

# ARKANSAS SNAP TO SKILLS PROJECT (S2S) UPDATE

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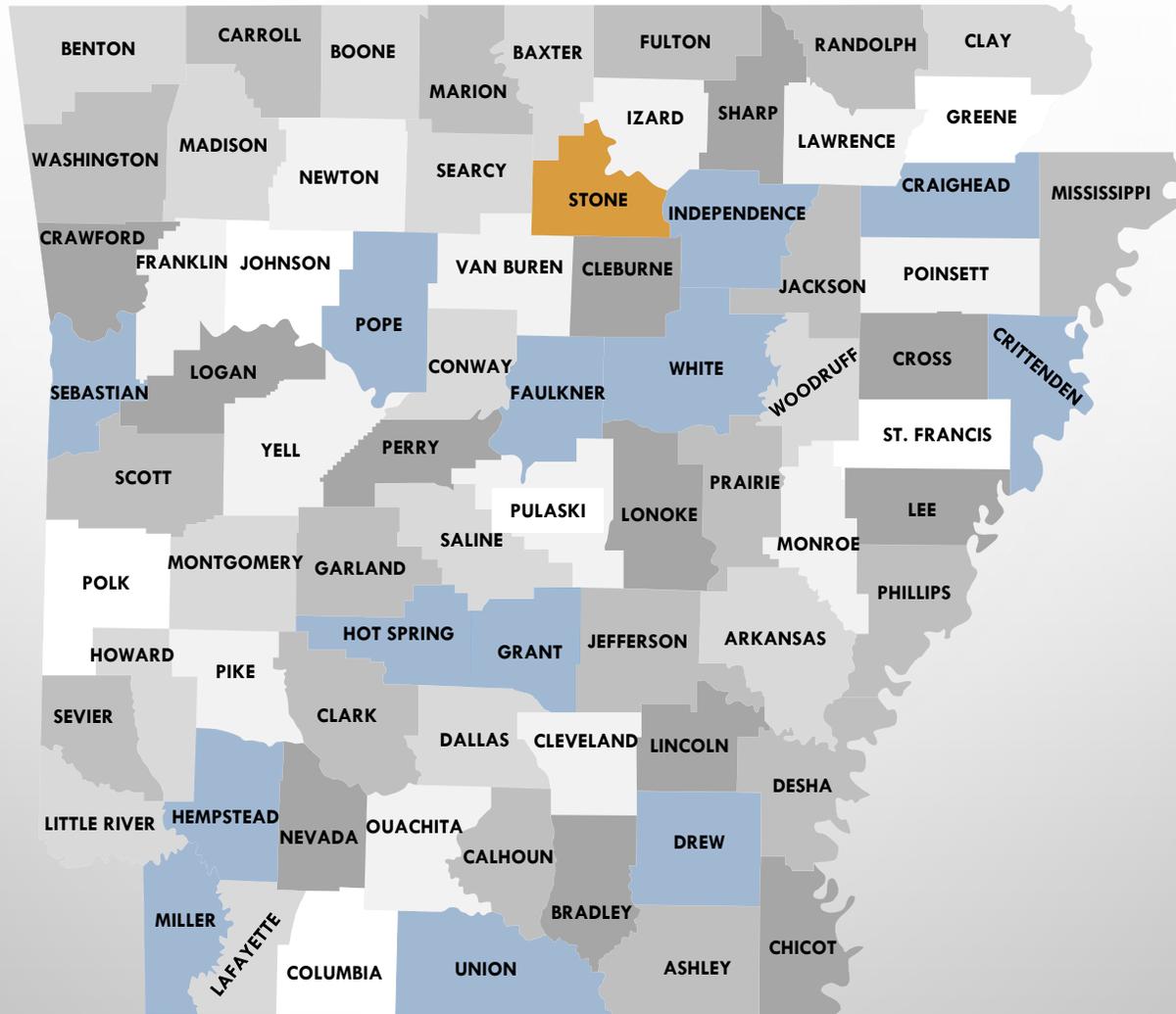


# ARKANSAS E & T PRIOR TO 8/1/2016

- **OPERATING AN E&T PROGRAM IN 13 OF 86 LOCAL DHS OFFICES.**
- **BASED ON 100% FNS FUNDING THAT RANGES BETWEEN 650 AND 800K YEARLY.**
- **PROVIDERS INCLUDE TWO-YEAR COLLEGES, ADULT EDUCATION PROVIDERS, LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS.**
- **ALL CURRENT PROVIDERS RESPONDED TO A COMPETITIVE RFP IN 2007 AND AGAIN IN 2014.**
- **A NON-MANDATORY PROGRAM BUT ABLE BODIED ADULTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY REFERRED.**
- **E&T VOLUNTEERS ONLY CONSIST OF OTHER WORK REGISTRANTS WHO ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO WORK (RTW).**

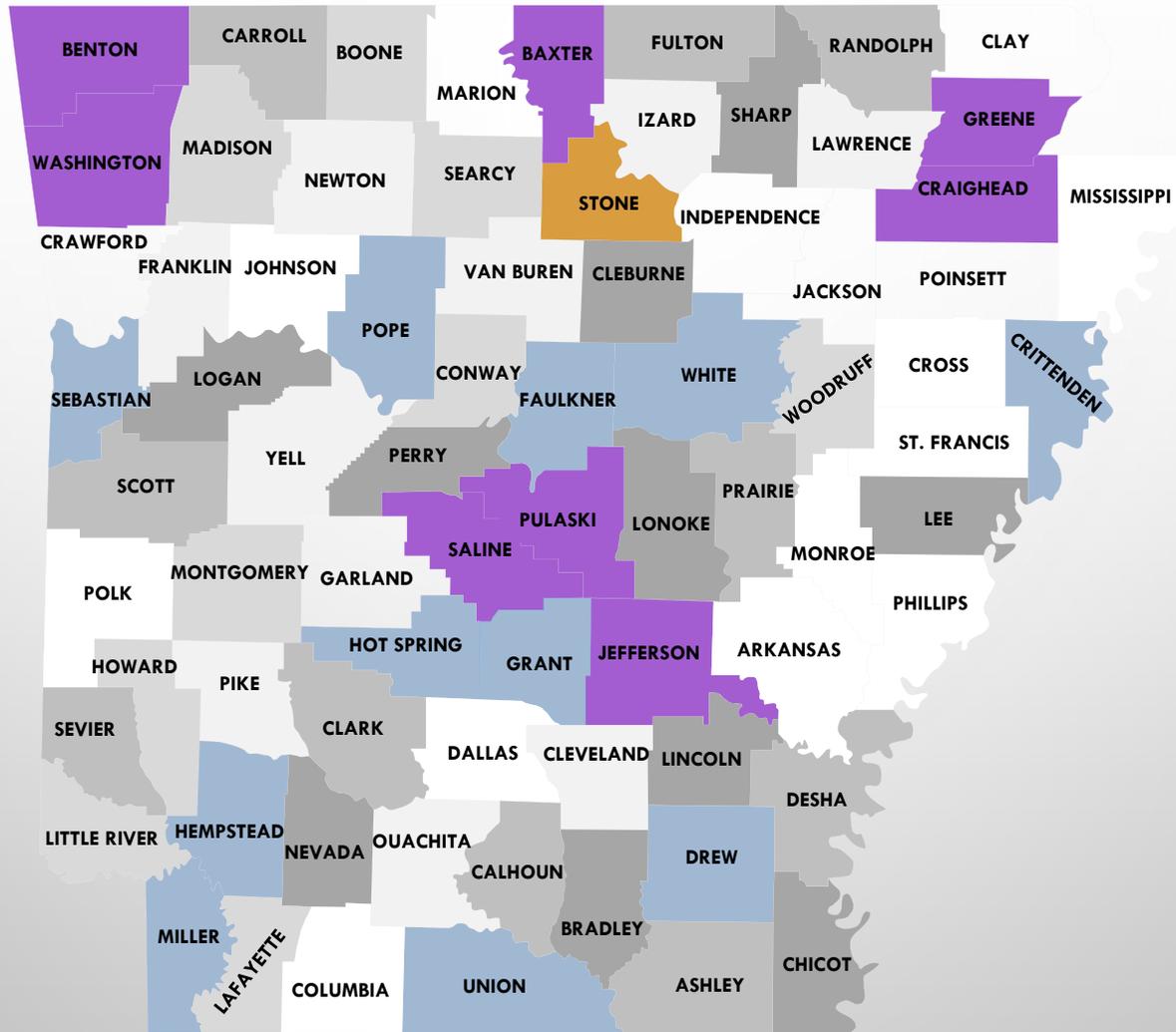


# PRE AUGUST 2016 COVERAGE E&T



E&T (13) plus Workfare (1)

# AUGUST 2016 COVERAGE E&T



DHS E&T (12) plus Workfare (1), Goodwill E&T (8)

This is the 100% E&T Funding available to Arkansas to operate the program in 12 Counties for the 2016 year.



SNAP E&T Funding	Federal	State	Total
E&T Grant 100%	\$774,808		\$774,808
E&T Transportation Reimbursement – 50/50	100,000	100,000	200,000
E&T Dependent Care Reimbursement – 50/50	0	0	0
<b>Total FY 2016 Plan Budget</b>	<b>\$874,808</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$974,808</b>

ORGANIZATION: Goodwill Industries of Arkansas			BUDGET PROPOSAL
DESCRIPTION	GRANT FUNDS	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$ 730,087.50	\$ 730,087.50	\$1,460,175.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 203,600.00	\$ 203,600.00	\$ 407,200.00
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$ 2,693,000.00	\$ 2,693,000.00	\$ 5,386,000.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 3,626,687.50</b>	<b>\$ 3,626,687.50</b>	<b>\$ 7,253,375.00</b>

This is the 50/50 Match Funding that Arkansas and FNS negotiated with Goodwill for fiscal year 2017 to include 24 counties.



The addition of just one provider's 50/50 budget has increased our available E&T funding by 700%.

August 1, 2016 Goodwill began offering E&T Program services to 8 additional counties bringing our total from 12 to 20.

# THE 50/50 GOODWILL MODEL

ARKANSAS DHS AND GOODWILL EXECUTED A CONTRACT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> OF 2016 FOR GOODWILL INDUSTRIES TO OFFER E & T SERVICES IN EIGHT (8) NEW ARKANSAS COUNTIES INCLUDING PULASKI, SALINE, JEFFERSON, CRAIGHEAD, GREENE, WASHINGTON, BENTON, AND BAXTER.

THE EXPANSION OF OUR E & T PROGRAM INTO THE MOST POPULOUS AREAS OF THE STATE OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABLE BODIED SNAP RECIPIENTS TO RECEIVE NEEDED EDUCATIONAL AND/OR SKILLS TRAINING ENHANCEMENTS. THESE OPPORTUNITIES ALLOW THE RECIPIENT TO CHANGE THEIR LIFE PATH AND EVENTUALLY GRADUATE FROM PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

THE CONTRACT WITH GOODWILL INDUSTRIES IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN ARKANSAS SNAP E&T AS IT'S A CONTRACT THAT IS FUNDED 50% BY GOODWILL AND 50% BY USDA. THERE IS NO NEW STATE REVENUE REQUIRED TO OPERATE IT AND THE PROGRAM CAN BE SELF-SUSTAINING.

THIS CONTRACT WAS PURSUED, NEGOTIATED, AND FINALIZED WITH MUCH HELP FROM USDA THROUGH ONGOING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ENHANCED FURTHER BY THEIR SNAP TO SKILLS AGREEMENT THAT THEY HAVE WITH ARKANSAS DHS. SNAP TO SKILLS IS A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT THAT WAS AWARDED TO TEN (10) STATES NATIONWIDE BASED ON THE STATE'S COMMITMENT TO EXPAND EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS SNAP RECIPIENTS. ARKANSAS WAS CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE TEN.

THE CONTRACT WITH GOODWILL MARKS THE FIRST MAJOR SUCCESS THAT ARKANSAS HAS ACHIEVED IN SUBSTANTIALLY EXPANDING THE E&T PROGRAM



# HOW DID WE GET WHERE WE ARE?

## E&T PILOT APPLICATION PROCESS 2014

- **THE DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS ORIGINALLY INTENDED NOT TO APPLY FOR THE E&T PILOT BECAUSE WE WERE TOO BUSY.**
- **WE WERE INFORMED THAT INDEED WE WOULD BE APPLYING FOR THE PILOT AND DIRECTED TO BEGIN PUTTING TOGETHER A MULTI AGENCY TEAM.**
- **A TEAM WAS FORMED THAT INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES:**
  1. **ARKANSAS DHS, DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS**
  2. **ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES**
  3. **ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**
  4. **ARKANSAS APPRENTICESHIP FOUNDATION**
  5. **ARKANSAS CAREER PATHWAYS INITIATIVE**
  6. **ARKANSAS CAREER EDUCATION (ADULT ED)**



# “WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU. . .” AFTERMATH AND NEXT STEPS

- **FACTORS THAT INFLUENCED ARKANSAS DHS TO PURSUE THE 50/50 MODEL:**
  - **CONTINUED INTEREST AT DHS IN E&T EXPANSION NOW THAT A CLEAR “POSSIBILITIES” VISION HAD EMERGED** 
  - **LOSS OF THE STATEWIDE ABAWD WAIVER**
  - **EXECUTIVE DECISION NOT TO SEEK A PARTIAL WAIVER**
  - **RETURN OF “THE CLOCK” (SNAP REQUIREMENT TO WORK)**
  - **CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH PILOT TEAM REGARDING E&T**
  - **SNAP 2 SKILLS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT WITH SJI**
  - **FNS SW REGION ENCOURAGEMENT**



# SIGNIFICANT TIMELINES AND EVENTS

- **CRITICAL DATES DURING THE ARKANSAS E & T EVOLUTION :**
  - **SNAP 2 SKILLS(S2S) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT WITH SJI, DECEMBER 2015**
  - **S2S NATIONAL CONVENING MARCH 2016**
  - **FNS SW REGION REACHED OUT TO GOODWILL, MAY 2015-AUGUST 2016**
  - **STATEWIDE MEETING IN APRIL 2016. (30 ENTITIES ATTENDED)**
    1. **CURRENT PROVIDERS**
    2. **PILOT PARTNERS**
    3. **NEWLY INTERESTED (THANKS JASON TURNER...)**
  - **POST-MEETING PROVIDER ASSESSMENT SENT LATE APRIL. (23 RESPONDENTS)**
  - **GOODWILL ONBOARDING COMPLETE AND SERVICES OFFERED BEGINNING 8/1/2016**
  - **NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN PROCESS WITH SIX NEW PROSPECTIVE 50/50 PROVIDERS INCLUDING A CBO, TWO COMMUNITY COLLEGES, A FOUR YEAR COLLEGE, AN ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION AND A STATEWIDE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.**

# The Arkansas DHS SNAP E & T Vision

*Building on our history as an innovator in the delivery of human services, Arkansas will build a robust, statewide, job-driven, SNAP Employment and Training program that will produce a job-ready workforce able to meet the needs of Arkansas' current employers, attract new industry, and build Arkansas' economy.*

## How Will It Work?

- Expand the E & T Population Beyond Able Bodied Adults
- Engage the Workforce Development Community
- Lots of Technical Assistance