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MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN PHILADELPHIA – Shapiro Administration to Announce New Program to Increase Employment and Training Opportunities for Pennsylvania SNAP Recipients, Help them Meet Federal Work Requirements

Philadelphia, PA – Tomorrow, **Shapiro Administration** leaders will announce a new certification program that will help SNAP recipients meet new [federal work and reporting requirements](#) for the program and keep their benefits by increasing the number of DHS education and training providers.

Last year, President Trump signed into law a bill requiring most SNAP recipients to report at least 20 hours a week (or 80 hours total per month) of work, volunteering or education in order to maintain benefits.

DHS Office of Income Maintenance Deputy Secretary Hoa Pham and Department of Labor & Industry Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development Patricia Blumenauer will visit the Community College of Philadelphia -- a DHS SNAP employment and training partner -- to share how this new certification will expand SNAP employment and training providers across Pennsylvania and connect SNAP recipients to vital education, job training, and employment opportunities.

WHO:

DHS Deputy Secretary for the Office of Income Maintenance Hoa Pham
L&I Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development Patricia Blumenauer
Leadership from the Community College of Philadelphia

WHEN:

Friday, March 13, 2026:

- **Tour:** 10:30 a.m.
- **Press Conference:** 11:00 a.m.

WHERE:

Community College of Philadelphia

Winnet Student Life Building, Coffeehouse, First Floor
1700 Spring Garden St, Philadelphia, PA 19130

MEDIA RSVP:

Press interested in attending must RSVP with the name of photographer/reporter to rapwdhspressoffice@pa.gov.