CALFRESH & CALFRESH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (E&T) PROGRAM OVERVIEW



CalFresh Recipients: A Priority Population

- Individuals receiving CalFresh are named as a priority of service population under the WIOA
- CWDs and Local Boards in Partnership: Consider how existing resources under the WIOA can support CalFresh recipients with appropriate workforce development services
- Examples of partnership:
  - Efforts to communicate opportunities to participate in planning efforts and discussion forums can encourage awareness of available services in the region
  - Local Boards could provide services to CalFresh recipients or connect CWDs with workforce providers in the community
  - Service strategies and respective roles can be outlined in formal agreements such as MOUs or through a system of referral
  - CalFresh E&T Partner

## CalFresh E&T Framework

### Vision

Increase the employment and earning capacity of CalFresh recipients

#### Mission

Provide more CalFresh recipients with access to CalFresh E&T, supportive services, and skills and credentialing

#### **Strategic Goals**

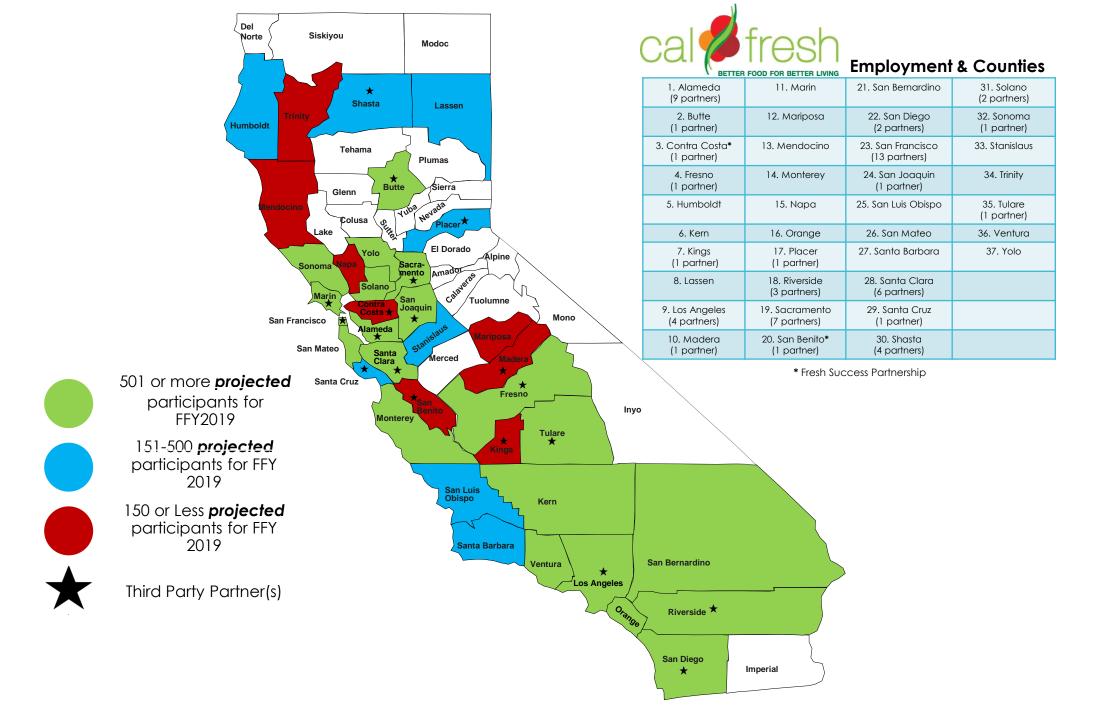
- Increase job placement, retention, and wages
- Increase CalFresh E&T participation across a dynamic mix of people, communities and cultures
- Increase employability by removing barriers to employment
- Increase skills attainment and credentialing
- Lead an efficient and effective customer focused E&T program

CalFresh E&T Program Overview CalFresh Employment & Training (E&T) is California's voluntary workforce program for CalFresh recipients; federally, it is known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) E&T Program.

Counties that choose to participate design E&T programs around a number of allowable components and supportive services that should fit local economic needs, while improving the employability, wages, and upward mobility of CalFresh recipients.

Statewide outcome data is reported annually to Food and Nutrition Services of the USDA, in addition to quarterly program data.

Federal 100% funds and 50 % reimbursement funds (uncapped) allow counties to provide E&T services directly, work with third-party party partners, or both.



# County Profile

- > 37 Participating Counties in FFY 19
- County-administered program with State oversight
  - Annual E&T planning process to select services and providers
  - Quarterly and annual E&T reporting requirements
  - Determine individuals CalFresh eligibility required for E&T participation

## Funding Models

### 100 Percent Funds

Used for Planning, implementation and operation of an E&T program. Federal Money distributed to the Counties.

### <u>50 Percent Additional Services</u>

Used for planning, implementation and operation of an E&T program. Total costs paid are reimbursed at a rate of 50 percent. Costs can be incurred by County or Third Party Partner.

<u>50 Percent Participant Reimbursement (Supportive Services)</u>
Used for support of E&T participant reimbursements for supportive service expenses. Total costs paid are reimbursed at a rate of 50 percent. Costs can be incurred by County or Third Party Partner.

Third Party Provider Profile > 70 E&T service providers (Workforce Boards, contracted and third party, including CBOs, colleges, social enterprises, and more)

• Must verify participant is enrolled in CalFresh

 Must meet participant reporting requirements
One statewide model: "Fresh Success" with Foundation for California Community Colleges Service Provider Network



## E&T Participant Profile

118,000 E&T projected participants in FFY 2019

- Receive CalFresh
- Voluntarily participate
- Receive workforce services from County or Third Partner Provider
- Client participation and outcomes reported to FNS Annually

# Enrollment Method

Traditional Enrollment Method Approved for CalFresh Referred to E&T Program Enrolled in E&T Component(s) Fufills component activities at CHSA or E&T affiliate (i.e CBO, Community College, Job Center)

 "Reverse Referral" Enrollment Method
Seeks employment resources at CHSA or E&T affiliate (i.e CBO, Community College, Job Center)
Referred to CalFresh program and approved
Referred to E&T program
Enrolled in component

# Service Level

Allowable Services:

- Components- Job Search, Job Search Training, Workfare, Self Employment Training, Educational Programs, Work Experience, Pre-Apprenticeship/Apprenticeship, On-the-Job Training, Job Retention
- Supportive Services- Dependent Care, Transportation, Ancillary Expenses (Books, Uniforms, Tools, Etc.)

*E&T* "*Full Service*":

- Access to an array of services
- May require multiple interventions
- Provided over an extended period of time

### *E*&*T* "*Light*":

- Underemployed or short-term unemployment
- May only require access to one component while they maintain existing employment

### E&T and WIOA (Co-Enrollment):

- Enrolled in both WIOA funded and CalFresh E&T funded services.
- "Filling the service gap"
- Expanded into the local/regional career pathway

Aligned with WIOA Measures: CalFresh E&T Reported Participation and Outcomes

SSN	County Indicator	Date of Birth	Male or Female
E&T Component	Component Start Date	Component End Date	Date of Completion
ABAWD Status	HSD or GED Prior	ESL	Voluntary Status
	Median Earnings Q2 & Q4 Post- exit	Unsubsidized Employment Q2 & Q4 Post-exit	

# CalFresh E&T County Plans

County CalFresh E&T Plans must include:

- Program Information
- Components
- Partners
- Budget

### ≻E&T Plan Timeline

- June 15: County plans due to State
- August 15: State Plans due to FNS
- October 1: Approved County Plans are Effective

Existing CWD and Local Board Engagement Examples of CWDs and Local Boards in Partnership:

Alameda County provides the Job Training component through the WIOA funded One-Stop Center.

Butte County partners with Alliance for Workforce Development to jointly offer onsite computer access and assistance with education research, online job search, resume writing and interviewing skills.

Fresno County refers CalFresh E&T participants to the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board's One-Stop System. These referrals are targeted most heavily for those seeking vocational or postsecondary education participants.

Humboldt County's Employment Training Division, is an AJCC partner ETD along with the additional partners College of the Redwoods, CA EDD, CA DOR, AARP, CalWORKs, and Northern California Indian Development Council. Staff work in tandem to provide linkages to WIOA and employment and training services.