

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 10-26**

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Investment Board Chairs  
Workforce Investment Board Directors  
Title I Administrators  
Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Regional Managers

**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** Michael Taylor, Director  
Department of Workforce Development

**Date:** March 24, 2010

**Subject:** **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of a Federal initiative to encourage increased connection of career center customers to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

**Background:** The U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service are working to assure that unemployed and underemployed workers are aware of the full range of income assistance available to them and their families. SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) is an income support program designed to assure that low-income individuals and families buy the food necessary for promoting good health.

To promote the effort, ETA has issued Training and Employment Notice (TEN) No. 35-09, [Connecting One-Stop Career Centers to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#). Through the notice, ETA strongly encourages the public workforce system to include SNAP information as part of its offerings to customers. Useful SNAP information can be accessed through the following links:

- SNAP eligibility requirements:

[http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/applicant\\_recipients/eligibility.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/applicant_recipients/eligibility.htm)

- The on-line SNAP application:

<http://www.mass.gov/snap>

- SNAP Office locations in Massachusetts:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/outreach/states/massachusetts.htm>

To view the full text of Training and Employment Notice No. 35-09 click on the following link:

<http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN/ten2009/ten35-09acc.pdf>

The Commonwealth recognizes local areas' longstanding efforts in serving the needs of food stamp eligible customers. In support of the federal effort to assure that unemployed and underemployed workers and their families receive the nutritional benefits of a healthy diet, Local WIBs and One-Stop Career Center operators are asked to continue to make information found on the websites highlighted in this issuance available to the broadest range of customers and to reaffirm linkages and coordination with local SNAP offices to encourage the full and timely access of this important financial support program to eligible individuals.

**Inquiries:** All inquiries should be directed to the USDOL Region 1 Office.