What the New SNAP Time Limits Mean for MD

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Maryland's SNAP E&T Program Vision

"DHR's Food Supplement Employment & Training (FSET) Program works toward a future where FSP recipients obtain in-demand skills that result in stable employment or entrepreneurship opportunities. To that end, DHR strives to create strong collaborations among a variety of partners, to provide FSP recipients with job-driven training and support services that lead to careers, family self-sufficiency, and stronger communities."



Federal Fiscal Year 2017 FSET Focus Areas

- 1. Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs)- Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's and Washington Counties
- 2. Entrepreneurship Pilot Program: Public Assistance to Entrepreneurship (PA2E)- Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties
- **3. FSET 3rd Party Partner Model-** Baltimore City, Garrett, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. 3rd Party Partner programs in development in the 11 ABAWD jurisdictions listed above



FSET Program Components

- 1. Education
- 2. Job Readiness
- 3. Job Retention
- 4. Self Employment Training
- 5. Support Services (Participant Reimbursements)
- 6. Vocational Training
- 7. Work Experience
- 8. Workfare



Spotlight: FSET 3rd Party Partner Model

State contracts with local partners to provide E&T services

Reimbursement back to local partner







Local partners use non-federal funds to pay for allowable expenses, and then submit a claim to the State for reimbursement



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Focus on sector skills training programs that are industry led and lead to indemand jobs with a promising career pathway:

- Construction- carpentry, electrical, solar, weatherization
- Healthcare
- Manufacturing
- Transportation and Logistics
- Warehousing
- Welding



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House Bill 1502:
Baltimore City Non-Custodial Parent (NCP)
Employment Assistance Pilot Program

- Right-size child support obligations based on NCP present ability to pay
- Connect NCPs with FSET in order to pay the newly right sized obligation
- Lift any child support suspension of NCP Maryland driving or occupational licenses
- Earn reduction of child support arrears owed to the State of Maryland



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Protecting Benefits for Jobless People

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Actions to Protect SNAP Benefits for Jobless People



Educate clients, elected officials, service providers and other community members about the time limit

Work with SNAP agencies and clients to screen for exemptions





Urge your state to apply for waivers of the time limit in areas with insufficient jobs

Leverage federal SNAP Employment and Training dollars





Encourage community partners to offer volunteer slots to people facing time limits

Document the impact of the time limit on clients, service providers and local economy





Urge Congress to reverse the SNAP time limit law; at a minimum enact legislation to make work offers a prerequisite (S. 2420; H.R. 1025)

