

Item

Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) Report

Background

The Workforce Alliance and Department for Children and Families (DCF) worked together to develop a pilot SNAP E&T project in South Central Kansas. The pilot serves SNAP participants who are Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents age 18 or older who reside in Sedgwick County. The pilot has a focus on justice involved individuals but is not limited to that population. This pilot was approved by the Local Workforce Development Board and DCF in June and July of this year. The pilot project began August 1, 2023 and continues through July 2025.

Analysis

The first couple of months of the pilot referrals were slow. Three referrals were received in August, three referrals in September, and two referrals in October. There were a couple of factors in this including the change to a mandatory program for certain SNAP participants and a new project for both organizations. Workforce Alliance and DCF staff have kept in regular communication about the project process. Leadership from both organizations meet once a month to review progress.

Referrals saw a significant increase in November and even so far in December. Fifteen referrals were received in November and 11 referrals have already been received as of December 7, 2023. The Workforce Alliance is excited about the increase in referrals and looking forward to providing services to these customers.

Strategic Goals Supported

This activity supports the following Strategic goals of the Local Workforce Development Board:

- Leverage resources and align services to create community impact beyond annual WIOA allocations

Recommended Action: Receive and file.