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What is SNAP Employment & Training?



Connecticut's SNAP E&T CT Pathways Program

- Voluntary Program
- 18 Partner Providers
 - All 12 community colleges (Now CT-STATE)
 - 1 private University
 - 3 Community Based Organizations
 - Homeless Hospitality- for higher barrier focused.
 - Capital Workforce Partners- For re-entry.
- Approx. # of participants: 1500
- State personnel that support SNAP E&T program administration:
 - Robyn Letourneau
 - Allison Forsyth

Current State of CT Pathways

- Target audience: unemployed & under employed work registrants
- In 2021 during the COVID-19 disruption CT launched a new Salesforce web-based management information system (MIS).
 - Developed based on the ability for both DSS & Partner Providers to enter and collect data.
 - Reports feature, alerts, case management oversight, demographic information, component data etc.
 - Vocational training, Supervised Job Search, Job Retention
 - Wrap around services, barrier mitigation, comprehensive case management with coordinators on site.
 - Human centered design
 - Referrals and outreach activities.
 - Collaboration with Office of Workforce Strategy, WIOA, Board of Regents & Office of Higher Education.

Vision & Growth Potential

- Currently focused on blustering existing partnerships, and serving more work registrants.
- Upcoming stabilization during the Community College merger.
- Adding training and information to DSS eligibility staff, and other outreach partners.
- Initiatives are managed by E&T program staff (Robyn & Allison)
- Upcoming goals include:
 - Creating new partnerships with diverse opportunities for participants beyond college based models.
 - Developing plans for apprenticeships and paid work based learning that aligns with the overall DSS mission to provide opportunities for advancement to Connecticut, broadly.
 - Focus on diversity, equity, and growth in our most vulnerable populations.

**Growth and vision planning as a goal.

The Future of SNAP E&T CT Pathways



Added funding through ARPA for parallel or interlocked programs.



Paid apprenticeships using lessons learned from other states.



Adding New Community Based Organizations and Social Enterprise Opportunities.



Diversify vocational training offering



Data informed decisions

How to align?

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