



## What Is Bridge to Benefits?

Montana Bridge to Benefits is the product of a partnership between Rural Dynamics Incorporated and the Children's Defense Fund of Minnesota. Bridge to Benefits is a multi-state project focused on improving the well-being of families and individuals by linking them to public work support programs and tax credits.

## What Are The Programs Available?

- Medicaid
- Low Income Energy Assistance Program
- Food Stamps
- School Meal Program
- Child Health Insurance Program
- Best Beginnings Childcare Scholarships
- Earned Income Tax Credit

## How Does Bridge to Benefits Work?

By completing the screening process (which takes less than 10 minutes) a family can find out if they are potentially eligible for up to six work support benefit programs and the Earned Income Tax Credit.. The site also provides descriptions of each program, tips on how to apply, a list of verifications required for each program, downloadable applications and information on where to apply for each program. The site is quick and simple to use.

## How to get Started?

It's Quick, Easy, Free, and Confidential!

Five Simple Steps That Can Help You And Your Family:

1. Use a computer with an Internet connection
2. Visit [www.B2Bmt.org](http://www.B2Bmt.org); click the START button
3. Answer questions about your household and income (name and social security number are not needed)
4. Learn if you or your children may qualify for any of the seven public programs
5. Find out how and where to apply, print applications, and learn more

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We provide programs and develop partnerships to help youth, individuals, and families achieve economic independence.

## Why Doesn't Everyone Do It?

There are many reasons why families fail to participate in public work support programs including lack of awareness, complicated application processes, low literacy levels, language problems, stigma and so on. A family may have to complete multiple applications, visit a variety of eligibility offices and try to understand an array of differing eligibility standards and requirements.

## Why Should Those Who Qualify Do It?

Families who are eligible can participate in many governmental funded programs that aid them in their everyday life and future endeavors. The programs families qualify for strengthens communities by bringing in more federal and state dollars through the increased number of families who are participating in public programs and tax credits. Because of these programs, families are able to eat better, care better, and live better.



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