

Washington State's Basic Food Employment & Training Program

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SNAP Employment & Training in Washington State – Key Facts

- ❑ **SNAP (Basic Food):**
 - ✓ Caseload: 587,086 cases (1,088,437 people)
 - ✓ Adults not on TANF/non disabled adults: 451,675

- ❑ **BFET:**
 - ✓ Annual enrollment: 29,000
 - ✓ Annual budget: \$29 million

- ❑ **50/50 reimbursement model**

- ❑ **About 60% of BFET clients become employed within one year**
 - ✓ Average hourly wage: \$10.38 - \$11.08

Seattle Jobs Initiative & FareStart

- ❑ **Seattle Jobs Initiative (SJI) -- among first CBOs involved in BFET**
 - ✓ **Serves over 200 BFET participants (over 2,000 since 2006)**
 - ✓ **61% – 69% become employed within one year**

- ❑ **FareStart -- culinary job training and placement program for homeless, low-income**
 - ✓ **Operates revenue-generating restaurant to help finance BFET**
 - ✓ **Many participants are homeless ex-offenders**
 - ✓ **Serves about 65 BFET participants (1,000 served since 2006)**
 - ✓ **70 - 80% become employed within one year**

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