

Appendix K2. FNS Response to Public Comment 1

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Dear Jeanne Blankenship and Liz Campbell:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition (FNS) thanks the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for submitting a comment regarding the information collection titled "Rapid Cycle Evaluation of Operational Improvements in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training Programs (SNAP E&T RCE)."

FNS shares the Academy's commitment to promoting food and nutrition security. The agency agrees that supporting SNAP participants in finding and maintaining employment can help in working towards this commitment. Assessing effects on food and nutrition security are outside of SNAP E&T RCE's scope, however, given the study's focus on relatively proximal outcomes, including take-up and engagement in SNAP E&T programs.

Assessing the effectiveness of specific types of services and activities, including culinary training and other types of sectoral training programs, is also beyond the scope of SNAP E&T RCE. These types of training programs may already be integrated into offerings of the sites participating in this study.

Regarding the timing of data collection, timing is contingent on receipt of clearance of this information collection request from the Office of Management and Budget. Therefore, data collection will occur in the context of economic conditions at that time, which may differ from the current state of recovery seen in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic recession.

Sincerely,

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