• Network of the Human Services Cabinet Secretaries from 18 states

• Our states make up 44% of the country

• Instrumental in the conception and enactment of the Food Stamp Work Demonstration during consideration of Farm Bill, 2013
Numbers of households experiencing food insecurity is unrelated to the prevalence of SNAP benefit receipt.

Food Stamp spending represents a high burden to average taxpayers

92 MILLION AMERICAN TAX FILERS PAID SOME NET INCOME TAX

$804 - - TAXES TO PAY FOR FOOD STAMPS FROM EACH NET FILER

$12,800 - - FEDERAL INCOME TAX PAID BY THE MIDDLE 20% OF AMERICANS
Numbers of non-working SNAP households closely mirrors TANF trends for the first five years after welfare reform, then diverges.

Millions of households 1996-2013

Source: FNS- SNAP Quality Control Sample & HHS- TANF Caseload Data
Growth of non-working households (millions) 1996-2013

Source: FNS- SNAP Quality Control Sample & HHS- TANF Caseload Data
The National JTPA Study

• Job Training Partnership Act of 1982

• Assessed impact of JTPA programs in 16 sites across the nation during the late 1980s and early 1990s.
  o Over 20,000 participants
  o Program was voluntary

• **Key finding:** Low to zero impacts on earnings
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Source: Bloom et al., 1997, Table 2, p 560.
Asterisks (*) denote statistical significant levels: * p≤0.10, ** p≤0.05, *** p≤0.01.
SOLUTION:

- Universal Engagement in Work Activities for non working able bodied
- Mandatory as condition of benefits
- Fit the activities provided to the budget available from multiple programs
- Food Stamp Employment and Training 50/50 funds are unlimited