PROJECT SUMMARY

FROM: SNAP POLICY UNIT

SUBJECT: SNAP – NO INTERVIEW DEMONSTRATION

DATE: 9/25/2012

PURPOSE

The SNAP Policy Unit applied for a grant to test the affect of not interviewing SNAP clients prior to determining eligibility. In October 2011, Oregon was approved along with two other states (Utah and North Carolina) to participate in this demonstration. Five pilot areas, which include SSP and APD/AAA offices in specific counties have been selected to participate based on office interest in the project. The pilot areas will represent nearly 20% of the SNAP caseload. At the end of the project the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will evaluate how effective the demonstration was.

A tool is being developed to capture the data necessary for the project. FNS as part of the evaluation is requiring specific information about the pilot and control office case load and the level of contact staff have with clients to determine eligibility in the pilot offices. For example, if staff contacts a client in regards to clarifying the household composition that information will need to be tracked. The data base is being piloted by some offices now, and will be available to all of the offices in the project in August.

The pilot will begin in September of 2012. Please see the back page for the offices that will be participating in the project.

Timeline

March 2012	Finalize pilot and control offices – Meet with branch office to begin planning		
April 2012	Revise SNAP application for July release with help from branch staff and advocates		
May 2012	Begin pre-implementation reviews for pilot offices		
July 2012	Complete reviews		
August 2012	Training for pilot offices		
September 2012	No interview demo starts		
October 2013	Post-implementation reviews for pilot offices		
November 2013	No interview demo ends		
December 2013	Complete reviews and submit final report		

Pilot Offices

Project area 1 Multnomah County	Project area 2 Malheur County	Project area 3 Clackamas County	Project area 4 Washington County	Project area 5 Lane County
Alberta	Ontario SSP	Oregon City SSP	Beaverton SSP	West Eugene
New Market	Ontario SPD		Hillsboro SSP	Eugene AAA
St Johns			Tigard SSP	
North PC			Washington	
NE Portland			County PC	
			Beaverton SPD	
			Hillsboro SPD	
			Tigard SPD	

Control Offices

Multnomah	Malheur	Clackamas	Washington	Lane County
County	County	County	County	
Portland Metro PC	Hermiston SSP	North	Ashland SSP	North Salem SSP
Gresham SSP	Hermiston	Clackamas SSP	Cave Junction	North Salem
Integrated Services	MSO		Grants Pass SSP	NWSDS
SE Portland			Medford SSP	
Teen Parent			W Medford	
East Portland			EXT Branch	
ERDC PC			District 8 PC	
			Rogue Family Center	
			Grants Pass SPD	
			Medford SSP	
			Medford DSO	