



State of Connecticut  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Commission on Children

Workshop for Cities and Regions:  
**An Opportunity for  
Federal Employment & Training Funds**

1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2009  
Room 1-E, Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

Held by the Commission on Children in association with the Connecticut  
Conference of Municipalities

**AGENDA**

- I. Welcome  
Dr. Alex Geertsma, Chair, Commission on Children
- II. Review of Minutes, June 9 Commission on Children meeting
- III. Public Interest in SNAP E&T  
Elaine Zimmerman, Executive Director, Commission on Children
- IV. SNAP E&T and Connecticut Model Legislation: How Towns Can Benefit  
Senator Jonathan Harris
- V. A Sampler of Participating Cities and Towns  
State representatives and town officials from:  

<u>Medium-size Cities</u>	<u>Large Cities</u>	<u>Regional</u>
• East Hartford	• Bridgeport	• Ansonia/Derby/Oxford/Seymour/Shelton/ Beacon Falls/Milford
• New Britain	• Hartford	• Bristol/Farmington/Plainville/Plymouth
• Waterbury	• New Haven	
- VI. How to Apply (Deadline: 9/30/09!)  
Department of Social Services\* and Ed Schmidt, Consultant on SNAP-ET
- VII. Discussion

**Connecticut communities can turn to a new source of funding to help families become self-sufficient:** the federal SNAP E&T program, improved by state legislation PA-08-161. The state receives a 50-cents-on-the-dollar federal reimbursement for spending on services that help eligible adults become employable and/or increase their wages. Services that qualify include: helping food stamp recipients secure high-school equivalency diplomas, English-as-a-second-language classes, career planning, community college classes, and child care and transportation during class time.