

To: Ann Pugh, Chair, House Human Services Committee
From: Sean Brown, Deputy Commissioner of the Economic Services Division, DCF
Date: February 6, 2018
Re: Reach Up information

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the committee about our Reach Up report last week. The committee asked for additional information which we have provided below. If you have additional questions, please contact Karen Vastine, karen.vastine@vermont.gov.

1. What would the reduced ratable % be in order to keep the benefit amount the same as today (2004 CPI) but increase the CPI to 2017 standards?

The standards / percentages will not line up perfectly, but the *approximate* ratable would be 39.5% at the 2017 CPI amounts.

2. What is the median number of months a family on Reach Up

The median number of months a family is on Reach Up is 32.

3. What are the transportation barriers broken down by type?

A total of 1781 transportation barriers were identified by 1125 participants. This means that each participant has 1.5 transportation barriers.

Barrier Type and Number of Participants experiencing each:

- *No Drivers License or permit – 554
- *No Transportation – 172
- *Unreliable Transportation – 199
- *Suspended License – 212
- *Owes Fines – 219
- *Needs CRASH – 43
- *Needs Car Repairs – 192
- *Other – 190

