



EITC and Vermont's Reach Up Program

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DCF's mission is to foster the healthy development, safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency of Vermonters.

We see Vermont as a place where:

- People prosper,
- Children and families are safe and have strong, loving connections, and
- Individuals have the opportunity to fully develop their potential

DCF Offices and Divisions

Child Development Division

CDD improves the well-being of children by developing and administering a continuum of high-quality, comprehensive child development and family support services that promote health and well-being, school readiness, and foundations for lifelong success

Economic Services Division

ESD offers a safety net for households experiencing unemployment, underemployment, single parenthood, aging, disability, the death of a family member or other life-changing events. Programs include: 3SquaresVT, GA Program, LIHEAP, and Reach Up.

Family Services Division

FSD works in partnership with families, communities and others to make sure children and youth are safe from abuse, their basic needs are met, and youth are free from delinquent behavior. They also ensure families are supported to achieve these goals

Office of Child Support

OCS improves children's economic security by establishing, enforcing, and modifying child support orders for children who do not live with both parents, and collecting, recording, and distributing child support payments through the OCS Registry

Office of Disability Determination

DDS provides applicants with accurate medical eligibility decisions as quickly as possible with full and fair consideration of each applicant's situation and respect and concern for the individual's well-being and legal rights.

Office of Economic Opportunity

OEO administers funds to help organizations address poverty through community initiatives and direct services. This includes Community Action Agencies and homeless shelter and service providers.

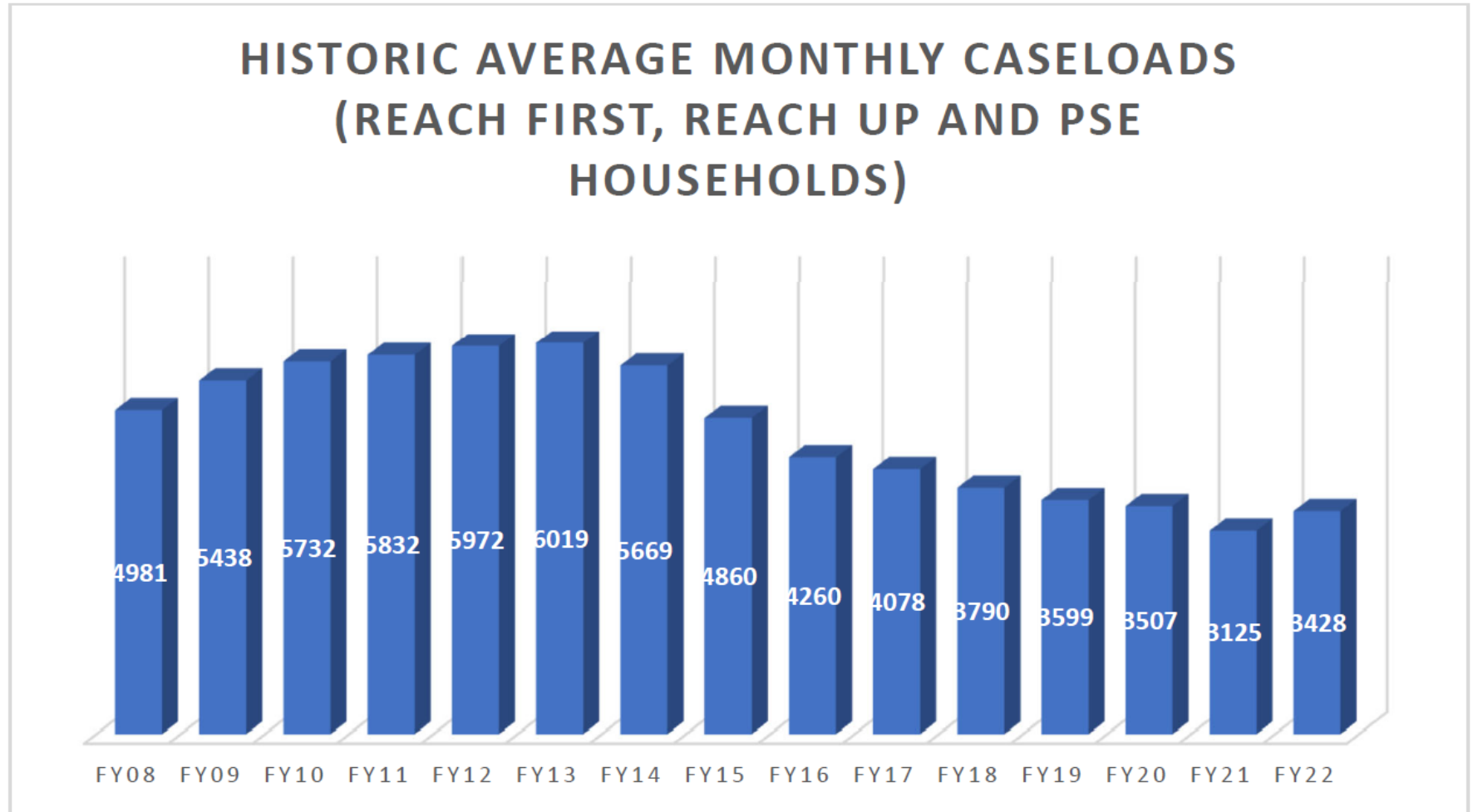
Reach Up Program

Reach Up helps eligible parents gain job skills and find work so they can support their minor, dependent children.

Services include:

- Educational and employment supports
- Case management services
- Monthly cash payments to pay for basic necessities

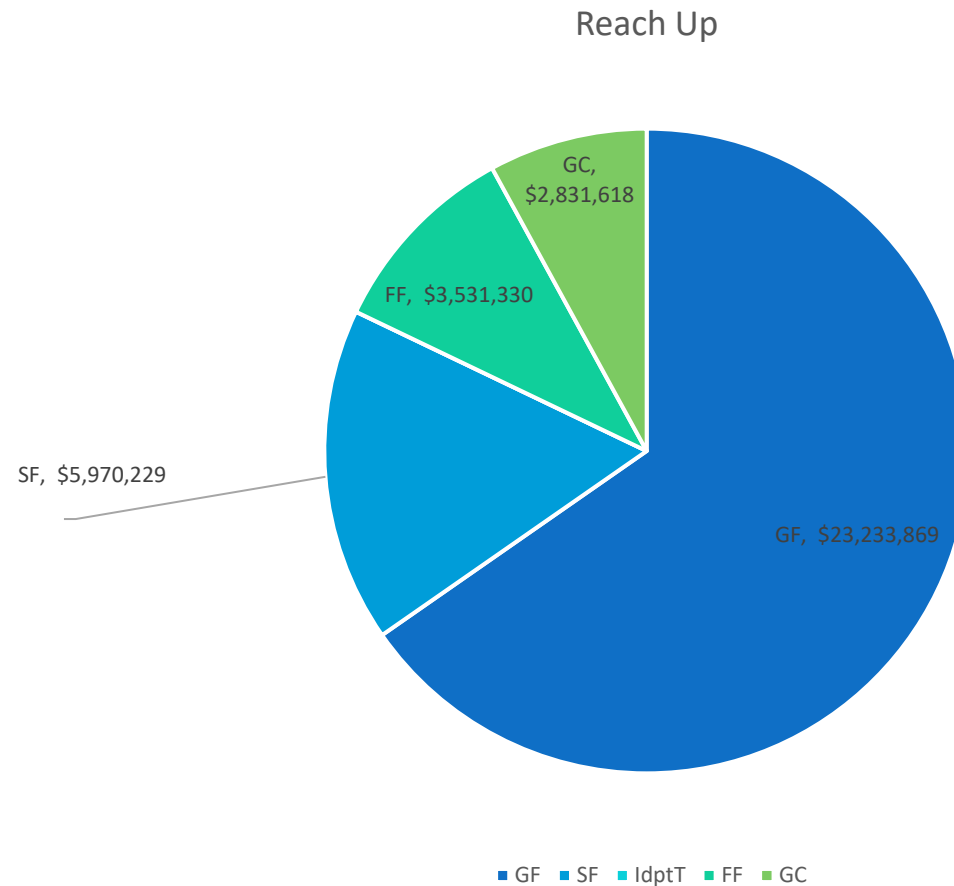
Reach Up Monthly Caseload



Benefit Amount

| Household Size / Housing Supplement / Benefit Amount and Housing Allowance (Chittenden County) at 49.6% Ratable Reduction | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | |
| Current (2019) | \$587 | \$735 | \$881 | \$1,001 | \$1,127 | \$1,214 | \$1,361 | \$1,487 | \$1,604 | \$1,722 | \$1,838 | \$1,955 | \$2,072 | \$2,189 | \$2,307 | |
| Household Size / Housing Supplement / Benefit Amount and Housing Allowance (Outside Chittenden County) at 49.6% Ratable Reduction | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Curent (2019) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | Total Cost |
| | \$562 | \$710 | \$856 | \$976 | \$1,103 | \$1,189 | \$1,336 | \$1,462 | \$1,579 | \$1,697 | \$1,813 | \$1,930 | \$2,047 | \$2,165 | \$2,282 | \$27,770,735 |

Reach Up Funding



Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

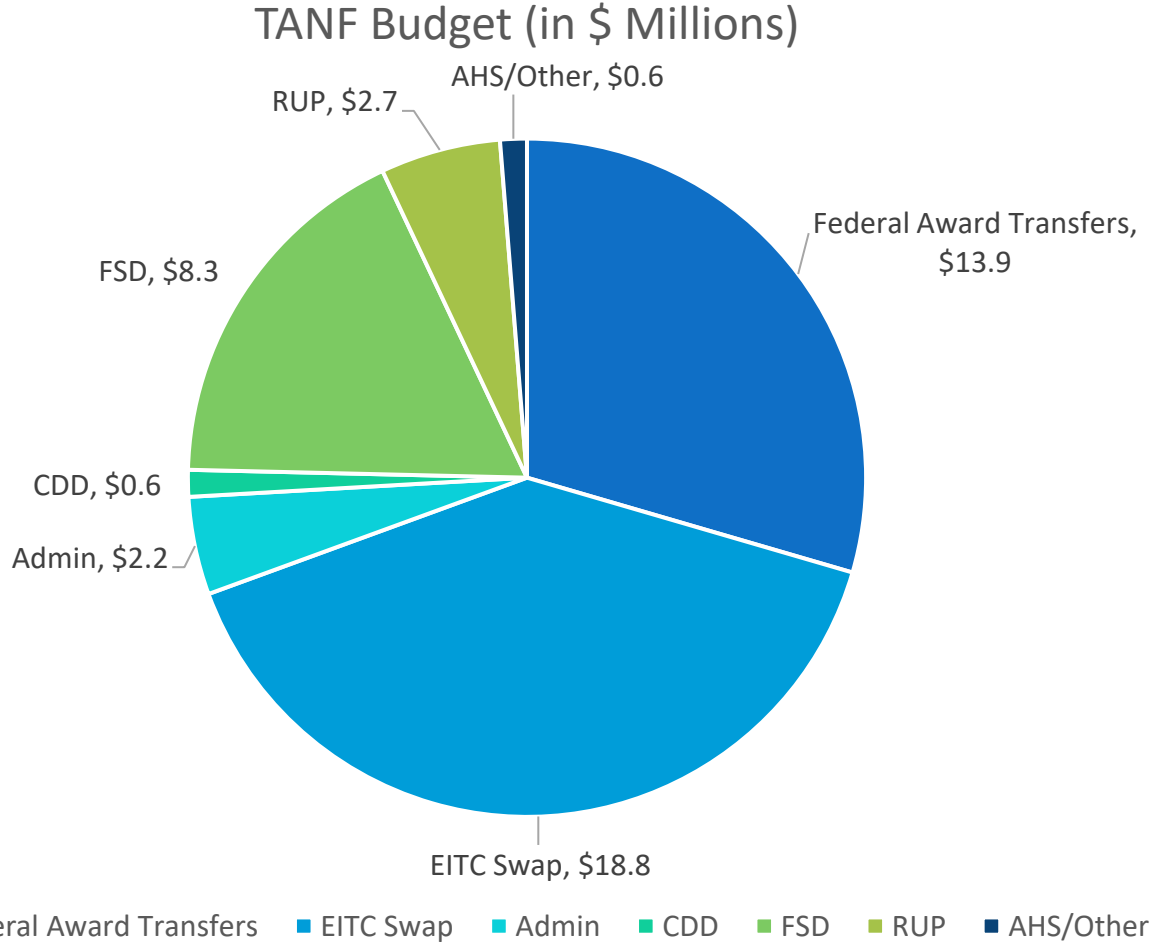
Federal Award

- Vermont has an award of \$47M (capped federal funding source)
- Up to 30% of this can be “converted” to CCDF/SSBG (allow more flexibility than TANF)
- Remaining \$33M is available for TANF eligible expenses across DCF

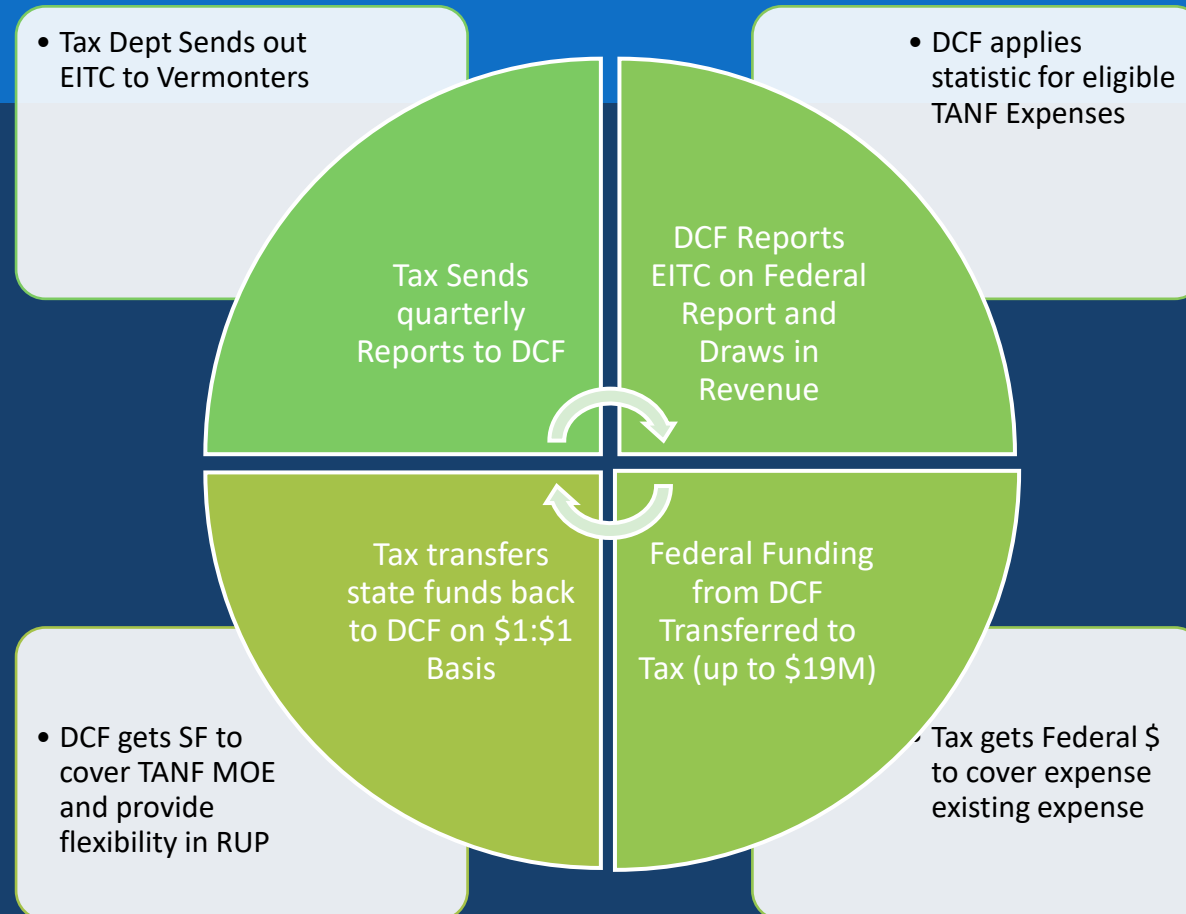
State Maintenance of Effort

- The state must meet its Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for TANF to be able to draw in the full Federal Award
- The state must demonstrate that state dollars have been spent on TANF eligible expenses tied to the level of state spending in 1994
- Must use state funds to demonstrate \$25.5M of TANF MOE this year.

How is TANF Spent?



How Does the TANF Swap Work?



What happens if EITC Increases?

Federal Funding Impact

- Not all EITC increases/expansions would be eligible for federal funding
 - Must meet TANF eligibility requirements
 - The current quarter EITC statistic for TANF eligibility is 91.1%
- If EITC increase was TANF eligible, no additional Federal \$ would be available to the State (capped funding source)
- More TANF going to cover higher EITC → Less TANF available for other DCF programs



Thank you