

## Legislative ABAWD Briefing – 2017 Regular Session

### Background/Requirements

- Federal requirements limit receipt of SNAP benefits to 3 months for persons between the age of 18-49 without dependents or disabilities, known as Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD).
- Waivers for this requirement can be granted in states experiencing a recent unemployment rate of over 10 percent, a recent 24-month average unemployment rate 20 percent above the national unemployment rate for that same 24-month period, or designation as a Labor Surplus Area by the U.S. Department of Labor.
- To maintain eligibility after the 3 month period, ABAWD SNAP recipients must meet at least one of the Federally defined work requirements:
  - Working at least 80 hours per month;
  - Participating in qualifying education and training activities at least 80 hours per month;
  - Complying with a State-approved workfare program;
  - Participating in the SNAP Employment and Training Program (SNAP E&T).
- The first set of ABAWD SNAP recipients were slated to become ineligible for benefits on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016; however, BCF utilized a Federally-authorized “15% exemption” to extend the deadline through the month of April in order to allow effected ABAWDs to prepare.
- BCF conducted an extensive media, telephone, and mailing outreach campaign to inform SNAP recipients of the ABAWD requirements.

SNAP Cases	
# of SNAP Individuals	Description
44,404	Non-Exempt ABAWDs in 9 County Pilot as of January 2016
8,795	Non-Exempt ABAWDs in 9 County Pilot at Close of Outreach Campaign
3,326	Non-Exempt ABAWDs in 9 County Pilot as of January 2017
5,417	SNAP Cases Closed in 9 County Pilot, May 2016-January 2017
7,310	Non-Exempt ABAWDs Statewide as of January 2017 (Estimated)
741	Cases Reopened After ABAWD Non-Compliance Closure
176,064	Total Open SNAP Cases Statewide as of January 2017

	Total SNAP Recipients in ABAWD Age Range												
	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
Berkley	7,298	7,336	7,325	7,277	6,878	6,613	6,572	6,534	6,401	6,231	6,029	5,899	5,911
Cabell	8,481	8,472	8,340	8,210	7,859	7,505	7,355	7,399	7,400	7,212	7,039	7,046	6,950
Harrison	4,601	4,593	4,610	4,550	4,320	4,256	4,279	4,284	4,291	4,282	4,204	4,202	4,122
Jefferson	2,480	2,464	2,448	2,395	2,234	2,101	2,118	2,117	2,089	2,035	1,962	1,950	2,018
Kanawha	13,151	13,033	12,971	12,859	12,259	11,854	11,844	11,887	11,953	11,852	11,578	11,475	11,334
Marion	4,472	4,456	4,485	4,441	4,297	4,245	4,133	4,229	4,202	4,141	4,052	4,023	4,054
Monongalia	3,885	3,892	3,908	3,839	3,734	3,547	3,519	3,510	3,440	3,358	3,298	3,227	3,206
Morgan	1,092	1,121	1,121	1,074	1,019	937	923	910	921	910	877	883	916
Putnam	2,736	2,710	2,696	2,661	2,590	2,569	2,568	2,595	2,575	2,534	2,434	2,425	2,400
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>48,196</b>	<b>48,077</b>	<b>47,904</b>	<b>47,306</b>	<b>45,190</b>	<b>43,627</b>	<b>43,311</b>	<b>43,465</b>	<b>43,272</b>	<b>42,555</b>	<b>41,473</b>	<b>41,130</b>	<b>40,911</b>

Total Count of Non-Exempt ABAWDs													
County	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
Berkley	6,741	1,571	1,400	1,173	650	421	360	383	385	424	405	406	423
Cabell	7,932	2,635	2,251	1,924	1,303	879	674	706	673	606	589	633	619
Harrison	4,204	1,029	906	743	423	280	225	241	245	268	281	304	323
Jefferson	2,304	595	544	445	236	124	108	117	132	155	144	153	172
Kanawha	11,938	2,944	2,656	2,489	1,630	1,248	1,060	1,019	1,033	989	959	940	982
Marion	4,152	1,085	966	818	489	354	267	268	283	334	324	314	322
Monongalia	3,587	1,020	945	723	407	273	227	235	242	256	267	247	248
Morgan	1,021	241	217	179	96	65	59	63	66	76	58	70	78
Putnam	2,525	506	427	301	185	123	96	123	145	141	145	146	159
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>44,404</b>	<b>11,626</b>	<b>10,312</b>	<b>8,795</b>	<b>5,419</b>	<b>3,767</b>	<b>3,076</b>	<b>3,155</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>3,172</b>	<b>3,213</b>	<b>3,326</b>
3 Month Warning Outreach Campaign Oct 2015-Mar 2016				Extra Month (15% Exemption)	Active Closure for Non-Compliance								

Total SNAP (ABAWD) Case Closures										
County	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Grand Total
Berkley	189	203	112	60	64	62	52	57	49	848
Cabell	179	244	179	135	89	64	66	100	75	1,131
Harrison	91	78	49	19	12	13	24	23	29	338
Jefferson	94	83	25	19	22	14	17	24	10	308
Kanawha	418	331	212	130	98	133	140	119	96	1,677
Marion	55	71	77	17	37	35	34	34	31	391
Monongalia	47	126	66	36	50	34	24	38	33	454
Morgan	15	33	11	4	5	7	15	6	6	102
Putnam	28	24	7	23	26	9	12	22	17	168
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>5,417</b>

### Employment & Training Services Provided

- The SNAP E&T program is designed to help SNAP recipients find ways to meet the participation requirements detailed above.
- BCF, with guidance from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), partnered with the regional Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) covering the 9 issuance-limited counties.
- BCF funded the hiring of 11 additional WIB staff to operate the SNAP E&T program. The new WIB staff were trained on the SNAP E&T program during December 2015 and January 2016.
- The maximum monthly reimbursement for SNAP E&T participants is **\$25**.
- An expansion of the ABAWD program statewide will require FNS approval of an updated SNAP E&T State Plan. If FNS determines that existing SNAP E&T services are insufficient to support the needs of ABAWD clients statewide, BCF could be subject to financial sanction.
- Estimated costs for extending the SNAP E&T program statewide range from **\$2,034,409** with the hiring of additional personnel to support the expansion to **\$369,687** without hiring additional personnel.
- Current Federal match for SNAP E&T administrative costs is **100%** up to **\$800,000**. Administrative Costs > **\$800,000** are a **50%** Federal match.

SNAP E&T Costs – 9 County Pilot – FFY 2016				
Grantee	Grant Amount	Reported Expenditures	Source of Funding	Counties Served
Reg. III WIB of Kanawha County	\$224,667.00	\$100,553.27	Federal	Kanawha
Southern WV Reg. II WIB	\$184,191.00	\$184,191.00	Federal	Cabell
Eastern WV Community Action Reg. VII	\$209,471.00	\$118,721.78	Federal	Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan
WV Reg. VI WIB	\$212,515.00	\$127,845.10	Federal	Harrison, Marion
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$830,844.00</b>	<b>\$531,311.50</b>		