



Become a Bridge to Benefits Partner

Is your organization interested in helping the families you serve find resources that can improve their economic stability? Are your staff and volunteers already spending considerable time trying to find up-to-date information to address your clients' health, nutrition, and economic needs? If so, we invite you to become a Bridge to Benefits partner. Being a partner is easy, **free** and provides important benefits to your organization and clients.

As a partner you can:

- Connect clients with **resources to increase financial stability** by using this simple, anonymous website. It saves time and provides efficiency to how you may be referring clients currently.
- Provide **e-mail referrals for clients** who appear eligible for programs to community organizations that can provide **one-on-one application assistance** to ensure families are successfully enrolled in programs. Referrals can be made from the website and you can be assured that someone from these organizations will follow up with your families to assist them with the enrollment process.
- Use the website as a **one-stop shop to find up-to-date information about public programs** (such as SNAP, WIC, Medical Assistance, and Child Care Assistance), tax credits, and community resources. No need to keep materials about all these programs on hand. The information you need is just a click away.
- Have the ability to **generate real-time data reports** that show how many of the families you serve have been screened, their average and median income, the programs for they appeared eligible, and the total estimated annual benefits to which you connected those screened. These reports can be useful in understanding client demographics, reporting information to your funders, and identifying client needs.
- Receive **free training** on how to use the website to meet the needs of the clients you serve.

How Organizations Use the Bridge to Benefits Screening Tool

- Include Bridge to Benefits screening as part of your regular intake process
- Screen on a case-by-case basis when clients face financial crises
- Screen over the phone through a hotline or when people call for resources
- Provide computer labs or computer access and guide clients on how to use the Bridge to Benefits screening tool

How to Become a Bridge to Benefits Partner

Call or e-mail Stephanie Hogenson, 651-855-1175 (shogenson@childrensdefense.org). We will establish a username to use when screening clients and arrange a training for your staff/volunteers who will use the tool.

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