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## **Important info about some of your students who receive SNAP benefits**

Beginning January 1, 2016, the following counties became active SNAP Able-Bodied Without Dependents (ABAWD) counties:

- Bullitt
- Daviess
- Fayette
- Hardin
- Henderson
- Jefferson
- McCracken
- Warren

### **How does this relate to the programs in these counties?**

- This impacts individuals you serve who receive SNAP benefits and are ABAWDs, meaning that they are ages 18-49 and do not care for a dependent child.
- All household members who receive SNAP benefits who are not exempt in these counties will have to comply with ABAWD work requirements to be eligible for more than three months of SNAP benefits in a 36-month period.
- If one of your enrolled students is an ABAWD and lives in an active county, the number of hours the individual has to work or volunteer per month is determined by the amount of SNAP benefits the household receives monthly.
- **Individuals in your program may count time spent with you improving their basic skills or improving employability – including working toward the GED® diploma – toward the previously mentioned required monthly hours.**

This change in policy has generated good conversation and fostered strengthened connections amongst adult education programs and their local DCBS offices. **Even if your program is not in one of the counties listed above, we encourage to connect regularly with your local DCBS office to educate them about your ever-expanding offerings.**

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