

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

REDF, along with partners Seattle Jobs Initiative (SJI) and Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO), is in the second year of its SNAP E&T capacity building program to prepare employment social enterprises (ESEs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) in becoming Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training (SNAP E&T) third-party partners.

This SNAP E&T capacity building program will offer customized training, technical assistance, peer learning, and mentoring designed to increase the expertise and working knowledge among ESEs and CBOs to operate SNAP E&T programs throughout the country and offer skill-based and employer-driven services.

CUSTOMIZED TRAINING • TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE • PEER LEARNING • MENTORING

## **ABOUT SNAP E&T**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps, is a federal program of the US Department of Agriculture that provides monthly benefits to help individuals with low incomes purchase the food they need.

The SNAP Employment & Training (E&T) program helps participants gain skills and find work that moves them forward to self-sufficiency. Through SNAP E&T third-party partners, SNAP participants have access to training and support services, like those provided by ESEs, to help them enter or advance in the workforce. These programs also help to reduce barriers to work by providing support services—such as transportation and childcare—as participants prepare for and obtain employment.

Each state is required to operate a SNAP E&T program and receives federal funding annually to operate and administer the program. States have considerable flexibility in how they design their E&T programs and the types of program models they partner with. The SNAP E&T third-party partnership model offers up to a 50% reimbursement to contracted ESEs when delivering eligible E&T services to SNAP participants using non-federal dollars.

## BENEFITS OF A SNAP E&T PARTNERSHIP

Employment social enterprises and community-based organizations are well aligned with the SNAP E&T program, and in many states, they are already accessing federal SNAP E&T dollars to support and expand their employment services to clients with low incomes. SNAP E&T funding can help social enterprises create a more diverse and sustainable funding base, expand capacity, and support clients more effectively through employment services defined by the social enterprise.

Employment social enterprises, community-based organizations, and community colleges have leveraged millions of SNAP E&T dollars for quality programs that help individuals prepare for and transition into good jobs.

MORE DIVERSE & SUSTAINABLE FUNDING BASE • EXPAND CAPACITY SUPPORT CLIENTS • KEEP CORE SERVICES

You can learn more about the SNAP E&T program on our REDF SNAP E&T Resource Platform.

The platform has training webinars along with a range of SNAP E&T tools, templates and best practices for you to start learning more now.

You can also contact Kalen Cornelious via email at: kcornelious@redf.org for additional information or if you have questions.









