Abstract
Since passage of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, most States have retargeted services in the Food Stamp Employment and Training (E&T) Program to able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs). The Balanced Budget Act more than doubled funding to States for USDA's Food Stamp E&T Program. The law requires States to spend at least 80 percent of the funding on services that can fulfill the work requirement imposed by welfare reform legislation in 1996 on ABAWDs. ABAWDs must either work at least 20 hours per week or participate in a qualifying employment and training activity. This report fulfills the Act’s mandate to USDA to examine and report on how States use the new funds to create work opportunities for ABAWDs and if this is done in an efficient and effective manner. The results show that total E&T program spending increased, though States used less of their Federal grant allocations and more of State matching funds. Nationwide participation in the E&T program dropped sharply after the Balanced Budget Act, with variations among States and among E&T component types. States have specific recommendations for improving the program. This publication is the survey instrument used for the study. For more information on the findings of the study, see State Use of Funds To Increase Work Slots for Food Stamp Recipients: Report to Congress.
Executive Summary

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) more than doubled the funding available to States for the Food Stamp Employment and Training (E&T) Program. The law (Public Law 105-33) requires States to spend at least 80 percent of Federal Food Stamp E&T Program grant dollars on services that can fulfill the work requirement imposed in 1996 by Federal welfare reform legislation on able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs). The work requirement for ABAWDs is that they either work at least 20 hours per week or participate in a qualifying employment and training activity. ABAWDs are limited to 3 months of food stamps out of each 3-year period, except in those months that they are meeting this requirement.

BBA contained a congressional mandate for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to examine and report on how States use the new BBA funds to create work opportunities for ABAWDs and whether this was done in an efficient and effective manner. This report and its findings were developed to fulfill that congressional mandate, based on State program data available from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), which administers the Food Stamp Program, information collected directly from State agencies, and five case studies of local Food Stamp E&T Programs.

Research Objectives

This report is designed to help Congress assess the extent to which States use the new funds available from BBA to create work slots for ABAWDs, and thus potentially help ABAWDs fulfill their work requirement, maintain their food stamp benefits, and make the transition to employment and self-sufficiency.

The study had five specific research objectives:

- To measure how States changed the design and focus of their Food Stamp E&T Programs to target ABAWDs, which allows for an assessment of the effectiveness of States’ use of the BBA funds;

- To measure changes in State expenditures of Federal and State funds for food stamp E&T;

- To examine trends in Food Stamp E&T Program participation overall and specifically in those qualifying activities that fulfill the work requirement for ABAWDs (i.e., workfare, work experience, education, and training components);

- To summarize State program managers’ views on challenges in serving ABAWDs and the managers’ views on ways to improve Food Stamp E&T Program operations; and

- To assess what can be learned from local E&T programs about promising approaches to serving ABAWDs.

Data Collection Methods

Information for the research was collected using a three-pronged approach:

- Literature Review. A review of past studies on ABAWDs and similar populations and of the E&T programs that have served them is presented.

- State-Level Research. The major findings for this study are at the State program level. Information was collected and analyzed on State Food Stamp E&T Programs for the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Data were gathered from State quarterly E&T program reports to FNS, a telephone survey of State food stamp E&T managers, and a mailout form designed to collect additional data from States specifically on changes in the geographic scope of their program and total monthly program participation since the BBA.

- Local-Level Research. During the spring and summer of 1999, site visits were conducted to five local Food Stamp E&T Programs. These case studies provide important information on promising approaches and lessons learned that can help Federal, State and local policymakers, and program managers in designing E&T programs for ABAWDs.

Principal Study Findings

Though the depth and breadth of data analyzed for this study were quite extensive, the results can be summarized into five broad areas. A summary of each of the principal study findings follows, with specific results from the data analysis included under each finding.
The Majority of States Have Changed the Focus of Their Food Stamp E&T Program Services To Target ABAWDs

By fiscal year (FY) 1999, the majority of States had redesigned their Food Stamp E&T Program to target services to the ABAWD population. Specific findings as to how States reoriented their programs after BBA are summarized as follows:

• **States Expanded the Food Stamp E&T Program to Areas Where ABAWDs Were Subject to the Work Requirement and Time Limit and Concentrated Their Work Slots in These Areas.** Of the 48 States that had ABAWDs subject to the time limit, 21 (44 percent) expanded the Food Stamp E&T Program to local areas where ABAWDs were subject to the work requirement and time limit (“unwaived areas”). Three-quarters of the slots offered to ABAWDs in the first two quarters of FY 1999 were in unwaived areas, and 80 percent of the filled slots were in those areas.

• **Many More States Were Providing the ABAWD Qualifying Activities Known as “Workfare” and “Work Experience.”** In FY 1999, 84 percent of the States offered the qualifying E&T activity components of workfare or work experience—an increase of 59 percent (i.e., 27 States in FY 1997 versus 43 States in FY 1999).

• **The Majority of States Were Offering Qualifying Slots to All ABAWDs Subject to the Time Limit and Those Seeking to Regain Eligibility.** In FY 1999, 33 of the 48 (69 percent) States that had ABAWDs subject to the time limit required that ABAWDs participating in the program in unwaived areas be offered a qualifying E&T activity; 29 of these 48 States required that ABAWDs who had lost food stamp eligibility after hitting the time limit be offered a qualifying slot to regain eligibility.

• **While the Large Majority of States Targeted ABAWDs, Nearly All Continued to Serve Some Non-ABAWDs.** In FY 1997, only one State did not serve any non-ABAWDs in its Food Stamp E&T Program. By FY 1999, only three additional States stopped serving non-ABAWDs.

Total Food Stamp E&T Program Expenditures Increased, Though States Used Less of Their Federal Grant Allocations and More of State Matching Funds

Total Federal grant funds available to States for the Food Stamp E&T Program increased substantially after FY 1997, from $79 million in FY 1997 to $212 million in FY 1998 to $215 million in FY 1999. State spending also increased during this period, though most States spent less than one-half of their allocated funds after BBA. The key findings on changes in State program spending can be summarized as follows:

• **States Spent 30 Percent More in Federal Food Stamp E&T Grant Funds After the BBA.** State spending of the food stamp E&T grant increased from $74 million in FY 1997 to $96 million in FY 1998. In FY 1999, spending declined slightly to $93 million but remained considerably more than the FY 1997 level.

• **States Used a Far Smaller Share of Their Allocated Federal Food Stamp Program Funding After BBA.** States used 94 percent of Federal funds in FY 1997, 45 percent in FY 1998, and 43 percent in FY 1999.

• **A Number of States Chose To Draw Down Only 20 Percent of the Available Grant Funds.** States were given the option by FNS to draw down only 20 percent of their food stamp E&T grant allocation if they did not want to comply with the rule requiring 80 percent of the funds be spent on ABAWD qualifying activities. Nine States chose this option.

• **Most Alternative Reimbursement States Are Using More Funds Than Other States.** For FY 1999, eight States opted out of the per slot reimbursement rate and could spend up to their full grant allocation in return for agreeing to offer a qualifying slot to all ABAWDs who reside in an unwaived area of the State. Excluding one State with a very large grant and low expenditures, these States spent 73 percent of their total allocation compared with 44 percent among other States.

• **States Indicated Difficulties Spending Available Funds Under Current Program Rules.** Of the States that decided to draw down only 20 percent of their grant funds and those that did not plan to
spend all of their available FY 1999 funds, nearly one-half indicated a reluctance to spend the Federal funds due to one or more of the following reasons: uncertainties over program rules, low ABAWD participation, and the program rules that tie year-end Federal reimbursement for State expenditures to the number of offered and filled work slots.

- **State Matching Fund Expenditures Have Increased Somewhat Since BBA.** State expenditures for the Food Stamp E&T Program, which are matched by Federal food stamp dollars, increased 7 percent from FY 1997 to FY 1998 and another 17 percent from FY 1998 to FY 1999.

**Nationwide, Participation in the Food Stamp E&T Program Dropped Sharply After BBA, With Variations Among States and Among E&T Component Types**

BBA’s increase in Federal grant funding provided an opportunity for States to reach more participants with their Food Stamp E&T Programs and to increase the number of ABAWDs they served. Nonetheless, State reports to FNS reveal that nationwide Food Stamp E&T Program participation fell sharply.

Highlights of the key study findings about changes in food stamp E&T participation after the BBA follow. ABAWD-specific participation data were not available for analysis in this study either from State data reports to FNS or from the survey of States. Nearly all State managers indicated that no data were tracked or available on ABAWDs. States providing data noted that these were estimates and not actual counts of participation; hence, these data could not be used for analysis.

- **The Number of Participants Beginning an E&T Activity Dropped Sharply.** The number of food stamp participants beginning an E&T component dropped 29 percent from FY 1997 to FY 1998. Based on data for the first half of FY 1999, the trend appears to be continuing.

- **Monthly Continuous Food Stamp E&T Participation Data Also Reveal a Decline.** The limited data available from only 13 States on monthly E&T program participation, which includes information on clients continuing a component over a period of months, also indicate a decline in overall Food Stamp E&T Program participation from FY 1997 to FY 1998.

- **During This Period, Overall Food Stamp Program Participation, and ABAWD Participation Specifically, Was Sharply Declining.** Between FY 1997 and FY 1998, there was a 13-percent decline in average monthly household participation in the Food Stamp Program (USDA, 2000b). Participation estimates for 1996 and 1997 indicate that the decline in participation among ABAWDs was much steeper than that of the food stamp caseload as a whole (Castner and Cody, 1999). This suggests that States that focused their programs on ABAWDs after BBA had a shrinking pool of potential clients.

- **Fourteen States Had Increases in the Number of Participants Beginning a Food Stamp E&T Activity; These States Had Lower Food Stamp Participation Declines Than the Nation.** Contrary to the national trend, 14 States had an increase in food stamp E&T participation from FY 1997 to FY 1998. Seven of these States had increases of 50 percent or more. States with increases in individuals beginning a food stamp E&T component after the BBA were somewhat more likely to have had declines in total food stamp participation below the national rate of decline between FY 1997 and FY 1998.

- **A Larger Share of Food Stamp E&T Participants Were Beginning a Workfare Activity.** There was a very small decline in the number of participants beginning workfare and a sharp decline in the number of participants beginning job search and job search training, with much smaller declines in the education and vocational training components. This resulted in a large increase in the proportion of all food stamp E&T participants beginning workfare, from 19 percent in FY 1997 to 28 percent in FY 1998.

**States Report Many Challenges in Serving ABAWDs and Have Specific Recommendations for Improving the Program**

As part of the telephone survey, States were asked what were the biggest challenges they have faced in serving ABAWDs and their recommendations for improving the program. The State responses are summarized as follows:

- **Challenges Reported By States in Serving ABAWDs.** When asked about challenges in serving ABAWDs, the most common responses of State program man-
agers were low participation rates, lack of funding for support services, the requirement to spend 80 percent of program funding on ABAWDs, and barriers to employment faced by segments of the ABAWD population, including the homeless and persons with mental health problems.

- **Recommendations of State Food Stamp E&T Managers for Program Improvements.** There were two frequently cited recommendations for program improvements. Thirty-eight States recommended removing the requirement to spend 80 percent of funds on qualifying activities for ABAWDs. Seventeen States recommended expanding the range of reimbursable support services they could offer participants and lifting the $25 cap on Federal reimbursements for these services. State managers offered several other recommendations to improve services for ABAWDs.

**Site Visits to Food Stamp E&T Programs Offer Examples of Creative Local Approaches That Offer Promise in Reaching and Serving the ABAWD Population**

The five local Food Stamp E&T Programs visited for the case study research component of this study drew on a variety of resources and took a variety of different approaches in serving ABAWDs. These local programs’ experiences offer the following lessons regarding promising approaches to reaching and serving ABAWDs:

- Workfare programs can cultivate workfare slots that may turn into paid employment.
- Partnerships with community organizations allow Food Stamp E&T Programs to provide enhanced services to ABAWDs and use support services that cannot be reimbursed through the food stamp grant.
- Food Stamp E&T Programs can coordinate with other government assistance programs to enhance services, maximize resources, and avoid duplication.
- Programs that welcome staff input and provide opportunities for program staff to learn from each other can enhance both staff morale and services to clients.
- The Food Stamp E&T Program can be integrated into a more comprehensive program with an array of supportive services designed to help clients move towards employment and self-sufficiency.
Telephone Questionnaire for
State Food Stamp E&T Managers
Hello (NAME OF RESPONDENT). My name is (INTERVIEWER’S NAME) and I’m with Health Systems Research in Washington, D.C. I’d like to thank you for speaking with me about [STATE]’s food stamp employment and training services.

Please be aware that according to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0536-0047. The time required to complete this information is estimated to average one hour per response.

We are conducting this interview for the Economic Research Service and the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to examine changes in States’ policies and implementation practices regarding the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program since enactment of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The results of this interview will be utilized for two studies for the USDA. One study will result in a Congressionally mandated report on changes in State Food Stamp Employment and Training Programs since enactment of the Balanced Budget Act. The second study that will include these survey results is a broader examination of State policy choices for ABAWDs.

In order to make a comparison of the program before and after the Balanced Budget Act, I will ask you questions about your program as it existed in FY 1997 as well as now, in FY 1999. And if your Food Stamp Employment and Training Program serves ABAWDs, many of my questions will focus on services provided to this population.

As you know, Health Systems Research’s staff are also working with you and your staff to obtain numerical information on your State Food Stamp E&T Program. This information is being collected through a separate mail-out survey form.

Do you have any questions before we begin?
ANSWERS TO COMMONLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

What is this survey about?

This survey is being carried out by Health Systems Research (HSR) for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We are conducting telephone interviews with the official in each State who is responsible for managing the Food Stamp Employment and Training (E&T) Program. The telephone interview is designed to collect descriptive information about State Food Stamp Employment and Training Programs currently in operation and some information about these programs in Federal Fiscal Year 1997. Most of the detailed questions we will be asking focus on the services you offer to able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs).

How will the survey results be used?

The data collected through this survey will be used to assess changes in State Food Stamp E&T Programs before and after implementation of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and will be compiled in a mandated report to the United States Congress, to be issued by the Economic Research Service. In addition, the findings from this survey will be incorporated into a study for the Food and Nutrition Service describing State and local policy choices regarding ABAWD policy.

Why do you have to do a survey to get this information? Isn’t this information already available in our biennial Food Stamp E&T Plan submitted to FNS last year?

This survey is designed to provide more detailed descriptive information than is available from the State plans regarding your Food Stamp E&T components, the scope and nature of the components you offer, and the services specifically offered to ABAWDs. From our experience working with States, we also recognize that the Food Stamp E&T services implemented by each State often change and evolve throughout the year. We want to get a clear picture of the services that are actually in place currently. In addition, since there was no State Food Stamp E&T Plan required in FFY 1997, and Congress wants some information on FFY 1997, we are asking you for a few pieces of information about your E&T components offered during that year.

If I don’t know the answers to some of your questions, can we refer you to someone else?

If at any point during the interview you determine that I need to speak to someone else in your office to obtain an answer to a specific question, please let me know at that time. I will get the name of the other person from you and schedule a follow-up short interview after we have completed the survey.
How long will this survey take?

This survey should take approximately one hour.

How will you present the information collected in the study?

The information we collect during this information will be presented in two reports. The results will be the major focus of a mandated report to the U.S. Congress, to be issued by the Economic Research Service (ERS). The information will also be analyzed and presented in a larger report on implementation of ABAWD policies, to be issued by the Food and Nutrition Service and authored by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. and Health Systems Research.

When can I get a copy of the report?

The final reports will be completed by the end of 1999. We anticipate that the ERS report to Congress and the FNS ABAWD study will be released sometime around the summer of the year 2000.

How do you define ABAWDs?

For the purpose of this study, we are defining ABAWDs (able-bodied adults without dependents) as persons age 18 to 50 who are mentally and physically fit for employment and who do not have dependents, whether or not they are subject to the three-month time limit. So, unless we specify otherwise, we count persons 18 to 50 who are mentally and physically fit for employment and who do not have dependents even if they are not subject to the ABAWD requirements because they live in a waived area or are exempt due to the 15 percent exemption.
A. GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF E&T SERVICES

I would like to begin by asking about the general structure of your Food Stamp E&T Program.

A1. Are you operating a Food Stamp E&T Program in all areas of [State] or only in some areas?

ALL AREAS ........................................................0 1
SOME AREAS ......................................................0 2

A2. Do any agencies at the State level work with the food stamp agency to operate the Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES ................................................................. 0 1
NO .................................................. 0 0

GO TO A4

A3. Which agency or agencies?

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

DEPT. OF LABOR/EMPLOYMENT/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ..........0 1
OTHER AGENCY (please specify) ........................................9 9

Now I am going to ask a series of questions about what food stamp E&T components the State currently offers as part of the Food Stamp E&T Program. We are interested here only in those services in which attendance can count as participation in the Food Stamp E&T Program.

Please note that when we are asking you questions about food stamp workfare here and throughout the survey we are referring to FNS’ definition of workfare, though we know that your workfare program may be called something else, such as work experience. FNS’ definition of “workfare” is “a work component in which food stamp recipients perform work in a public service capacity as a condition of eligibility.”
A4.

a. Does [STATE] offer workfare to food stamp work registrants anywhere in the State?

YES.................................01

NO.................................00       GO TO A4c

b. Is your workfare component funded through the regular federal Food Stamp E&T grant, the Optional Food Stamp Workfare Program under Section 20(E) of the Food Stamp Act, or both?

REGULAR FEDERAL FOOD STAMP E&T GRANT ........ 0 1

OPTIONAL FOOD STAMP WORKFARE (20E) ............ 0 2

BOTH .............................................0 3

c. Does [STATE] offer another food stamp E&T work program that is not considered “workfare” to food stamp work registrants anywhere in the State? (OPTIONAL PROBE: FOR EXAMPLE, A WORK PROGRAM WITH DIFFERENT HOUR REQUIREMENTS OR FOCUS)

YES ............................................... 0 1

NO................................................ 0 0      GO TO A4d

c1. Description of other work program.

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INTERVIEWER: FOR QUESTIONS A4d-g ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTION

Does [STATE] offer [COMPONENT] to food stamp work registrants anywhere in the State?

d. job search training

We are using FNS’ definition of job search training here and throughout the survey. When we ask you about “job search training” we specifically mean a component designed to enhance the job readiness of participants by providing instruction in job seeking techniques and increasing motivation and self-confidence. “Job search training” can include job skills assessments, job clubs, and other direct training that supports job search.

   YES ............................................................ 01
   NO ............................................................. 00

e. vocational training

   YES ............................................................ 01
   NO ............................................................. 00

f. education

   YES ............................................................ 01
   NO ............................................................. 00

g. a self-employment program

   YES ............................................................ 01
   NO ............................................................. 00

h. Does [STATE] currently offer any other components in the Food Stamp E&T Program that I did not already mention?

   YES (Please describe with brief title) .................. . 01

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INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT DESCRIPTION INDICATES “OTHER” FITS UNDER ANOTHER COMPONENT ASKED ABOUT ABOVE, GO BACK AND RECODE IF NECESSARY

NO ................................................0 0

A5. Is [STATE] planning to expand any of these E&T components in Federal FY 2000?

YES ............................................... 01

NO ................................................ 02  GO TO A7

A6. Which component types will be expanded?

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

A WORKFARE PROGRAM ......................... 01
JOB SEARCH TRAINING .......................... 02
VOCATIONAL TRAINING .......................... 03
EDUCATION COMPONENT ........................ 04
SELF-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM ................. 05
OTHER (IF NOTED IN A4h ABOVE) .............. 06

A7. Is [STATE] planning to introduce any new food stamp E&T components in FY 2000?

YES ............................................... 01

NO ................................................ 02  GO TO A9

A8. What types of components does the State plan to introduce?

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

A WORKFARE PROGRAM ......................... 01
JOB SEARCH TRAINING .......................... 02
VOCATIONAL TRAINING .......................... 03
EDUCATION COMPONENT ........................... 04
SELF-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM ......................... 05
OTHER (please specify) .............................. 06

Now I would like you to think back to FY 1997; which of these components did your State Food Stamp E&T Program offer in FY 1997? Again, we are interested here only in those services in which attendance can count as participation in the E&T Program.

   a. workfare
      YES................................01
      NO.................................00   **GO TO A9c**
   b. Was your workfare in FY 1997 funded under the regular Federal Food Stamp E&T Grant, the Optional Food Stamp Workfare Program under Section 20E of the Food Stamp Act, or both?
      REGULAR FEDERAL FOOD STAMP E&T GRANT .... 01
      OPTIONAL FOOD STAMP WORKFARE (20E) ......... 02
      BOTH ........................................... 03

**INTERVIEWER: FOR QUESTIONS A9c-g ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:**

In FY 1997, did [STATE] offer [COMPONENT] to food stamp work registrants anywhere in the State?
   c. another food stamp E&T work program that is not considered “workfare”
      YES.................................01
      NO ..................................00
d. job search training

YES..............................01

NO...............................00

e. vocational training

YES..............................01

NO...............................00

f. education

YES..............................01

NO...............................00

g. a self-employment program

YES..............................01

NO...............................00

h. In FY 1997 did [STATE] offer any other components in the Food Stamp E&T Program that I did not already mention?

YES (Please describe with brief title) .................... 0 1

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(NOTE TO INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT DESCRIPTION INDICATES “OTHER” FITS UNDER ANOTHER COMPONENT ASKED ABOUT ABOVE, GO BACK AND RECODE IF NECESSARY)

NO ................................................ 0 0
A10. In FY 1997 did [STATE’s] Food Stamp E&T Program serve...

Only ABAWDs, .......................... 01

Only non-ABAWDs, or ...................... 02

Both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs? .... 03

A11. Currently, does [STATE’s] Food Stamp E&T Program serve...

Only ABAWDs, .......................... 01   GO TO A12

only non-ABAWDs, or ...................... 02

both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs? .... 03   GO TO A12

A11a. Does that mean that [STATE] does not provide any E&T services for ABAWDs anywhere in the State?

YES .......................... 01   GO TO SECTION B

NO .......................... 00

INTERVIEWER: IF THE ANSWER TO A11A IS NO (MEANING THE STATE DOES PROVIDE E&T SERVICES FOR ABAWDS) YOU SHOULD CHANGE THE ANSWER TO A11 TO INDICATE THAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO EITHER ABAWDS ONLY OR BOTH ABAWDS AND NON-ABAWDS.

A12. Now I would like to ask some questions about E&T services specifically for ABAWDs. Does the same State agency administer the Food Stamp E&T Program for ABAWDs and the general Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES .......................... 01   GO TO A14

NO .......................... 00

A13. Which State agency (agencies) administers the Food Stamp E&T Program for ABAWDs?

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR/EMPLOYMENT/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT .......................... 01

OTHER (please specify) .......................... 99
A14. Are welfare agency staff responsible for assigning ABAWDs to food stamp E&T components in any areas of the State?

YES .............................................. 0 1

NO ............................................... 0 0

GO TO A16

A15. Is this assignment conducted by

YES NO

a. the caseworker who determines food stamp eligibility for the ABAWD? .................................. 0 1 0 0

b. a caseworker who specializes in E&T? ...................... 0 1 0 0

c. another type of worker? (please specify) ................ 0 1 0 0

A16. Are staff from the department of labor/employment/workforce development responsible for assigning ABAWDs to food stamp E&T components in any areas of the State?

YES .............................................. 0 1

NO ............................................... 0 0

A17. Are staff from another outside contracting agency responsible for assigning ABAWDS to food stamp E&T components in any areas of the State?

YES .............................................. 0 1

NO 00

GO TO INTRO ABOVE A19

A18. Please describe the type or types of contracting agencies at the local level that assign ABAWDs to food stamp E&T components.
Please note that when we refer to “ABAWDs who are subject to the time limit” in the following questions we mean ABAWDs who are not exempt and do not live in waived areas.

A19. Are all, some, or none of the ABAWDs who are subject to the time limit in [STATE] also mandatory food stamp E&T participants?

By “mandatory participants” we mean potentially subject to E&T sanctions for noncompliance with Food Stamp E&T requirements.

THERE ARE NO ABAWDs WHO ARE SUBJECT TO THE TIME LIMIT ................................ 03  GO TO A24

ALL .............................................. 02  GO TO A21

SOME ............................................. 01

NONE ............................................. 00  GO TO A21

A20. Please describe which groups of ABAWDs are also mandatory food stamp E&T participants.

A21. Does [STATE] require that all ABAWDs subject to the time limit be offered a qualifying E&T slot?

A qualifying E&T slot may include a work component, education, or training.

YES .............................................. 01

NO ............................................... 00

A22. Does [STATE] have a policy that requires or recommends when the local office staff should offer ABAWDs subject to the time limit a qualifying E&T slot?

YES .............................................. 01  GO TO A24

NO ............................................... 00
A23. When does the State policy indicate that ABAWDs subject to the time limit should be offered a qualifying slot?

WHEN THEY FIRST APPLY .......................... 0 1
DURING 1ST MONTH/AFTEy THEY ARE FOUND ELIGIBLE AND SUBJECT TO THE TIME LIMIT .......................... 0 2
DURING 2ND MONTH ................................. 0 3
DURING 3RD MONTH ................................. 0 4
AFTER EXHAUSTED 3 MONTH LIMIT ................. 0 5
AT ANOTHER TIME (please specify) .................... 9 9

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A24. Does [STATE] have a policy that requires or recommends which E&T component most ABAWDs should be offered initially?

YES .............................................. 0 1
NO ............................................... 0 0

GO TO A28

A25. What is that component?

WORKFARE ....................................... 0 1
JOB SEARCH TRAINING ............................. 0 2
VOCATIONAL TRAINING ............................ 0 3
EDUCATION ....................................... 0 4
OTHER (Please specify) ............................... 9 9

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A26. If they complete this first component, are most ABAWDs then encouraged to move into another specific E&T component?
YES ................................................................. 01

NO ................................................................. 00    GO TO A28

A27. What component are they encouraged to move into?

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

WORKFARE .................................................. 01

JOB SEARCH TRAINING ................................. 02

VOCATIONAL TRAINING ................................. 03

EDUCATION .................................................. 04

OTHER (Specify) .......................................... 99

A28. Are ABAWD qualifying Food Stamp E&T components available in all, some or no
nonwaived offices in your State for ABAWDs who have used up their three month time
limit and seek to regain food stamp eligibility?

AVAILABLE IN ALL NON-WAIVED OFFICES IN THE STATE ................. 01

AVAILABLE IN SOME NON-WAIVED OFFICES IN THE STATE ............ 02

NOT AVAILABLE IN ANY OFFICES IN THE STATE ...................... 00
B. JOB SEARCH

Now I would like to ask you some questions about your State’s job search requirements.

By “job search” we are specifically referring to a requirement that food stamp participants make inquiries to prospective employers. The participant could be required to conduct his or her job search independently or within a group setting. We are not referring to any job search training services that you may or may not offer to food stamp E&T clients.

B1. Thinking back to FY 1997, was job search required of all, some, or no food stamp E&T mandatory participants?

ALL .............................................. 02   GO TO B2

SOME ............................................. 01

NONE ............................................. 00   GO TO B5

B1a. Please describe which mandatory participants are required to conduct job search.

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B2. In FY 1997, was job search required of only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs?

ONLY ABAWDs ................................................ 01

ONLY NON-ABAWDs ............................................ 02

BOTH ......................................................... 03

B3. In FY 1997, was job search required in all food stamp offices in the State or only in some offices?

ALL OFFICES ..................................................... 01   GO TO B5

SOME OFFICES .................................................. 02
B4. In FY 1997, was job search required in all offices in the State that had a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES ................................................................. 01

NO ................................................................. 00

B5. Turning to your Food Stamp E&T Program’s current requirements, does [STATE] require all, some, or no food stamp E&T mandatory participants to conduct job search?

ALL ......................................................... 01

SOME ......................................................... 02

NONE ......................................................... 00

GO TO SECTION C

B6. Currently, is job search required of only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs?

ONLY ABAWDs ............................................... 01

ONLY NON-ABAWDs .......................................... 02

BOTH .......................................................... 03

B7. Is job search required in all food stamp offices in the State or only in some offices?

ALL OFFICES ...................................................... 01

GO TO B9

SOME OFFICES ................................................ 02

B8. Is job search required in all offices in the State that have a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES .............................................................. 01

NO ............................................................... 00
B9. I would like to know about the nature of your food stamp job search component currently. Please answer yes or no to each of the following questions? Does job search include:

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B10. Is job search required as part of another E&T component?

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B11. Which other E&T component?

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WORKFARE/WORK EXPERIENCE ................. 01
VOCATIONAL TRAINING ........................ 02
EDUCATION .................................... 03
OTHER (specify) .............................. 99

B12. INTERVIEWER: ARE ANY ABAWDs REQUIRED TO CONDUCT JOB SEARCH (Does B6= 01 OR 03)?

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B13. Are the requirements for job search among ABAWDs uniform across the State or do they vary by county or local office?

By requirements, I mean when job search begins, how long it should last, how many contacts need to be made, and how many hours of job search are required.

UNIFORM ACROSS STATE ........................... 01  GO TO B15

VARIATES BY COUNTY OR LOCAL OFFICE ............ 02

B14. Despite this variation, is there a single policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases?

YES .............................................. 01  GO TO C0

NO ............................................... 00  GO TO C0

DON’T KNOW ................................. -1  GO TO C0

In that case, for the remaining questions in this section, please base your answers on the policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases.

B15. When must ABAWDs who are required to conduct job search begin this component?

WHEN THEY FIRST APPLY FOR FOOD STAMPS ......... 01

AFTER THEY ARE DETERMINED ELIGIBLE ............ 02

OTHER TIME (please specify) .......................... 99
B16. For how long is this job search required for ABAWDs?

ONE MONTH ....................................... 01
TWO MONTHS ..................................... 02
THREE MONTHS ................................... 03
UNTIL THEY FIND A JOB ............................ 04
UNTIL THEY BEGIN AN OTHER E&T COMPONENT ..... 05
OTHER (Please specify) ............................... 99

B17. Is there a requirement for a minimum number of contacts that ABAWDs must make with potential employers?

YES .................................................. 01
NO ................................................... 02
GO TO B19

B18. What is the requirement for the minimum number of contacts with potential employers?

PROBE: In what period of time?

|___|___| CONTACTS IN |___|___| DAYS ............... 01
|___|___| CONTACTS IN |___|___| WEEKS .............. 02
|___|___| CONTACTS IN |___|___| MONTHS ............. 03
OTHER(Please specify) ............................... 99
B19. Is there a requirement for the minimum number of hours ABAWDs must spend on job search?

YES .............................................. 01

NO .............................................. 00  GO TO B21

B20. What is the requirement for the minimum number of hours ABAWDs must spend on job search?

PROBE: In what period of time?

|___|___| HOURS OF SEARCH IN |___|___| DAYS .......... 01
|___|___| HOURS OF SEARCH IN |___|___| WEEKS ........ 02
|___|___| HOURS OF SEARCH IN |___|___| MONTHS ....... 03
OTHER(Please specify) ................................ 99

B21. Is there anything else the ABAWD needs to do to satisfy the job search requirement?

YES .............................................. 01

NO .............................................. 00  GO TO C0

B22. What else does the ABAWD need to do to satisfy the job search requirement?

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C. WORKFARE

CO. INTERVIEWER: DID STATE HAVE A WORKFARE PROGRAM IN FY 1997 THAT WAS FUNDED BY THE REGULAR FOOD STAMP E&T GRANT (DOES A9a=01 AND A9b=01 or 03)?

YES .......................................................... 01

NO .............................................................. 00  GO TO C6

I’d like to ask you some questions now about your workfare program in FY 1997. We are using FNS’ definition of “workfare,” though we know that your workfare program may be called something else, such as work experience. As I mentioned earlier, FNS’ definition of “workfare” is “a work component in which food stamp recipients perform work in a public service capacity as a condition of eligibility.”

C1. INTERVIEWER: DID STATE HAVE A SECTION 20E OPTIONAL WORKFARE PROGRAM IN FY 1997 (DOES A9b=02 or 03)?

YES ...................................................... 01

NO ......................................................... 00  SKIP INTRO BELOW

This section is focused only on workfare funded through the Federal E&T grant, not the Section 20e Optional Food Stamp Workfare Program. I will ask you about your Optional Food Stamp Workfare Program in another section.

C2. INTERVIEWER: DID STATE’S FY 1997 FSET PROGRAM SERVE BOTH ABAWDs AND NON-ABAWDs (Does A10=03)?

YES .......................................................... 01

NO .............................................................. 00  GO TO C4

C3. In FY 1997, in most local offices with a food stamp workfare component was workfare offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs?

ONLY ABAWDs .................................................... 01

ONLY NON-ABAWDs ........................................... 02

BOTH ............................................................. 03
C4. In FY 1997, was workfare offered as a food stamp E&T component in all food stamp offices in [STATE] or only in some offices?

ALL OFFICES .................................................. 01  GO TO C6
SOME OFFICES .................................................. 02

C5. In FY 1997, was workfare offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in the State that had a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES ............................................................... 01
NO ............................................................... 00

C6: INTERVIEWER: DOES STATE CURRENTLY HAVE A FOOD STAMP WORKFARE PROGRAM (DOES A4=01 AND A4b=01 or 03)?

YES ......................................................... 01  GO TO D0
NO ......................................................... 00

Now I am going to ask you some questions about your current workfare program that is funded with the Federal E&T grant.

C7. INTERVIEWER: DOES CURRENT FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE ABAWDs OR ONLY NON-ABAWDs (Does A11=01 or A11a=02)?

YES ........................................................... 01  GO TO C9
NO ........................................................... 00

C8. In most local offices where there is food stamp workfare, is this component usually offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both?

ONLY ABAWDs .................................................. 01
ONLY NON-ABAWDs ........................................... 02
BOTH ............................................................ 03
C9. Compared to FY 1997, has the number of organizations or agencies providing workfare positions for the Food Stamp E&T Program increased?

YES .............................................. 01
NO ..................................................... 00

C10. Is workfare currently offered as a food stamp E&T component in all food stamp offices in [STATE] or only in some offices?

ALL OFFICES ...................................... 01  GO TO C12
SOME OFFICES ................................. 02

C11. Is workfare currently offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in the State that have a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES .............................................. 01
NO .................................................... 00

C12. INTERVIEWER: IS WORKFARE OFFERED ONLY TO NON-ABAWDs (Does C8=02)? OR DOES STATE’s CURRENT FOOD STAMP E&T PROGRAM ONLY SERVE NON-ABAWDs (Does A11=02)?

YES .............................................. 01  GO TO D0
NO ..................................................... 00

C13. INTERVIEWER: CHECK THE STATE’S INFORMATION SHEET. DOES THE STATE HAVE ANY APPROVED WAIVERS?

YES .............................................. 01
NO .................................................... 00  GO TO C18

C14. Is the workfare component currently offered in any areas of [STATE] that are waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES .............................................. 01
NO ..................................................... 00  GO TO C17
C15. Is it offered in all areas that are waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL ................................................................. 01

SOME ............................................................... 02

C16. Is the workfare component currently offered in any areas of [STATE] that are not waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES ................................................................. 01

NO ................................................................. 02  
GO TO C18

C17. Is it offered in all areas that are not waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL ................................................................. 01

SOME ............................................................... 02

C18. Does the State’s food stamp workfare component require that ABAWDs find their own “self-initiated” workfare slots, does it require that ABAWDs take prearranged slots offered to them or can ABAWDs either find their own slot or take a prearranged slot?

ONLY OPTION IS SELF-INITIATED WORKFARE SLOTS . . 01  
GO TO C21

ONLY OPTION IS PRE-ARRANGED WORKFARE SLOTS . . 02

BOTH OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO ABAWDS ............. 0 3

C19. In your non-self initiated workfare program, do public organizations or private nonprofit organizations provide the most workfare positions for ABAWDs?

PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS ................................. 01

PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ............... 02

ABOUT EQUAL ................................. 03

C20. In this non-self initiated workfare program, is there a workfare slot for every ABAWD who wants one (in those areas of [STATE] where workfare is available)?

YES ................................................................. 01

NO ................................................................. 02
C21. INTERVIEWER: DOES STATE HAVE A SELF-INITIATED WORKFARE OPTION? (Does C18=01 or 03)?

YES ............................................. 01

NO ............................................... 00             GO TO C24

C22. In your self initiated food stamp workfare program, do public organizations or private nonprofit organizations provide the most workfare positions?

PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS ......................... 01

PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS .......... 02

ABOUT EQUAL ................................. 03

C23. DELETED

C24. Does [STATE] have a policy about when ABAWDs begin participation at a workfare site or does it vary by county or local office?

STATE HAS A POLICY ............................. 01      GO TO C26

VARIES BY COUNTY OR LOCAL OFFICE ......... 02

C25. Despite this variation, is there a single policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases?

YES ............................................... 01

NO .................................................. 00       GO TO C27

DON’T KNOW ...................................... -1       GO TO C27

In that case, for the next question, please base your answer on the policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases.
C26. What is the policy about when ABAWDs begin participation at a workfare site?

- ANYTIME ......................................... 01
- IMMEDIATELY AFTER APPLICATION ............ 02
- IMMEDIATELY AFTER ELIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED . . . 03
- IMMEDIATELY AFTER JOB SEARCH ................. 04
- IMMEDIATELY AFTER JOB SEARCH TRAINING .... 05
- IN THIRD MONTH OF THE 3-MONTH TIME LIMIT ...... 06
- ONLY AFTER THEIR TIME LIMIT IS OVER ......... 07
- OTHER (Please specify) ............................. 99

C27. Does [STATE] have a policy about how many hours per week or month clients are required to spend in workfare or does it vary by county or local office?

- STATE HAS POLICY ................................ 01  GO TO C29
- VARIES BY COUNTY OR LOCAL OFFICE ............ 02

C28. Despite this variation, is there a single policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases?

- YES ................................................... 01  GO TO C30
- NO ...................................................... 00  GO TO C30
- DON’T KNOW ........................................ -1  GO TO C30

In that case, for the next question, please base your answers on the policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases.
C29. What is the policy regarding the minimum number of hours ABAWDs are required to spend in workfare in order to count as meeting the ABAWD work requirement?

| HOURS PER WEEK | 01 |
| HOURS PER MONTH | 02 |
| BENEFIT ALLOTMENT/FED MIN WAGE | 03 |
| BENEFIT ALLOTMENT/STATE MIN WAGE | 04 |
| VARIES BY CLIENT (specify) | 05 |


C30. Does [STATE] have a policy about how long an ABAWD can remain in workfare or does it vary by county or local office?

STATE POLICY | 01 | GO TO C32
VARIES BY COUNTY OR LOCAL OFFICE | 02 |

C31. Despite this variation, is there a single policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases?

YES | 01 | GO TO DO
NO | 00 | GO TO DO
DON’T KNOW | -1 | GO TO DO

In that case, for the next question, please base your answers on the policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases.
C32. What is the State policy for how long an ABAWD can remain in workfare?

|___| DAYS .................................................. 01
|___| MONTHS .............................................. 02
NO LIMIT ............................................... 00
OTHER (specify) ................................. 99

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D. ANOTHER FOOD STAMP WORK PROGRAM
(IN ADDITION TO THE MAIN WORKFARE PROGRAM)

DO. INTERVIEWER: DID STATE OFFER ANOTHER FOOD STAMP WORK
PROGRAM COMPONENT IN FY 1997 (Does A9c=01)?

YES ....................................................... 01

NO ....................................................... 00  GO TO D4

I’d like to ask you some questions now about the “other food stamp work program” you had
operating FY 1997. (NOTE TO INTERVIEWER: THIS SECTION DOES NOT ADDRESS
THE SECTION 20E OPTIONAL WORKFARE PROGRAM. IF AVAILABLE IN THE
STATE, THE OPTIONAL WORKFARE PROGRAM WILL BE ADDRESSED IN
SECTION E.)

D0a. INTERVIEWER: DID STATE’S FY 1997 FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE
ABAWDs OR ONLY NON-ABAWDs (Does A10=01 or 02)?

YES ....................................................... 01  GO TO D2

NO ....................................................... 00

D1. In FY 1997, in most local offices with this other food stamp work component program
was this component offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both ABAWDs
and non-ABAWDs?

ONLY ABAWDs ................................................. 01

ONLY NON-ABAWDs ........................................ 02

BOTH ......................................................... 03

D2. In FY 1997, was this other food stamp work program offered as a food stamp E&T
component in all food stamp offices in [STATE] or only in some offices?

ALL OFFICES ................................................... 01  GO TO D4

SOME OFFICES ............................................. 02
D3. In FY 1997, was this other food stamp work program offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in the State that had a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES ............................................................... 01

NO ............................................................... 00

D4. INTERVIEWER: DOES STATE CURRENTLY HAVE “ANOTHER FOOD STAMP WORK PROGRAM” (Does A4c=01)?

YES ............................................................... 01

NO ............................................................... 00 GO TO E0

Now I am going to ask you some questions about your current other food stamp work program that differs from your workfare program. First...

D5. What is this other food stamp work component called?

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D6. INTERVIEWER: DOES CURRENT FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE ABAWDs OR ONLY NON-ABAWDs (Does A11=01 or 02)?

YES ............................................................... 01 GO TO D8

NO ............................................................... 00

D7. In most local offices where this other food stamp work program is offered is this component usually offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both?

ONLY ABAWDs .................................................... 01

ONLY NON-ABAWDs ............................................. 02

BOTH .............................................................. 03

D8. Compared to FY 1997, has the number of organizations or agencies providing positions for this other food stamp work program increased?

YES ............................................................... 01

NO ............................................................... 00
D9. Is this other work program offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in [STATE] or only in some food stamp offices?

ALL OFFICES ........................................ 01  GO TO D11
SOME OFFICES ...................................... 02

D10. Is this component currently offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in the State that have a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES .............................................. 01
NO ............................................... 00

D11. INTERVIEWER: DOES THIS OTHER WORK PROGRAM SERVE ONLY NON-ABAWDs (Does D7=02); OR DOES THE STATE’S CURRENT FOOD STAMP E&T PROGRAM ONLY SERVE NON-ABAWDs (Does A11=02)?

YES .............................................. 01  GO TO SECTION E
NO ............................................... 00  

D12. INTERVIEWER: CHECK THE STATE’S INFORMATION SHEET. DOES THE STATE HAVE ANY APPROVED ABAWD WAIVERS?

YES .............................................. 01
NO ............................................... 00  GO TO D17

D13. Is this component currently offered in any areas of [STATE] that are waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES .............................................. 01
NO ............................................... 00  GO TO D16

D14. Is this component offered in all areas that are waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL .................................................. 01
SOME .............................................. 02
D15. Is this component currently offered in any areas of [STATE] that are not waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES ................................................................. 01

NO ................................................................. 02  GO TO D17

D16. Is it offered in all areas that are not waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL ................................................................. 01

SOME ............................................................... 02

D17. Do public organizations, private nonprofit organizations, or private for-profit organizations provide the most positions for this component?

PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS ................................. 01

PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ............... 02

PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ............... 03

D18. Does the State have a policy regarding the a minimum number of hours participants are required to spend in this component?

YES ................................................................. 01  GO TO D20

NO ................................................................. 00

D19. Despite this variation, is there a single policy applicable to the majority of cases?

YES ................................................................. 01

NO ................................................................. 00  GO TO D21

In that case, for the next question, please base your answers on the policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases.
D20. What is the minimum number of hours participants are required to spend in this component?

|__|__| HOURS PER WEEK .................................. 01
|__|__| HOURS PER MONTH .................................. 02
BENEFIT ALLOTMENT/FED MIN WAGE .................. 03
BENEFIT ALLOTMENT/STATE MIN WAGE .................. 04
VARIATES BY CLIENT (specify) ......................... 05

D21. Does [STATE] have a policy about how long a participant can remain in this other work program or does it vary by county or local office?

STATE POLICY ........................................ 01  GO TO D23
VARIATES BY COUNTY OR LOCAL OFFICE ............ 02

D22. Despite this variation, is there a single policy applicable to the majority of cases?

YES ...................................................... 01  GO TO D24
NO ....................................................... 00

In that case, for the next question, please base your answers on the policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases.

D23. What is the State policy for how long a participant can remain in this component?

|__|__| DAYS ............................................... 01
|__|__| MONTHS .............................................. 02
NO LIMIT ............................................... 00
OTHER (specify) ...................................... 99

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E. OPTIONAL WORKFARE PROGRAM (SECTION 20E FUNDS)

E0: INTERVIEWER: DID STATE HAVE A SECTION 20E “OPTIONAL WORKFARE PROGRAM” IN FY 1997 (DOES A9b = 02 or 03)?

YES .............................................. 01
NO ............................................... 00  GO TO E3

I’d like to ask you some questions now about your optional workfare program funded under Section 20E of the Food Stamp Act.

E1. In how many counties did you operate an optional workfare program in FY 1997?

_____ NUMBER OF COUNTIES

E2. In FY 1997, was your optional workfare program offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs?

ONLY ABAWDs .................................................. 01
ONLY NON-ABAWDs ............................................. 02
BOTH .......................................................... 03

E3: INTERVIEWER: DOES STATE CURRENTLY HAVE AN OPTIONAL WORKFARE PROGRAM (DOES A4b=02 or 03)?

YES .......................................................... 01
NO ........................................................... 00  GO TO F0

Now I am going to ask you some questions about your current optional workfare program.

E4. In how many counties do you currently operate the optional workfare program?

_____ NUMBER OF COUNTIES
E5. In local offices where there is an optional workfare program is this component usually offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both?

ONLY ABAWDs ............................................................ 01

ONLY NON-ABAWDs .................................................... 02

BOTH ........................................................................ 03

E6. Compared to FY 1997, has the number of organizations or agencies providing optional workfare positions for the Food Stamp E&T program increased?

YES ................................................................. 01

NO ................................................................. 00

E7. Is the optional workfare program currently offered in all food stamp offices in [STATE] or only in some offices?

ALL OFFICES .................................................... 01  GO TO E9

SOME OFFICES .................................................. 02

E8. Is this component currently offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in the State that have a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES ................................................................. 01

NO ................................................................. 00

E9. Do public organizations or private nonprofit organizations provide the most optional workfare positions?

PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS ..................................... 01

PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ............. 02

ABOUT EQUAL ................................................ 03
E10. INTERVIEWER: IS OPTIONAL WORKFARE FOR ONLY NON-ABAWDs (Does E5=02)?

YES ......................................................... 01  GO TO E23
NO .......................................................... 00

E11. INTERVIEWER: CHECK THE STATE’S INFORMATION SHEET. DOES THE STATE HAVE ANY APPROVED ABAWD WAIVERS?

YES ......................................................... 01
NO .......................................................... 00  GO TO E16

E12. Is the optional workfare program currently offered in any areas of [STATE] that are waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES ......................................................... 01
NO .......................................................... 00  GO TO E15

E13. Is it offered in all areas that are waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL ......................................................... 01
SOME ........................................................ 02

E14. Is the optional workfare program currently offered in any areas of [STATE] that are not waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES ......................................................... 01
NO .......................................................... 02  GO TO E16

E15. Is it offered in all areas that are not waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL ......................................................... 01
SOME ........................................................ 02
E16. In this optional workfare program, is there a workfare slot for every ABAWD who wants one (in those areas of [STATE] where optional workfare is available)?

YES .............................................. 01

NO ............................................. 02

E17. Does [STATE] have a policy about how many hours per week or month ABAWDs are required to spend in optional workfare or does it vary by county or local office?

STATE HAS POLICY ................................ 01   \textbf{GO TO E19}

VARIATES BY COUNTY OR LOCAL OFFICE .............. 02

E18. Despite this variation, is there a single policy applicable to the majority of cases?

YES .............................................. 01

NO ...............................................00 \textbf{GO TO E20}

In that case, for the next question, please base your answers on the policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases.

E19. What is the policy regarding the minimum number of hours required in the optional food stamp workfare program?

|___|___| HOURS PER WEEK ............................ 01

|___|___| HOURS PER MONTH ........................... 02

ALLOTMENT/FED MIN WAGE ........................ 03

ALLOTMENT/STATE MIN WAGE ....................... 04

VARIATES BY CLIENT (specify) ......................... 05

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E20. Does [STATE] have a policy about how long an ABAWD can remain in optional workfare or does it vary by county or local office?

STATE POLICY ........................................ 01  GO TO E22

VARIES BY COUNTY OR LOCAL OFFICE ............... 02

E21. Despite this variation, is there a single policy applicable to the majority of cases?

YES .................................................. 01

NO ................................................... 00  GO TO E23

In that case, for the next question, please base your answers on the policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases.

E22. What is the policy for how long an ABAWD can remain in optional workfare?

__|__| DAYS ........................................... 01

__|__| MONTHS ........................................ 02

NO LIMIT ............................................. 00

OTHER (specify) ..................................... 99

E23. What are the advantages of running an optional workfare program compared to running a workfare program under the regular Food Stamp E&T Program?

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E24. What are the disadvantages if any?

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F. JOB SEARCH TRAINING

Now I am going to ask questions about the job search training component in your Food Stamp E&T Program that was in place in 1997. By “job search training” we specifically mean a component designed to enhance the job readiness of participants by providing instruction in job seeking techniques and increasing motivation and self-confidence. “Job search training” can include job skills assessments, job finding clubs, and other direct training activities to support job search.

F0. INTERVIEWER: DID STATE HAVE JOB SEARCH TRAINING AS A FOOD STAMP E&T COMPONENT IN FY 1997 (Does A9d=01)?

YES ......................................................... 01

NO ......................................................... 00 GO TO F6

F1. INTERVIEWER: DID STATE’S FY 1997 FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE ABAWDs OR ONLY NON-ABAWDs (Does A10=01 or 02)?

YES ......................................................... 01 GO TO F3

NO ......................................................... 00

F2. In FY 1997, in most local offices with food stamp job search training, was this component usually offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs?

ONLY ABAWDs ..................................................... 01

ONLY NON-ABAWDs ................................................ 02

BOTH ............................................................. 03
F3. Did the State recommend or require that any of the following subjects be covered in job search training for food stamp E&T clients?

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(IF YES, PLEASE SPECIFY)

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F4. In FY 1997, was job search training offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in [STATE] or only in some food stamp offices?

ALL OFFICES ........................................... 01  GO TO F6

SOME OFFICES ......................................... 02

F5. In FY 1997, was job search training offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in the State with a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES ...............................................................01

NO ...............................................................00

F6. INTERVIEWER: DOES STATE CURRENTLY HAVE JOB SEARCH TRAINING AS A FOOD STAMP E&T COMPONENT (Does A4d=01)?

YES ...............................................................01  GO TO G0

NO ...............................................................00
Now I have some questions about your current job search training component.

**F7. INTERVIEWER: DOES [STATE’s] CURRENT FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE ABAWDs OR ONLY NON-ABAWDs (Does A11=01 or 02)?**

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**F8. In most local offices with job search training services, is this component usually offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs?**

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**F9. Is job search training offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in [STATE] or only in some offices?**

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**F10. Is job search training offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in the State with a Food Stamp E&T Program?**

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F11. Does the State now recommend or require that any of the following subjects be covered in job search training for food stamp E&T clients?

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<td>6. Are any other subjects recommended or required to be covered?</td>
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(If yes, please specify)? ____________________________

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F12. INTERVIEWER: IS JOB SEARCH TRAINING CURRENTLY ONLY OFFERED TO NON-ABAWDs (Does F8=02)? OR DOES STATE’S CURRENT FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE NON-ABAWDs (Does A11=02)?

YES .................................................. 01 GO TO G0

NO ................................................ 00

F13. INTERVIEWER: CHECK THE STATE’S INFORMATION SHEET. DOES THE STATE HAVE ANY ABAWD WAIVERS?

YES .................................................. 01

NO ................................................ 00 GO TO F18

F14. Is job search training offered as a food stamp E&T component in any areas in [STATE] that are waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES .................................................. 01

NO ................................................ 00 GO TO F17
F15. Is it offered in all areas that are waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL .............................................................. 01
SOME ............................................................. 02

F16. Is job search training currently offered as a food stamp E&T component in any areas in [STATE] that are not waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES ................................................................. 01
NO ................................................................. 00  GO TO F18

F17. Is job search training offered as a food stamp E&T component in all areas that are not waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL .............................................................. 01
SOME ............................................................. 02

F18. INTERVIEWER: DOES [STATE] OFFER WORKFARE (Does A4a=01)?

YES ................................................................. 01
NO ................................................................. 00  GO TO F20

F19. For ABAWDs, is job search training offered or required as part of the food stamp workfare component?

OFFERED .......................................................... 01
REQUIRED .......................................................... 02
NEITHER OFFERED NOR REQUIRED .................................. 03

F20. Is there job search training available for all ABAWDs who want it (in those offices in [STATE] where it is offered)?

YES ................................................................. 01
NO ................................................................. 00
G. VOCATIONAL TRAINING

G0. INTERVIEWER: DID STATE HAVE VOCATIONAL TRAINING AS A FOOD STAMP E&T COMPONENT IN FY 1997 (Does A9e=01)?

YES .................................................. 01
NO .................................................. 00       GO TO G5

Now I am going to ask you questions about the vocational training offered as a food stamp E&T component in your State in FY 1997.

G0a. DID STATE’S FY 1997 FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE ABAWDs OR ONLY NON-ABAWDs (Does A10=01 or 02)?

YES .................................................. 01         GO TO G2
NO .................................................. 00

G1. In FY 1997, in most local offices with vocational training for food stamp clients, was this component usually offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs?

ONLY ABAWDs ............................................. 01
ONLY NON-ABAWDs  ...................................... 02
BOTH ....................................................... 03

G2. In FY 1997, was vocational training offered as a food stamp E&T component in all food stamp offices in [STATE] or only in some offices?

ALL OFFICES ............................................. 01   GO TO G4
SOME OFFICES .......................................... 02

G3. In FY 1997, was vocational training offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in the State that had a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES ...................................................... 01
NO ...................................................... 00
G4. What types of vocational training were provided?

a. Was classroom training provided?  
   YES 01  NO 00

b. Was on-the-job training provided? 01 00

c. Were any other types of training provided? (IF YES, please specify)
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

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G5. INTERVIEWER: DOES STATE CURRENTLY OFFER VOCATIONAL TRAINING AS A FOOD STAMP E&T COMPONENT (Does A4e=01)?

YES ................................................................. 01

NO .............................................................. 00  GO TO H0

Now I want to ask you about your current vocational training component.

G6. INTERVIEWER: DOES CURRENT FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE ABAWDs OR ONLY NON-ABAWDs (Does A11=01 or 02)?

YES ................................................................. 01  GO TO G8

NO .............................................................. 00

G7. In most local offices with vocational training for food stamp clients is this component usually offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs?

ONLY ABAWDs ......................................................... 01

ONLY NON-ABAWDs .................................................. 02

BOTH ................................................................. 03
G8. Is vocational training offered as a food stamp E&T component in all food stamp offices in [STATE] or only some offices?

ALL OFFICES ....................................... 01  GO TO G10

SOME OFFICES ....................................... 02

G9. Is vocational training offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in the State with a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES .................................................. 01

NO ................................................. 00

G10. In what format is the vocational training component provided?  

YES  NO

a. Is classroom training provided? 01 00

b. Is on-the-job training provided? 01 00

c. Is the training provided in any other format? 01 00

(IF YES, Please specify)____________________________________________________

G11. INTERVIEWER: IS VOCATIONAL TRAINING CURRENTLY ONLY OFFERED TO NON-ABAWDs (Does G7=02)? OR DOES THE STATE FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE NON-ABAWDs (DoesA11=02)?

YES .................................................. 01  GO TO H0

NO ................................................. 00

G12. INTERVIEWER: CHECK THE STATE’S INFORMATION SHEET. DOES THE STATE HAVE ANY WAIVERS?

YES .................................................. 01

NO ................................................. 00  GO TO G17
G13. Is vocational training offered as a food stamp E&T component in any areas in [STATE] that are waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES .................................................. 01

NO .................................................... 00  GO TO G16

G14. Is it offered in all areas that are waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL .................................................. 01

SOME ............................................... 02

G15. Is vocational training currently offered as a food stamp E&T component in any areas in [STATE] that are not waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES .................................................. 01

NO .................................................... 00  GO TO G17

G16. Is vocational training offered as a food stamp E&T component in all areas that are not waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL .................................................. 01

SOME ............................................... 02

G17. Is there a statewide policy limiting how long an ABAWD can spend in vocational training or does it vary by county or local office?

STATEWIDE POLICY ................................ 01  GO TO G19

VARIATES BY COUNTY OR LOCAL OFFICE ......... 02

G18. Despite this variation, is there a single policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases?

YES .................................................. 01

NO .................................................... 00  GO TO G20

DON’T KNOW ....................................... -1  GO TO G20

In that case, for the next question, please base your answers on the policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases.
G19. What is the maximum amount of time an ABAWD can spend in vocational training as a food stamp E&T component?

|___|___ DAYS ............................................................... 01
|___|___ MONTHS ............................................................ 02
|___|___ YEARS ............................................................. 03
NO LIMIT ................................................................. 00
OTHER ................................................................. 99

(IF OTHER, Please specify)__________________________________

G20. Are there slots in vocational training for all ABAWDs who want them (in those offices in [STATE] where it is available)?

YES ................................................................. 01
NO ................................................................. 00

G21. Are ABAWDs participating in vocational training also required to be in a workfare placement?

YES ................................................................. 01
NO ................................................................. 00
H. EDUCATION

H0. INTERVIEWER: DID STATE HAVE EDUCATION AS A FOOD STAMP E&T COMPONENT IN FY 1997 (Does A9f=01)?

YES .................................................. 01
NO .................................................. 00       GO TO H5

Now I would like to ask you some questions about the education services offered as a Food Stamp E&T component.

H0a. INTERVIEWER: DID STATE’S FY1997 FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE ABAWDs OR ONLY NON-ABAWDs (Does A10=01 or 02)?

YES .................................................. 01         GO TO H2
NO .................................................. 00

H1. In FY 1997, in most local offices with an E&T education component for food stamp clients, was this component usually offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs?

ONLY ABAWDs .....................................................01
ONLY NON-ABAWDs ................................................02
BOTH ....................................................................03

H2. In FY 1997, were educational services offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in [STATE] or only in some offices?

ALL OFFICES .......................................... 01       GO TO H4
SOME OFFICES ............................................ 02

H3. In FY 1997, were educational services offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in the State that had a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES .....................................................................01
NO .....................................................................00
H4. Which of the following types of education services were offered in your State as a food stamp E&T component in FY 1997?

- Classes to help clients obtain a high-school or GED diploma? [YES: 01, NO: 00]
- Basic skills training? [YES: 01, NO: 00]
- English as a Second Language? [YES: 01, NO: 00]
- Were any other types of educational services offered? [YES: 01, NO: 00]

(IF YES, Please specify)______________________________________________

H5. INTERVIEWER: DOES STATE CURRENTLY HAVE EDUCATION AS A COMPONENT IN ITS FSET PROGRAM (DOES A4f=1)?

- YES [01]  01
- NO [00]  00  GO TO I0

Now I’m going to ask you about the current education activities in your Food Stamp E&T Program.

H6. INTERVIEWER: DOES CURRENT FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE ABAWDs OR ONLY NON-ABAWDs (DOES A11=01 or 02)?

- YES [01]  01  GO TO H8
- NO [00]  00

H7. In most local offices with an E&T education component for food stamp clients, is this component usually offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs?

- ONLY ABAWDs [01]
- ONLY NON-ABAWDs [02]
- BOTH [03]
H8. Are education services offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in [STATE] or only in some food stamp offices?

ALL OFFICES .................................................. 0 1  GO TO H10

SOME OFFICES ................................................ 0 2

H9. Are education services offered as a food stamp E&T component provided in all offices in the State with a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES .............................................................. 0 1

NO ............................................................. 0 0

H10. What types of education services are provided?

   a. Classes to help clients obtain a high-school or GED diploma?  01 00
   b. Basic skills training? 01 00
   c. English as a Second Language? 01 00
   d. Does [STATE] provide any other education program? 01 00
      (If yes, please specify)_______________________________________________
      __________________________________________________________

H11. INTERVIEWER: ARE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ONLY OFFERED AS A FOOD STAMP E&T COMPONENT TO NON-ABAWDs (DOES H7=02)? OR DOES STATE’S CURRENT FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE NON-ABAWDs (A11=02)?

YES .............................................................. 0 1  GO TO I0

NO ............................................................ 0 0
H12. INTERVIEWER: CHECK THE STATE’S INFORMATION SHEET. DOES THE STATE HAVE ANY ABAWD WAIVERS?

YES ......................................................... 01

NO ......................................................... 00   GO TO H17

H13. Are education services offered as a food stamp E&T component in any areas of [STATE] that are waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES ......................................................... 01

NO ......................................................... 00   GO TO H16

H14. Are they offered as a food stamp E&T component in all areas that are waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL ......................................................... 01

SOME ...................................................... 02

H15. Are education services currently offered as a food stamp E&T component in any areas of [STATE] that are not waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES ......................................................... 01

NO ......................................................... 00   GO TO H17

H16. Are education services offered as a food stamp E&T component in all areas that are not waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL ......................................................... 01

SOME ...................................................... 02

H17. Is there a statewide policy on how long an ABAWD can spend in an education program as a food stamp E&T component or does it vary by county or local office?

STATEWIDE POLICY ........................................ 01   GO TO H19

VARIES BY COUNTY OR LOCAL OFFICE ................. 02
H18. Despite this variation, is there a single policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases?

YES ......................................................... 01

NO ......................................................... 00  GO TO H20

DON’T KNOW ........................................... -1  GO TO H20

In that case, for the next question please base your answer on the policy applicable to the majority of ABAWD cases.

H19. What is the State policy on how long an ABAWD can spend in education as a food stamp E&T component?

|___| ___| DAYS .......................................................... 01

|___| ___| MONTHS .................................................... 02

|___| ___| YEARS .................................................... 03

NO LIMIT ..................................................... 00

OTHER ........................................................ 99
(Please specify)

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H20. Are there slots in the education programs for all ABAWDs who want them (in those offices where this component is available)?

YES ............................................................ 01

NO ............................................................. 00

H21. Are ABAWDs participating in an education component also required to be in a workfare placement?

YES ............................................................. 01

NO ............................................................. 00
I. SELF-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

I0. INTERVIEWER: DID STATE OFFER SELF-EMPLOYMENT AS A FOOD STAMP E&T COMPONENT IN FY 1997 (DOES A9g=01)?

YES ................................................................. 01

NO ................................................................. 00 GO TO I4

The next set of questions is about self-employment services.

I0a. INTERVIEWER: DID STATE’S FY 1997 FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE ABAWDs OR ONLY SERVE NON-ABAWDs (Does A10=01 OR 02)?

YES ................................................................. 01 GO TO I2

NO ................................................................. 00

I1. In FY 1997, in most local offices with a self-employment component in Food Stamp E&T, was this component usually offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs?

ONLY ABAWDs ..................................................... 01

ONLY NON-ABAWDs ........................................... 02

BOTH ................................................................. 03

I2. In FY 1997, was self-employment offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in [STATE] or only in some food stamp offices?

ALL OFFICES ....................................................... 01 GO TO I4

SOME OFFICES .................................................... 02

I3. In FY 1997, was self-employment offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in the State that had a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES ................................................................. 01

NO ................................................................. 00

I4. INTERVIEWER: DOES STATE CURRENTLY OFFER SELF-EMPLOYMENT
ASA FOOD STAMP E&T COMPONENT (DOES A4g=01)?

YES .............................................................. 01

NO .............................................................. 00  
GO TO J1

Now I’m going to ask you about your Food Stamp E&T Program current self-employment component.

I5. INTERVIEWER: DOES CURRENT FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE ABAWDs OR ONLY NON-ABAWDs (DOES A11=01 or 02)?

YES .............................................................. 01  
GO TO I7

NO .............................................................. 00

I6. In most local offices with a self-employment component in Food Stamp E&T, is the self-employment component usually offered to only ABAWDs, only non-ABAWDs, or both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs?

ONLY ABAWDs .......................................................... 01

ONLY NON-ABAWDs .................................................. 02

BOTH ................................................................. 03

I7. Are self-employment services offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in [STATE] or only in some food stamp offices?

ALL OFFICES .................................................... 01  
GO TO I9

SOME OFFICES .................................................... 02

I8. Are self-employment services offered as a food stamp E&T component in all offices in the State with a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES ................................................................. 01

NO ................................................................. 00
I9. Please describe the self-employment component of your Food Stamp E&T Program.

PROBE: What does it consist of?

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I10. INTERVIEWER: IS SELF-EMPLOYMENT ONLY OFFERED TO NON-ABAWDs (Does I6=02) OR DOES STATE FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE NON-ABAWDs (Does A11=02)?

YES .................................................. 01         GO TO J1

NO .................................................. 00

I11. INTERVIEWER: CHECK THE STATE’S INFORMATION SHEET. DOES THE STATE HAVE ANY WAIVERS?

YES ........................................ 01

NO ......................................... 00                         GO TO I16

I12. Are self-employment services offered as a food stamp E&T component in any areas of [STATE] that are waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES ................................................0 1

NO .................................................0 0                      GO TO I15

I13 Are they offered as a food stamp E&T component in all areas that are waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL ...............................................0 1

SOME ................................................0 2

I14. Are self-employment services currently offered as a food stamp E&T component in any areas of [STATE] that are not waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES ................................................ 01

NO .................................................0 0                      GO TO I16
I15. Is a self-employment program offered as a food stamp E&T component in all areas that are not waived from ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL .................................................. 01

SOME ............................................... 02

I16. Does participation in the self-employment program count toward satisfying the ABAWD work requirement?

YES .......................................................... 01

NO ........................................................... 00
J. OTHER SERVICES/PROGRAMS

J1. INTERVIEWER: DOES STATE CURRENTLY PROVIDE A COMPONENT OTHER THAN THE ONES DISCUSSED SO FAR (Does A9h=01)?

YES ............................................. 01

NO ............................................. 00  GO TO K1

J2. Please describe each of those components.

A._______________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________

B._______________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________
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C._______________________________________________________
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### Questions J3 to J13: Pertaining to Other Component(s) Included in State Food Stamp E&T Program

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<td>J8. Now I’m going to ask some questions about how this component currently operates. DOES CURRENT FSET PROGRAM SERVE ONLY ABAWDs OR ONLY NON-ABAWDs (Does A11=01 or 02)? IF YES, GO TO J10</td>
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### K. E&T SUPPORT SERVICES

Now I’m going to ask you some questions about supportive services for Food Stamp E&T participants. First, thinking back to FY 1997, which of the following services were available to Food Stamp E&T participants in any offices of the State with a Food Stamp E&T Program.

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K2. For each of the following types of support services that I will list, is the service currently available to Food Stamp E&T participants in any offices with a Food Stamp E&T Program. **(INTERVIEWER: FOR FL, NC, CO and ARK, READ THE FOLLOWING PHRASE: Not including supportive services that you may fund with the Optional Section 20E Workfare Program where this exists in your State.)**

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**K3. INTERVIEWER: DID STATE RESPOND POSITIVELY TO ANY OF K2 (does K2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f or 2g =01)?**

YES ............................................ 01

NO ............................................ 00  
**GO TO K12**
K4. For each of the following work-related support services that are available to food stamp E&T participants in your State, do you allow local offices to provide the service only to ABAWDs, only to non-ABAWDs, or to both ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs?

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(If yes, specify) ____________________________________________________________

K5. Are the work-related support services you told us about currently available in all food stamp offices in [STATE] or only some offices?

ALL OFFICES ........................................ 01  GO TO K12

SOME OFFICES ...................................... 02
K6. Are the work-related support services that you told us about currently available in all offices with a Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES ............................................................... 01

NO ............................................................... 00

K7. INTERVIEWER: CHECK THE STATE’S INFORMATION SHEET. DOES THE STATE HAVE ANY APPROVED ABAWD WAIVERS?

YES ............................................................... 01

NO ............................................................... 00  GO TO K12

K8. Are the work-related support services available in the State currently offered to E&T participants in any areas of [STATE] that are waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES ............................................................... 01

NO ............................................................... 00  GO TO K11

K9. Are they offered to E&T participants in all areas that are waived from the ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL ............................................................... 01

SOME ............................................................. 02

K10. Are the work-related support services that are available in your State offered to E&T participants in any areas of [STATE] that are not waived from the ABAWD provisions?

YES ............................................................... 01

NO ............................................................... 00  GO TO K12

K11. Are they offered to E&T participants in all areas that are not waived from the ABAWD provisions or just in some areas?

ALL ............................................................... 01

SOME ............................................................. 02
K12. INTERVIEWER: DOES STATE HAVE OPTIONAL FOOD STAMP WORKFARE PROGRAM/SECTION 20E PROGRAM (Does A9b =02 or 03)? (SHOULD BE ONLY NC, AR, FL AND CO)

YES ............................................. 01

NO .............................................. 00  GO TO K15

K13. Does your State provide the same support services for supportive services in your Section 20E optional food stamp workfare program as in your regular Food Stamp E&T Program?

YES .................................................. 01  GO TO K15

NO .................................................. 00

K14. For each of the following types of support services that I will list, is the service offered and funded under the Optional Workfare Section 20E Program?

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K15. Does [STATE] pay more than $25 per month per Food Stamp E&T participant for the
reimbursement of work-related expenses, other than dependent care?

YES ......................................................... 01

NO ....................................................... 00  GO TO K19

K16. What is the maximum amount of this reimbursement for transportation?

$____ ____

K17. What is the maximum amount of this reimbursement for other expenses?

$____ ____

K18. From what sources are these additional amounts funded?

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K19. Are there any local offices that you are aware of that provide one-time emergency cash assistance to ABAWDs to help them maintain or secure employment?

YES ......................................................... 01

NO ....................................................... 00  GO TO L1

K20. [Up to] what dollar amount of emergency assistance is provided?

$____ ____
L. SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO ABAWDs IN ADDITION TO ROUTINE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

L0. INTERVIEWER: DOES CURRENT FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE NON-ABAWDs (DOES A11=02)?

YES .................................................. 01 GO TO M1
NO ................................................... 00

Now I would like to find out if you have any special services for ABAWDs related to employment and training.

L1. First, are you providing any special Food Stamp E&T provisions or services for ABAWDs, such as intensive case management?

YES .................................................. 01
NO ................................................... 00 GO TO L3

L2. Please describe these provisions and/or services.

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L3. Are any of your local food stamp offices providing special E&T related services, not already mentioned, for special subgroups of ABAWDs--such as ABAWDs in rural areas, homeless ABAWDs, ABAWDs who are victims of domestic violence or are substance abusers, or ABAWDS whose primary language is not English?

YES .................................................. 01
NO ................................................... 00 GO TO M1
L4. For which subgroup or subgroups of ABAWDs?
   A. 
   B. 
   C. 

L5. Please describe the special E&T related services you provide for each of these subgroups.
   
   SUBGROUP A.
   
   SUBGROUP B.
   
   SUBGROUP C.
   

L6. Were these provisions and/or services provided to ABAWDs in FY 1997?
   YES ............................................................... 01
   NO ............................................................... 00

L7. Are these provisions and/or services currently offered in all offices providing Food Stamp E&T to ABAWDs or only in some of these offices?
   ALL ................................................................. 01
   SOME .............................................................. 02
L8. How are these provisions/services funded: with 100 percent Federal E&T grant, with Federal/State food stamp administrative matching funds, or with other funds?

**CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY**

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M. **FEDERAL E&T GRANT FUNDING**

M1. Now I’d like to ask you some questions about [STATE’s] choices regarding federal food stamp E&T funding. Did your State decide to draw down only the 20% of the Federal Food Stamp E&T grant that can be spent on non-ABAWD qualifying activities?

YES, STATE WILL DRAW DOWN ONLY THE 20% ............ 01

NO, STATE WILL DRAW DOWN MORE .................... 00 GO TO M3

M2. Why did [STATE] decide to draw down only this 20% portion of the Federal E&T grant allotment?

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GO TO M5

M3. Does your State plan to use all of its allocated funds for FY 1999 from the 100 percent Federal E&T grant?

YES ..................................................... 01 GO TO M5

NO ...................................................... 00

DON’T KNOW YET ................................. -1 GO TO M5
M4. Can you tell us the specific reasons that prevent you from utilizing all of your available Federal 100 percent grant funds?  

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

NOT ENOUGH ABAWDs TO SPEND ALL THE MONEY ............................ 01

OVERALL DECLINE IN FOOD STAMP CASELOAD HAS BEEN GREATER THAN ANTICIPATED ......................................................... 02

TOO FEW ABAWDs ARE FILLING AVAILABLE SLOTS .......................... 03

DO NOT HAVE A FOOD STAMP E&T PROGRAM IN MANY LOCALES ................................................................. 04

LOCAL E&T PROGRAMS NOT PROVIDING ENOUGH SLOTS/SERVICES ................................................................. 05

THE COST PER SLOT IS LESS THAN THE FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT RATE ................................................................. 06

STATE IS NOT GOING TO MEET ITS MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT ................................................................. 07

OTHER ................................................................. 99

(IF OTHER, PLEASE SPECIFY)

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M5. In FY 2000, does [STATE] plan to draw down all of its 100% Federal E&T grant allotted funds?

YES ................................................................. 01

NO ................................................................. 00  GO TO M8

DON’T KNOW ......................................................... -1  GO TO M8
M6. DOES STATE PLAN NOT TO USE ALL OF ITS 100% FUNDS IN FY 1999, BUT DOES PLAN TO USE ALL OF THESE FUNDS IN FY 2000 (M3=00 and M5=01)?

YES .................................................... 01

NO ................................................... 00  GO TO M8

M7. For what reasons does the State expect it will draw down all of its 100% Federal E&T grant funds in FY 2000 but not in FY 1999?

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M8. CHECK BACKGROUND INFO: IS STATE APPROVED IN FY 1999 FOR THE ALTERNATIVE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN?

YES .................................................... 01

NO ................................................... 00  GO TO N1

M9. For what reason(s) did the State choose the alternative reimbursement plan?

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M10. Are there any cases where local offices could not find enough or appropriate Food Stamp E&T slots to offer ABAWDs?

YES .................................................... 01

NO ................................................... 00  GO TO M13
M11. Why were there not enough slots available for the ABAWDs?
(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

INSUFFICIENT SLOTS IN RURAL AREAS ................................. 01
ALL AVAILABLE SLOTS WERE FILLED .................................. 02
AVAILABLE SLOTS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR ABAWDs .......... 03
WORKFARE SPONSORS WOULD NOT TAKE ABAWDs .......... 04
OTHER ........................................................................ 99

(IF OTHER, PLEASE SPECIFY) ____________________________________________
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M12. How does the State comply with the alternative reimbursement policy when slots are unavailable?

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M13. What have been the benefits of using the alternative reimbursement plan?
(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

COST SAVINGS ................................................................. 01

ADMINISTRATIVE SIMPLIFICATION ..................................... 02

EXPANDED AMOUNT OF SERVICES AVAILABLE
TO ABAWDs ................................................................. 03

EXPANDED TYPES OF SERVICES AVAILABLE
TO ABAWDs ................................................................. 04

INCREASED STATE’S ABILITY TO OFFER MORE
SERVICES TO NON-ABAWDs ........................................ 05

OTHER ................................................................. 99

(Please specify) ____________________________________________
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M14. Have there been any disadvantages to using the alternative reimbursement rate?

YES ................................................................. 01

NO ................................................................. 00  GO TO N1

M15. Please tell us about these disadvantages.

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N. CHALLENGES IN PROVIDING E&T SERVICES TO ABAWDs

N0. INTERVIEWER: DOES CURRENT FSET PROGRAM ONLY SERVE NON-ABAWDs (DOES A11=02)?

YES .................................................. 01  GO TO O1

NO .................................................. 00

N1. Please describe any specific challenges your agency has faced in providing E&T services to ABAWDs.

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N2. How has the State attempted to overcome these challenges?

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**O. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING FOOD STAMP E&T PROGRAM**

**O1.** What specific changes would you like to see made in the Food Stamp E&T Program to better enable your State to assist food stamp clients?

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INTERVIEWER: GO TO SECTION P IF NO CHANGES SUGGESTED

**O2.** What would these changes enable you to do that your State cannot do now?

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P. PROGRAM EVALUATIONS/OUTCOMES DATA

P1. Has [STATE] conducted or planning to conduct any studies of the Food Stamp E&T Program for ABAWDs?

YES, NOW CONDUCTING SPECIAL STUDY ............... 01

YES, COMPLETED SPECIAL STUDY ....................... 02

YES, STUDY IS PLANNED ................................. 03

NO STUDY CONDUCTED OR PLANNED ..................... 04 GO TO END

P2. Please briefly describe the goals of this study.

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INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONSE TO P1= 01, 03 or 04 GO TO P4

P3. Please briefly describe the major findings of this study.

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P4. Who should we contact to obtain a copy of the study for this report when it is available?

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END. Thank you for your thoughtful responses to my questions. I appreciate your taking time from your busy schedule to participate in this interview.

TIME INTERVIEW COMPLETED:

|___|___|:|___|___| AM...01
PM....02
Mail-out Data Collection Form
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1. If your State is not organized into counties, please report on the geographic equivalent of counties for your State.

2. Include those counties where the Food Stamp Employment and Training (E&T) program serves only part of the county.

3. ABAWDs are persons age 18 to 50 who are mentally and physically fit for employment and who do not have dependents. They may or may not be subject to the three month time limit.

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III. Monthly Participation\(^{11}\) in Food Stamp Employment and Training By Component\(^{12}\) (continued)

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**Definitions for Table III, “Monthly Participation in Food Stamp Employment and Training By Component”**

**Job Search** — A component that requires participants to make a pre-determined number of inquiries to prospective employers over a specified period of time. The component may be designed so that the participant conducts his/her job search independently or within a group setting.

**Job Search Training** — A component designed to enhance the job readiness of participants by providing instruction in job seeking techniques and increasing motivation and self-confidence. The component may consist of job skills assessments, job finding clubs, job placement services or other direct training activities to support job search. The job search training component may combine job search activities with other training and support activities.

**Workfare** — A work component in which food stamp recipients perform work in a public service capacity as a condition of eligibility. In lieu of wages, workfare participants receive compensation in the form of their household’s monthly coupon allotment. **NOTE:** States operating an optional workfare program under Section 20(E) of the Food Stamp Act should include participants in that program in this column.

**Work Experience** — A work component designed to improve the employability of participants through actual work experience. Participants learn trade/business skills from individual(s) already trained and skilled in the field. Placements can be in public and/or private sector entities.

**Education** — A component that provides educational programs or activities to improve basic skills or otherwise improve employability. Such programs include Adult Basic Education (ABE), basic literacy, English as a Second Language (ESL), high school equivalency (GED), and post-secondary education.

**Vocational Training** — A component that improves the employability of participants by providing training in a skill or trade allowing the participant to move directly into employment.

**Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA)** — Job-training services developed, managed, and administered by State and local governments and the business community under the Job Training Partnership Act. Activities include basic skills training (e.g., GED, literacy), occupational skills training, on-the-job training, work experience, job search assistance, and basic readjustment services.

**Self-Employment Training** — A component that improves the employability of participants by providing training in setting up and operating a small business or other self-employment venture.

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