

## 5-Year Lifetime Limit for Reach Up Benefits

What counts towards your limit	What does not count towards your limit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ All months your family received Reach Up benefits going back to July 1, 2001.</li> <li>+ All months your family received federal TANF benefits in another state (called <i>Reach Up</i> in Vermont) going back to July 1, 2001.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Any months your family got benefits before the youngest <i>parent</i> on the grant turned 18.</li> <li>- Any months a parent on the grant participated in:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Reach Ahead;</li> <li>o Reach First; and</li> <li>o Post-Secondary Education (PSE).</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Any months your family received a child-only Reach Up grant.</li> <li>- Any months you were granted a deferment for one of the reasons listed below AND were completing the actions listed on your Family Development Plan:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o You were not able to work because of documented medical issues;</li> <li>o You were needed at home to care for a sick or incapacitated family member;</li> <li>o The effects of domestic violence prevented you from working; or</li> <li>o You were caring for a baby during the first 12 months of a possible two-year deferment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

