



List of the Next Generation Locations and Award Winners

Year	Location	Pioneer Award	Project of the Year	Distinguished Service Award	Leadership Award
1998	Washington, DC				
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2000	San Antonio, TX				
2001	Tampa, FL				
2002	San Diego, CA				
2003	Tucson, AZ	Tim O'Connor	California		
2004	Jacksonville, FL	Bob Bucceri	Florida		
2005	Reno, NV	Joe Leo	Louisiana		
2006	Arlington, VA	John Pfeuffer	Texas and New Mexico		
2007	San Antonio, TX	Terry Williams	Iowa DHS		
2008	San Diego, CA	Liz French	Florida		
2009	New Orleans, LA	Peter Relich	Michigan WIC		
2010	Scottsdale, AZ	Ray Camp	No awardee	Tom Kelly	
2011	Clearwater, FL	Art Burger	No awardee	Bard Shollenberger	
2012	Albuquerque, NM	Jeff Cohen	Oklahoma DHS	Cheryl Kagee/Scott Barnette	
2013	San Diego, CA	Jan Walters	No Awardee	Ellen Vollinger	
2014	Clearwater, FL	Andrea Gold	West Virginia DOH	John Pellettier	Bob Bucceri
2015	Glendale, AZ	Cary Jeffers	EBT Disaster Services Work Group	Kathy Ottobre	John Pfeuffer
2016	Clearwater, FL	John Wojcik	Ohio Dept. of Job & Family Services	Erin McBride	
2017	Clearwater, FL	Johnny Sena	Massachusetts Dept. of Transitional Assist. (DTA)	John Simeone	

2018	Anaheim, CA	Jon Haught	Oklahoma ITOs WIC EBT Project	Eileen Emory	Art Burger
2019	Orlando, FL	Becky Waite	California EBT Project	Andrea Gold & Shelly Pierce	Ellen Thompson
2020	Virtual				
2021	Virtual				

Project of the Year Notes:

- 2003 California: For complex data system integration and EBT statewide rollout.
- 2004 Florida: For size and complexity of the project and the conference was in Florida that year.
- 2005 Louisiana: For disaster relief during Hurricane Katrina.
- 2006 Texas & New Mexico: For validating a cost-sharing commercial model for WIC EBT.
- 2007 Iowa DHS: For promotion of farmers market EBT.
- 2008 Florida: Disaster buddy system back up program. First two time winner.
- 2009 Michigan WIC: First statewide online WIC EBT system
- 2010: No awardee
- 2011: No awardee
- 2012: Oklahoma: For multiple programs and innovation.
- 2013: No awardee
- 2014: West Virginia For complexity of their WIC system
- 2015: EBT (DSWG) EBT Disaster Services Work Group- recognized the workgroup for their efforts in streamlining/standardizing the DSNAP program.
- 2016: Ohio DJFS Leadership and innovation in implementing new technologies to better serve their clients. Most recently an Advanced Fraud Package.
- 2017: MA DTA Massachusetts' Healthy Incentive Program (HIP) – Serves a blueprint for leveraging EBT to improve availability of local fruits and vegetables.
- 2018 OK ITO's (7) For scope of project: Seven distinct OK ITO's agencies jointly implemented WIC EBT within 10 months from project start to full rollout.
- 2019 CA EBT Project For increasing surcharge free ATM access for cash benefits. Efforts resulted in a 40% decrease in the amount paid by EBT cardholders to access their cash. Additionally, as a result of CA efforts, Bank of America and Chase now offer free ATM cash access to EBT cardholders nationwide.