## **SNAP E&T Program Operation Guidelines**

- > SNAP applicants/recipients participating in a SNAP E&T activity approved by the district must be provided support services determined to be reasonable and necessary for participation.
- ➤ Districts may provide dependent care reimbursements for up to 90 days to to SNAP E&T eligible individuals who secured employment only after participating in another allowable SNAP E&T activity offered by the district.
- > Individuals must begin employment within 90 days of completion of the SNAP E&T activity.
- SNAP E&T dependent care funds may be used to support eligible child care costs incurred for dependents under the age of 13. SNAP E&T funds may also be used to support eligible dependent care costs for a child with special needs or under court supervision who is under 18 years of age or under 19 years of age and a full-time student in a secondary school or in an equivalent level of vocational or technical training.
- > A participant may not be reimbursed for dependent care services beyond that which is required to participate in the SNAP E&T program.
- > SNAP E&T dependent care funds cannot be used to reimburse dependent care costs for services provided by another member of the SNAP household or to reimburse the parent for their portion of the parent fee associated with dependent care costs.

#### **SNAP E&T Eligibility Standards**

**Eligible Individuals –** applicants and recipients of SNAP benefits that are <u>participating</u> <u>in an approved</u> SNAP E&T activity including:

- > Individuals concurrently in receipt of Safety Net Maintenance of Effort (SN MOE)
- > Individuals concurrently in receipt of Safety Net Non- Maintenance of Effort (SN Non- MOE)
- Non-Temporary Assistance SNAP recipients (NTA)

**Ineligible Individuals –** the following individuals/participants are **not** eligible for SNAP E&T dependent care reimbursement:

- Individuals applying for or in receipt of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families public assistance (TANF-WMS case types 11 and 12).
- > Sanctioned Individuals individuals sanctioned for failure to comply with a SNAP E&T assignment are not eligible (as no longer a recipient).
- A SNAP E&T participant is not eligible for dependent care reimbursement if another member of the SNAP household provides the dependent care.

#### **CCBG Program Operation Guidelines**

Child care applicants/recipients actively seeking employment for a period of up to 6 months as established by the district in its Child and Family Services Plan, if the applicant/recipient documents that he or she is currently registered with NYS DOL, provided that the child care services will be available only for the portion of the day the family is able to document is directly related to the parent or caretaker seeking employment.

Local districts are given the option to select other eligible families and provide services for these families as long as they have funds available and they have selected these options in their Child and Families Services Plan. These optional categories do not fall under the child care guarantee and are not required by the state to provide child care services, but may receive a child care subsidy as long as the district has funds available.

Local social services districts must verify the applicants'/recipients' employment status, family size, residence, and gross annual income among other factors to determine that a family is eligible for a child care subsidy.

# **CCBG Eligibility Standards**

## Eligible families include the following three categories:

- 1. <u>Families guaranteed child care services</u>: When care is needed for children under age 13 by TA families participating in a required activity or working, families who are transitioning off of TA, and families who choose to receive child care in-lieu of TA.
- 2. <u>Families eligible when funds are available</u>: TA families that need care for an eligible child age 13 or older who has special needs or is under court supervision to allow the parent to participate in required activities or work; teen parents who need child care to attend high school or equivalency program; TA families that need care to protect a child because the parent/caretaker is physically or mentally incapacitated or has family duties away from home necessitating his/her absence; working families with income up to 200% of the State Income Standard; and families experiencing homelessness with income up to 200% of the State Income Standard when care is needed to seek housing and to seek employment, engage in work, attend educational or vocational activiites, or participate in counseling programs.
- 3. Families that are eligible if funds are available and if the social services district selected this option in its Child and Family Services plan for the following reasons: attendance at substance abuse treatment programs; TA families participating in activities in addition to

## SNAP E&T Eligibility Standards (continued)

- > Individuals who are employed when applying for SNAP benefits.
- Individuals who secure employment without participating in another SNAP E&T activity or participated in an SNAP E&T activity more than 90 days before beginning employment.
- Individuals who have been employed for more than 90 days.

# CCBG Eligibility Standards (continued)

their required activities; TA families that need care for a sanctioned parent/caretaker to participate in unsubsidized employment; in an emergency situation of short duration; families with income up to 200% of the state income standard seeking employment or participating in educational or vocational activities; families with an open child protective case when care is needed to protect the child; and families with income up to 200% of the state income standard that need care to protect a child because parent/caretaker is physically or mentally incapacitated or has family duties away from home necessitating his/her absence.

#### **Ineligible Families**

- > Employed families with income above 200% of the State Income Standard.
- Families that do not fall under the child care guarantee and when a district does not have sufficient funds to pay for child care.

#### **SNAP E&T Allowable Activities**

- Job Search
- Job Readiness Training
- Job Skills Training, including vocational education and other permissible post-secondary education
- Education
- Work Experience
- Subsidized Employment
- ➤ Job Retention Services— dependent care reimbursement may be provided for up to 90 days to individuals who become employed <u>after participating in another approved SNAP E&T activity</u> and the employment began within 90 days of completion of the SNAP E&T activity
- Community Service

Each district's Biennial Employment Plan indicates which activities are available locally.

#### **CCBG Allowable Activities**

- Job Search
- Unsubsidized Employment
- Education
- TA family participating in a district approved activity.
- TA family where a sanctioned parent is participating in unsubsidized employment, earning wages at a level equal to or greater than the minimum amount under law.
- > TA family participating in an approved activity in addition to their required activity.