



**Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor**  
Kari Armijo, Acting Secretary  
Alex Castillo Smith, Deputy Secretary  
Kathy Slater Huff, Acting Deputy Secretary  
Lorelei Kellogg, Acting Medicaid Director

August 15, 2023

**RE: Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment & Training (E&T)**

Dear Honorable Tribal Leader:

In accordance with the New Mexico Human Services Department's (NMHSD) State-Tribal Consultation, Collaboration and Communication Policy requirements, this letter is to inform you that the NMHSD through the Income Support Division (ISD), intends to submit the annual SNAP (E&T) State Plan.

The SNAP E&T program assists SNAP participants gain the skills and training needed to obtain and maintain gainful employment. The SNAP E&T program promotes financial independence. NMHSD is expanding the program by partnering with three providers, two of them being community colleges, to expand the opportunities provided to participants to include:

1. Job Search Training Program

2. Work Experience

- Work Activity
- Work Based Learning – Apprenticeships,
- Work Based Learning – Pre-Apprenticeships
- Work Based Learning – Internships
- Work Based Learning – On the Job Training

3. Educational Programs

- English Language Acquisition
- High School Equivalent Education Programs
- Career and Technical Education

The program will remain a voluntary program and SNAP participants will not be subject to any disqualification for failure to participate.

**Tribal Impact**

HSD does not foresee a negative impact on New Mexico Pueblos, Tribes and Nations.



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### **Important Dates**

You may send your comments/questions by September 15, 2023 to our Native American Liaison, Shelly Begay at (505) 470-2731 or by email at [Shelly.Begay@hsd.nm.gov](mailto:Shelly.Begay@hsd.nm.gov).

Comments may also be sent electronically to [HSD-isdrules@state.nm.us](mailto:HSD-isdrules@state.nm.us) or they may be mailed to:

Human Service Department  
ISD Central Office  
Attn: Anabel Mendoza, SNAP E&T Manager  
P.O. Box 2348  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348

Your comments/questions on the proposed FFY 2024 E&T State Plan will be reviewed and recorded. NMHSD will update the E&T State Plan as necessary based on comments and responses received in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). All comments and responses will be compiled and provided to ISD and made available after September 15, 2023, upon request.

To access the proposed FFY 2024 E&T State Plan, please open the link below

[Proposed FFY 2024 E&T State Plan](#)

**Tribal Leadership may provide comments in writing to HSD no later than September 15, 2023**, by contacting Shelly Begay via email at [Shelly.Begay@hsd.nm.gov](mailto:Shelly.Begay@hsd.nm.gov) or telephone (505) 470-2731.

Thank you in advance for your input and for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karmela Martinez".

Karmela Martinez  
Division Director  
Income Support Division