

EBT Innovation Summit

Sponsored by the EBT Community Council (ECC)

Dates: May 11-12, 2026

Location: Amazon HQ2, Arlington Virginia



Conference Purpose:

The EBT Innovation Summit is a premier gathering designed to equip government leaders, program staff, and industry partners with the insights, strategies, and partnerships needed to strengthen the nation's food benefit delivery systems. As EBT continues to play a vital role in serving our most vulnerable populations, this summit offers a unique opportunity to learn from industry innovators, explore emerging technologies, and collaborate with government and private-sector partners. Attendees will gain practical knowledge they can bring back to their organizations—supporting modernization efforts, improving program integrity, and advancing service delivery for the communities they serve.

Website: www.ebtcommunitycouncil.org

Sponsorships available (open to members now, open to everyone 2/1!)

Hotel: On your own (a listing of nearby options will be published on our website)

Tentative Agenda- at a glance

Day 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11-1: registration and exhibits, lunch on your own• 1-5: Planned sessions and exhibit/networking breaks:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Welcome○ The path forward after disruption- stakeholder perspectives and readiness for the future after the 2025 shutdown○ Foundations- SNAP EBT transaction history and operations○ Foundations- WIC EBT transaction history and operations○ Card technology innovations in EBT (chip cards)○ Implementing SNAP restrictions- using today's infrastructure to support change○ Online shopping- impacts on shopping patterns○ Farmer's Market innovations in EBT• 5-6:30: Networking reception
Day 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8-9: registration and exhibits, breakfast on your own• 9-12: Planned sessions and exhibit/networking breaks:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Foundations- Funding flows and processes○ Procurement best practices- stakeholder perspectives○ SNAP Online Shopping- update and next steps○ WIC Online Shopping- update and next steps○ State/Territory processor meetings with SNAP customers○ State/Tribal/Territory processor meetings with WIC customers• 12-1:15: Networking Lunch• 1:15-5: Planned sessions and exhibit/networking breaks:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Modernizing EBT systems○ Innovation in Fraud Prevention- preparing through planning○ Real-time protection of public benefits- tools and strategies○ Driving accuracy in EBT processing○ Cost containment strategies for WIC○ Additional sessions pending