

The following Q&A were captured in the chat from the session 7/22/21.

Will the presentation be made available to attendees?

Yes. It will be posted on alabamaworks.com/davidtraining shortly after the session ends, along with the video of the session.

Can you send out definitions for the acronyms for the programs listed in the bar chart after the presentation?

Yes. The information on tax credits and public benefits has been compiled into a handout and should be available to download.

Is the bar chart ordered by amount, smallest to largest?

No, they should always stack in the same order of the key.

Will you be able to interact with the chart to see specific dollar amounts for each benefit?

Yes, we have upgraded the functionality and you can now hover over the chart to see the specific data point information.

Is there a similar program which would include Social Security Disability Insurance or Social Security retirement?

We do have plans to add SSDI/SSI. The benefit rules are complex and it will take a bit more programming time to integrate that information.

Is data available for other states?

Yes, we are working with several states and partner organizations to create dashboards. Feel free to reach out with questions about specific locations to Julie.L.Kornegay@atl.frb.org

Is the data region specific within Alabama?

Yes, all of the data we include represents county level information.

Is the cost of attending school incorporated or is it assumed they will receive financial aid?

The cost of school is not included in the dashboard tool.

The planner tool allows you to input specific information like tuition, Pell Grant, scholarships, Individual Training Accounts (ITA) and project a budget. This will be covered in module 3.

Will the DAVID tool include reference documents that indicate eligibility and income limits for specific benefits?

We will provide a very basic overview of the benefits. You will need to refer to the agency that specializes in administrating the benefits for specifics. We will update the data in the software with any changes or updates that are made. We will communicate the changes via email.

Is there a training/dummy site that we can use to become familiar with the tools?

We don't have a test site. You are welcome to use the dashboard tool to learn more about the functionality. There is not a save option because we don't want to be liable for personal data. Please feel free to explore at <https://emar-data-tools.shinyapps.io/alabama/>.

Does the customization include expenses like transportation? My area is very rural and my clients would have to travel 35-40 miles for any school or training.

In the dashboard tool it will default to the county average cost.

In the planner tool, you can create customized fields for rent/mortgage, utilities, child care, food, transportation, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Where can we send questions if we have some in the future?

Please feel free to reach out to Julie Kornegay at Julie.L.Kornegay@atl.frb.org