

Integrated Eligibility:

A Timely and Cost-Effective Investment for Low-Income Vermonters & AHS Program Administration

The current Agency of Human Services IT System poses a significant barrier to ensuring all low-income Vermonters can access needed safety net programs and that the State is able to draw down all federal dollars available.

- Notices and reports sent to 3SquaresVT clients cannot be fully updated to make them more friendly and easier to understand.
- Vermont is unable to utilize the federal Transitional Benefits Alternative, which would provide households leaving Reach Up with an extended 3SquaresVT benefit, leaving about \$2.9 million federal dollars on the table annually.
- Not all assistance programs are able to share information and documentation, so applicants often don't know all that they are eligible to apply for and also need to submit documentation multiple times.
- Data reports needed for other state agencies or the federal government are not always accurate or able to be generated. Because of this, some adults and children are not automatically enrolled into programs they should be, as required by federal law.



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Investing in Integrated Eligibility will create a more accessible safety net program with greater administrative efficiencies.

- Connect safety net programs so clients can easily apply for multiple programs at once.
- Make needed updates and program improvements.
- Allow programs to share documentation and data.
- Utilize federal options to bring more federal dollars to the State and Vermonters.
- Take advantage of time-sensitive federal matching opportunities for IT investments.