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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND AGENDA
December 15, 2016

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM'S
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (SNAPET) STATE PLAN,
TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) STATE PLAN AND
ASSOCIATED POLICY AMENDMENTS**

The Nevada Division of Welfare & Supportive Services (DWSS) plans to hold a public hearing in Carson City and Las Vegas on December 15, 2016 via video-conference to obtain comment and input from interested persons on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAPET) Program AND Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program. DWSS will have personnel at the hearing to discuss the proposed State Plan amendments and policy modification and respond to questions on the same.

Date: December 15, 2016

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: DWSS
Central Office
1470 College Parkway
Room 149
Carson City, Nevada

DWSS
Prof. Dev. Center
701 N. Rancho Drive
Training Room 5
Las Vegas, Nevada

AGENDA

***I. SNAPET STATE PLAN**

The Division of Welfare & Supportive Services proposes to amend the SNAPET State Plan to support the addition of a voluntary "Educational Component", which will increase opportunities for SNAP participants to receive employment related education and training through state partnerships with community based organizations.

***II. TANF STATE PLAN**

The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) proposes to amend the TANF State Plan and the Eligibility and Payments manual to provide a TANF Employment Retention Payment and employment related support services for up to six months and phase out the Job Retention Bonus.

***III. ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENT MANUAL**

The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services is proposing to modify policy in the Eligibility and Payments Manual consistent with the SNAPET and TANF State Plan proposals above and to allow for the issuance of support services to volunteer participants in a SNAP Educational Component.

III. General Public Comments

* Indicates items on which action may be taken at the Public Hearing.

A copy of each State Plan Amendment and related documentation are or will be available at DWSS.nv.gov. If you are unable to access these documents Please contact Kim Schlesener at 775 684-0504 or by e-mail at kschlesener@dwss.nv.gov.

Note: Testimony and written materials submitted during the Public Hearing will be considered. Persons wishing to comment on the SNAPET State Plan amendment and/or policy modifications may appear at the scheduled public hearing or address their comments in writing to:

**Administrator
Nevada State Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
1470 College Parkway
Carson City, NV 89706**

Written submissions should be received by December 7, 2016 to be given adequate time for copying and consideration at the Public Hearing. Persons wishing to comment may also appear at the Public Hearing on December 15, 2016.

A copy of the proposed state plans and policy changes will be posted to the Division’s web site and be available at the following locations for inspection and copying approximately one week before the hearing:

DWSS Central Office	1470 College Parkway	Carson City	89706
Las Vegas Belrose DWSS Office	700 Belrose St.	Las Vegas	89158
Reno DWSS Office	4055 S. Virginia	Reno	89502
Elko DWSS Office	1020 Ruby Vista Dr. #101	Elko	89801

MAILING DATE: October 27, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING POSTING LOCATIONS:

Health Division	4150 Technology Way	Carson City
DWSS PDC	701 N. Rancho Drive	Las Vegas
DWSS Central Office	1470 College Parkway	Carson City
Elko DWSS Office	1020 Ruby Vista Drive, #101	Elko
Reno DWSS Office	4055 S. Virginia St.	Reno
Las Vegas Flamingo DWSS Office	3330 E. Flamingo, Suite 55	Las Vegas
Las Vegas Belrose DWSS Office	700 Belrose St.	Las Vegas

In addition, this notice is posted on the Division's web site at <http://dwss.nv.gov/>.

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****

Mailing a copy of the DWSS public hearing agenda to any person who has requested one will not be continued unless a request for reinstatement on the mailing list is made every six months. NRS 241.020.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify Kim Schlesener at the Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, 1470 College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada, 89706 or by calling (775) 684-0504 no later than five (5) working days before the public hearing.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Employment and Training (SNAPET)
FFY2017 State Plan
and
Eligibility and Payments Manual**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION
*December 15, 2016***

NEED AND PURPOSE OF PROPOSED UPDATES:

The Division of Welfare & Supportive Services proposes to amend the SNAPET State Plan to support community based organization partnerships and add a voluntary SNAP Employment and Training Education Component, providing SNAP work-registrants the opportunity to participate in one or more of the following:

1. Basic literacy education
2. English language learner education
3. Adult basic education
4. Vocational certificate training
5. Job retention training

The intent of the amendment is to expand the number of SNAP participants served in the Employment and Training program and provide them with the education and vocational skills needed to obtain living wage employment in demand occupations in their geographical region. The Division plans to partner with community based organizations already active in providing education and training to low income individuals and utilize the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) 3rd-party reimbursement option to support the programs.

The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services is proposing to modify policy in the Eligibility and Payments Manual consistent with the State Plan proposal and to allow for the issuance of support services to volunteer participants in an Educational Component.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption of the State Plan change and subsequent required contracts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The Division will facilitate FNS federal reimbursement of up to 50% of qualified expenses the COB incurs providing education/training to SNAP work-registrants. The Division will retain up to 5% of the reimbursement to cover administration costs.

IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

There is no financial impact upon local government.

PROPOSED UPDATE TO THE TANF STATE PLAN AND ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENTS MANUAL:

A draft of the SNAP State Plan and Eligibility and Payments Manual text changes will be made available on the Division's web site approximately one week before the hearing.

PROPOSED REGULATIONS
TANF NEON Program
TANF State Plan
and
Eligibility and Payments Manual

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION
December 15, 2016

NEED AND PURPOSE OF PROPOSED UPDATES:

The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) proposes to amend the TANF State Plan and the Eligibility and Payments manual to provide a TANF Employment Retention Payment for up to six months and phase out the Job Retention Bonus. The intent is to better support newly employed TANF recipients by providing assistance with employment related costs and access to continued support services for up to six months.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2017

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Annually, an additional \$450,000- \$500,000 will be expended in TANF benefits and \$525,000-\$630,000 in support services to assist 1500-1800 individuals.

IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

There is no financial impact upon local government.

PROPOSED UPDATE TO THE TANF STATE PLAN AND ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENTS MANUAL:

Action: The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services is proposing the following changes to the TANF State Plan and Eligibility and Payments Manual:

1. Establishment of a new TANF benefit, Employment Retention Payment (ERP), for ongoing TANF NEON households who have obtained employment and are due to terminate due to excess income or loss of employment disregards. This benefit along with support services, such as transportation, child care and employment needs, would be available for up to six (6) months.
2. The Job Retention Bonus will be phased out and removed from policy.

A draft of the TANF State Plan and Eligibility and Payments Manual text changes will be made available on the Division's web site approximately one week before the hearing.