

Measure the success of the system by what is best for children.

“TANF funding rules should be structured in a way that harnesses the program’s flexibility to help states invest in the essential programs and services families need to thrive.”

~American Public Human Services Association

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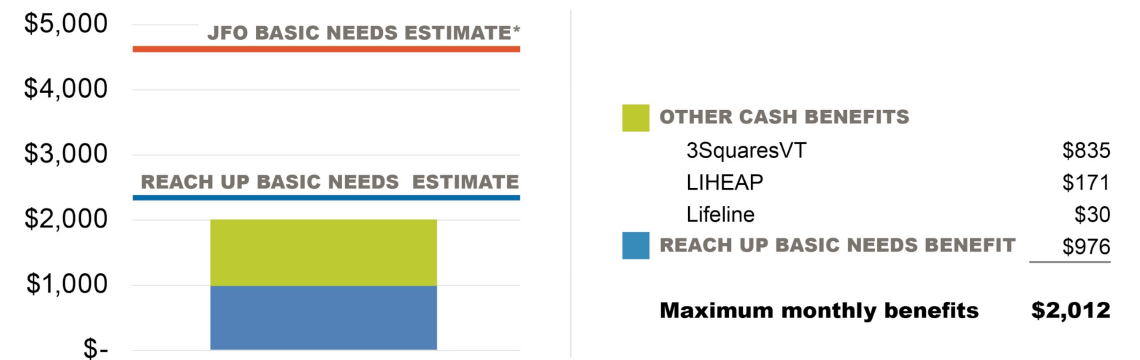
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2023 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$14,580
2	\$19,720
3	\$24,860
4	\$30,000
5	\$35,140
6	\$40,280
7	\$45,420
8	\$50,560
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,140 for each additional person.	

Even counting other benefits, Reach Up falls short

Maximum monthly benefits, Reach Up basic needs and Joint Fiscal Office basic needs estimate, family of four, 2022



*Excludes health care, child care, rental and life insurance, and savings

Data sources: Department for Children and Families, Joint Fiscal Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Department of Public Service, and LIHEAP Clearinghouse
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Emergency allotment loss!





How are our
children, youth and
families?

What does this look like for the community and provider networks?



The new engagement model will only work if families have the financial resources to participate.



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Opportunities

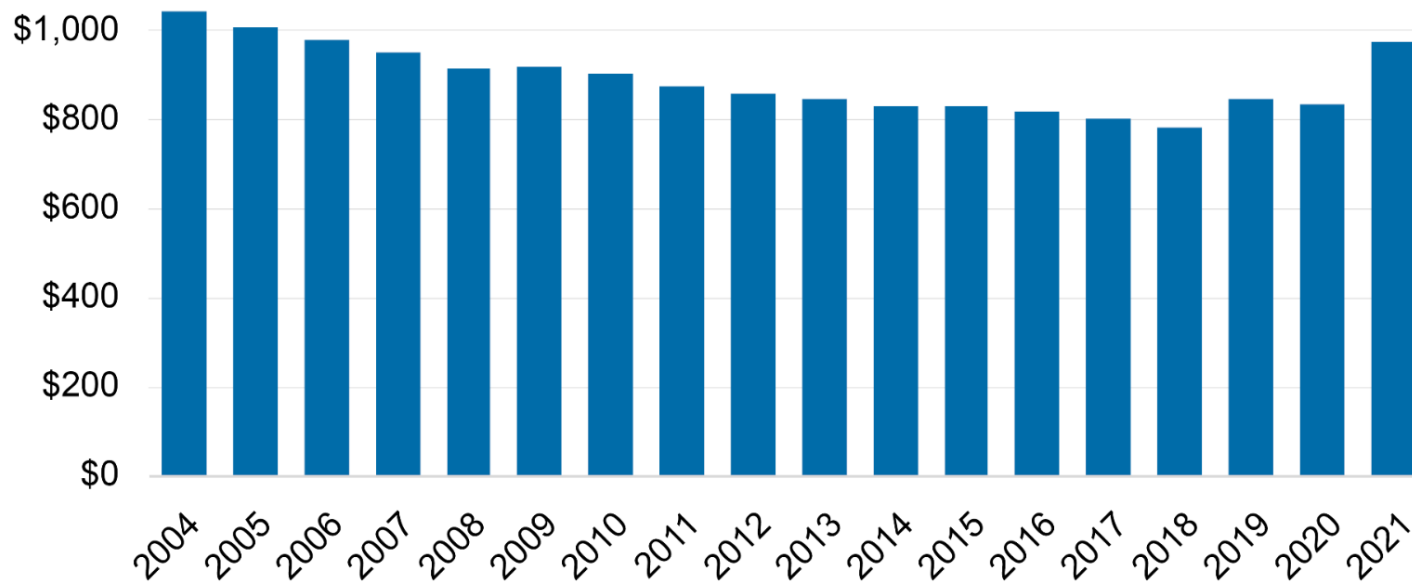


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2024 Budget

Reach Up buying power is less than it was in 2004

Maximum monthly Reach Up grant, inflation adjusted, family of four, 2004-2021



Data source: Vermont Department for Children and Families
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[VT Digger:](#)

In January 2022, the average price nationally for a dozen large, Grade A eggs was \$1.93,

By December, that average was \$4.25, the highest in the last 10 years.



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Prevent Child Abuse Vermont
Planned Parenthood of Northern New
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Public Assets Institute
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