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DHS and Mission Project Inc. Launch SNAP Employment and Training Program

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The V.I. Department of Human Services' Division of Family Assistance announced Wednesday that it has partnered with Mission Project Inc. to introduce the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment & Training Program (E&T).

This program, starting November 20, is designed to provide essential skills and support to individuals, enabling them to secure sustainable employment, DHS said.

As a federally funded initiative administered at the state level, SNAP E&T focuses on equipping participants with the skills, training, or work experience necessary for employment. Furthermore,

it addresses barriers to employment by offering support services such as transportation and childcare, while also providing job retention assistance.

The SNAP E&T Program is specifically crafted to empower those receiving SNAP benefits, according to DHS. It offers training opportunities to enhance employment skills and career prospects. The partnership with Mission Project Inc., a nonprofit organization known for its community empowerment initiatives, is set to amplify the program's impact and reach.

Participants in the program can look forward to a comprehensive suite of resources and support, including:

1. **Job Readiness Training:** Workshops and seminars are available to develop essential job-seeking skills like resume writing, interview techniques, and workplace etiquette.
2. **Career Counseling:** Individual guidance and support will help participants create a personalized career plan, identify strengths, and explore job opportunities.
3. **Skills Development:** Tailored training programs and courses are aligned with the local job market demands, enhancing employability.
4. **Job Placement Assistance:** This includes help with job applications, job matching, and referrals to local employers, providing access to suitable job opportunities.
5. **Supervised Job Search:** This aspect of the program offers resume or cover letter assistance, mock interviews, and the development of individualized job search plans.

For those interested in participating or seeking more information, contact details are as follows:

- St. Thomas/St. John Office: (340) 774-0930, Ext. 4309, 4377, 4477
- St. Croix Office: (340) 772-7100, Ext. 7159, 7192

Additional information can also be found on the Department of Human Services website at www.dhs.gov.vi.

DHS says it continues its commitment to providing social services to community members with diverse needs, acting as a safety net and striving to inspire hope and empower change through the non-judgmental, quality delivery of needed services and resources.