

CalFresh ABAWD Engagement

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Outline

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ABAWD Roadmap



2017

- Fixed Statewide Clock
- Multiple Workgroups
- Began Making Key Policy Decisions
- Submitted ABAWD Waiver (pending approval)



2018

- Handbook Released – ACL 18-08
- Workgroups continue
- Intensive Implementation Planning
- Statewide waiver expires 9/1/2018



Goals



1

Maximize food benefits for eligible people

2

Ensure accuracy and timeliness in benefit determinations

3

Minimize administrative impacts to clients and counties

What is engagement?



- It's upfront and continuous
 - Initial application
 - Semi-annual report
 - Recertification
 - Mid-period
- Creating opportunities for:
 - Client education (e.g. time limit rules)
 - Exemption screening
 - Supporting work, education and training
- Building relationships with your community partners

Why Engage?



1 Food

- Maintain food benefits for eligible households
- Less benefits lost

2 Accuracy

- Ensure benefits received are accurate and timely

3 Impact

- Provide opportunities to engage people in qualifying activities and work

ABAWD Engagement Tools



- Countable Month Letter



- Work Reminder Letter

- Website



- Outreach Toolkit

- Local Efforts (e.g. E&T expansion)



Engagement Funding Plan



- Additional engagement funding included in the proposed governors budget
 - Funding provided during the first year of implementation for counties losing waiver eligibility
 - Ideally, continued support as more counties implement
- This model:
 - Provides upfront support for engagement
 - Increases the likelihood that ABAWDs maintain benefit eligibility

CalFresh Employment and Training



- E&T is one of the many ways ABAWDs can satisfy the work requirement
- Evidence suggests that after completion of a quality CalFresh E&T program component, ABAWDs are more likely to obtain gainful employment
- CDSS is working to expand the reach, quality, and diversity of E&T services offered



Trainings

Coming Up...

Automation
Automation
Automation



Road Shows
Continue

Questions

