



BRIDGE TO BENEFITS

Another Way Children's Defense
Fund Helps Strengthen Families

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, **it's free** and it provides important benefits to your organization and clients.

As a partner, you can:

- Screen clients to determine their potential eligibility for an array of work support programs that can help them become more financially stable. The site offers a quick, efficient and anonymous way to find resources that may save you time.
- Connect clients to organizations that can help them one-on-one in completing applications and ensuring successful enrollment. E-mail referrals can be sent to community organizations that have agreed to provide this type of assistance. These organizations will follow up with your clients to make the enrollment process easier.
- Use the website as a one-stop shop for learning about programs and tax credits. The site is constantly updated to reflect program changes. No need to keep materials about all these programs on hand. The information you need is just a click away.
- Generate data reports that show how many families you screen and how many appear eligible for each of the work support programs. These reports can be useful in understanding client demographics, reporting information to your funders, and identifying client needs.
- Receive a user name and password that allows all of this functionality and more. You can also receive free training on how to use the website to meet the needs of your clients.

How to become a Bridge to Benefits partner

Contact Elaine Cunningham at 651-855-1176 or ecunningham@childrensdefense.org. We will establish a username and password for you to use when screening clients so that your data can be tracked and you can access the e-mail referral option. We can also arrange for a training for you, your staff and volunteers so that you can see all the functions of the Bridge to Benefits website. That's all there is to it.

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