

# Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

**Employment & Training Program** 

#### What is SNAP

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program)
  - Offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible individuals and families
- Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)
- Benefits are issued by the Department of Children and Families (DCF)

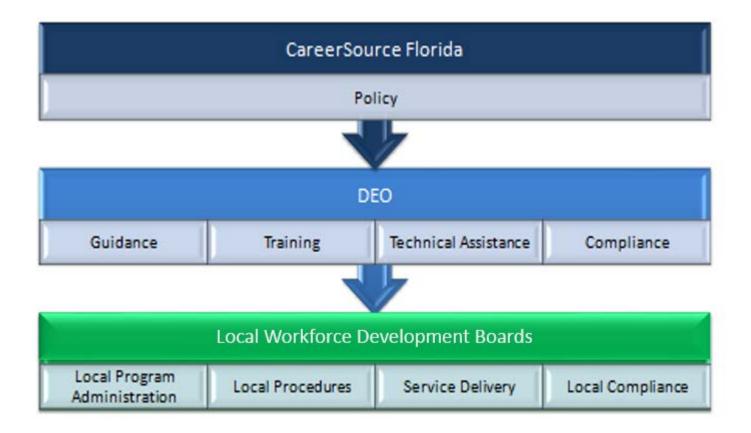


#### What is SNAP E & T

- The program is designed to help SNAP E&T participants gain skills, training, work, or experience that will increase self-sufficiency
- DCF determines a participant's eligibility to participate
- DEO administers the SNAP E&T program
- The Local Workforce Development Boards deliver program services to SNAP participants



## Florida's Workforce System





### Florida's ABAWDS

- Approximately 2 Million <u>households</u> receive SNAP Benefits
- 3.7 Million *individuals* receive SNAP benefits
- Estimated that approximately 563,507 are ABAWDS who will be referred for SNAP E&T services during this program year



# Florida's SNAP E&T Program

### Mandatory ABAWD Participation

- Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) receiving food assistance
- Ages 18 49
- Time limits on food assistance
  - 3 month time limit in a 3-year time frame
- Sanctions for non-compliance



# **Program Components**

- State E&T programs must include at least one of the following program components:
  - Assessments
  - Job search programs
  - Job search training
  - Workfare programs
  - Work experience
  - Vocational training

- WIOA & TAA Programs
- Basic Adult Education
- GED Prep
- ESOL
- Self-Employment





## **Program Components**

- ABAWDs are required participate in "allowable" work components available at the career centers across the state in order to maintain eligibility to receive food assistance.
- Services offered by the LWDBs include:
  - Assessments
  - Job Search & Job Search Training
  - Work Experience
  - Referrals to Education and Training



### Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs)

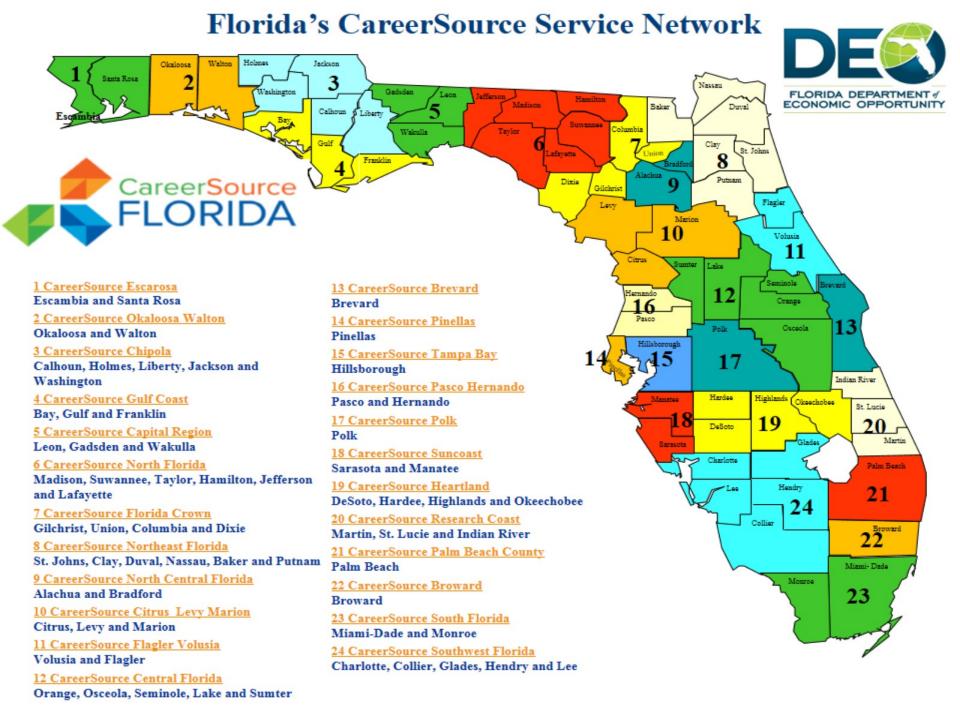
- LWDBs are responsible for delivering E&T program components to ABAWDs
- Based on the availability of funding, LWDBs may fund education services provided to ABAWDs
- LWDBs may refer ABAWDS to receive the following education services:
  - Adult Basic Education
  - High School Completion or General Education Development
  - Post-Secondary Education
  - English for Speakers of Other Languages
  - Education combined with other program components



### Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs)

- LWDBs may refer ABAWDS to the following training services:
  - Vocational Training
  - WIOA
  - TAA
- LWDBs are responsible for tracking and reporting on ABAWD participation
- The LWDBs, DEO and DCF collaborate closely to ensure ABAWDS are given opportunities to comply with the program requirements





### Questions





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