**Section 121.160 Participation in Voluntary SNAP Employment and Training (SNAP E&T)**

a) The Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) shall operate a voluntary Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Program (SNAP E&T) for all SNAP recipients residing in counties where there are outside entities that can provide services to assist participants in gaining work and training skills leading to employment.

b) All individuals receiving SNAP benefits may volunteer to participate in SNAP E&T to the extent resources are available.

c) Participants must be receiving SNAP benefits for every month that they receive SNAP E&T services.

d) At the time of the initial application or redetermination for benefits, or at the first face-to-face contact, all SNAP applicants and recipients will be informed of the voluntary SNAP E&T program.

e) The Department will provide information on the SNAP E&T program and will assist individuals in determining the most appropriate contracted provider, community-based organization, or community college/university of their choice for services. Providers can be non-profit or for-profit, except as specified in Section 121.165 (Community Workfare).

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