

NASWA Board of Directors Meeting St. Louis, MO June 12, 2018



Purpose

 The purpose of the SkillUp Program is to provide Food Stamp applicants/ recipients the opportunities to gain skills, training and/or experience that will improve their ability to attain employment, decrease their dependency on public assistance programs, and maintain self-sufficiency.

Eligibility

 In order to continue to receive monthly Food Stamp Benefits, a mandatory participant is required to work, participate in an approved employment and training activity for 80 or more hours per calendar month. Employment and training includes WIOA activities and services provided at Missouri Job Centers.

Categories

ABAWDS

- Able-bodied Adults w/out Dependents
- Food State recipient
- Ages 18-49
- No Children Under 18 in Household
- Non-exempt

Conditions

 ABAWDs who exhaust their 3 months of benefits and do not comply with the work requirement lose their benefits for the remainder of the 36-month time period. An ABAWD can regain eligibility during this time period by meeting the work requirement for 30 days, after which they remain eligible to receive SNAP for as long as they continue to meet work requirements.

Conditions

 Under certain circumstances FSD may remove an ABAWD from the employment and training requirement, temporarily or permanently, with an exemption(s). If an ABAWD meets an exemption, he or she is not required to participate in an employment and training component and may still be eligible to receive their food stamp benefits.

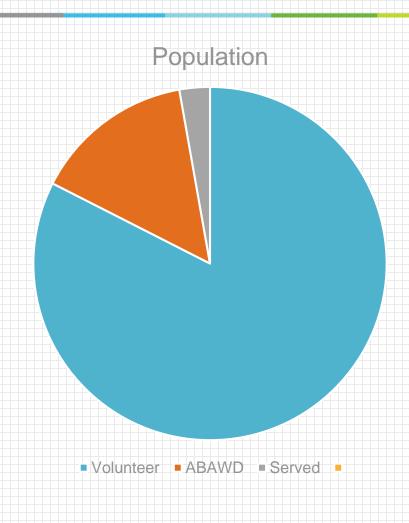
Categories

- ABAWDS Exemptions
 - Pregnant
 - Receiving Unemployment (Any State)
 - Required in Home (Caretaker)
 - Short/Long-term Disabled
 - Attending Drug/Alcohol Treatment Program
 - Full-time Student

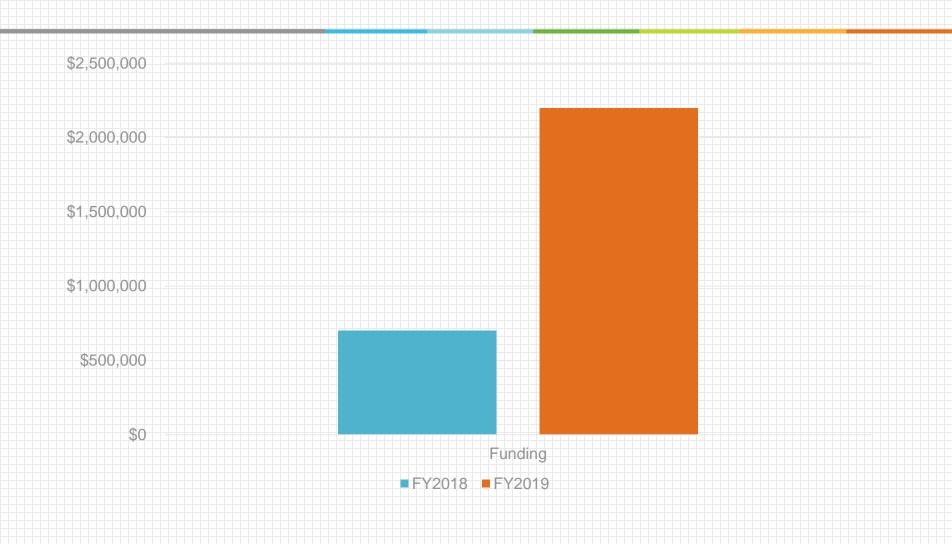
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- Volunteers (with children or meet an exemption)
 - Food Stamp Recipient
 - Ages 16-60
 - Not Mandatory Participation in E&T Component
 - Exemption Qualified

By the Numbers



Expansion



Partners



What's Next

- Expand Pilot
- Intensive Outreach Efforts
- Promote Services & Providers
- Measure Progress & Outcomes

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