

PART I SUMMARY OF STATE FOOD STAMP EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM

A. Abstract of the State SNAP E&T Program.

1. Program Changes

The following are the changes, and expected changes, for Hawaii's SNAP E&T:

- a. The 100% federal funds for the Supplemental Nutrition assistance Program (SNAP), Employment and Training E&T has increased for FY 2012 however, as a result of the State's current critical economic situation, the Legislative appropriation for FY 2012 has not increased from FY 2011. Consequently, State Agency Operational Costs which include expenses such as printing, equipment, repair and maintenance, postage, have been decreased in order to continue to fund those client services provided by E&T Contractors.
- b. The ABAWD suspension period has been extended through September 30, 2012.
- c. In efforts to reaffirm the Department's commitment to serving clients with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), SNAP-E&T has ensured that clients have timely, free interpreter services through contractual and other arrangements. SNAP-E&T is also working to identify forms, brochures, posters and other vital documents that must be translated into languages determined by the Department and, in accordance with all laws, and regulations that are related to non discrimination in program delivery. SNAP-E&T also collects data on LEP on an annual basis from its Contractors. For FFY 2012, no LEP requests were received.

2. Targeted Population

The employment and training services will primarily target the Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) for the areas of Oahu, and the serviceable areas of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai.

Oahu

Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents and non-exempt work registrants and volunteers living in any area on the island of Oahu will be referred to the Goodwill Industries of Hawaii SNAP E&T Unit. Services are provided island-wide.