Carroll, West  
Carroll



# Voluntary SNAP E&T Providers

## Provider

## Parishes Served

Louisiana Green Corps  
(Partnership began October 2018)

Orleans, Jefferson

Hope Ministries  
(Partnership began October 2018)

East Baton Rouge



# Voluntary SNAP E&T Providers

## Provider

Louisiana Delta  
Community College  
(Partnership began October  
2018)

United Way of Southeast  
Louisiana  
(Partnership began October  
2018)

## Parishes Served

Union, Lincoln, Jackson,  
Caldwell, Ouachita,  
Morehouse, West Carroll,  
Richland, Franklin, Tensas,  
Madison, East Carroll

Orleans, Jefferson, St.  
Bernard, Plaquemines,  
Tangipahoa, St. Tammany,  
Washington





# Voluntary SNAP E&T Providers

**Provider**

**Parishes Served**

**Cowen Institute**

**Orleans, Jefferson**

(Partnership began July 2019)



# Voluntary SNAP E&T Providers

## New Providers Effective FFY 2020

- Center for Employment Opportunities
- Goodwill Technical College
- New Orleans Shelter for Women and Children
- Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany
- Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John, St. Tammany
- Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard



# What's New

Introducing the newest member of  
DCFS' SNAP E&T Team

SNAP E&T Manager  
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# DCFS Contact Information

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