

What You Need To Know About Reach Ahead

When your Reach Up or PSE grant closes, you'll automatically be enrolled in *Reach Ahead* if you are eligible. You won't have to fill out an application or enrollment form to start getting benefits. But you might have to complete a review at some point to keep getting them.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for Reach Ahead:

1. You must live in Vermont;
2. Your family must include minor children;
3. At least one adult in your family must meet the Reach Up work requirement through paid employment; and
4. You cannot exceed your lifetime limit for Reach Ahead (24 months).

What help does Reach Ahead provide?

Reach Ahead will provide the following benefits for up to 24 months:

- Support to help you keep a job. This could include, for example, cash incentives for working and help paying for car repairs, work clothes, and work supplies.
- A child care subsidy. You'll get the maximum subsidy available. This means you won't have to pay as much out of pocket.
- A cash benefit to help you buy food. You'll get \$50 a month for the first 12 months and \$5 a month for the remaining 12.

A few other things you should know:

- You can opt out of automatic enrollment if you don't want to get Reach Ahead.
- If you're not eligible for Reach Ahead when your Reach Up or PSE grant closes (or you opt out), you can apply within 6 months from the date your grant closed.
- You'll get your Reach Ahead cash benefit on an EBT card. It can only be spent on food items allowed by 3SquaresVT.
- If you have any questions, talk to your case manager or call 1-800-479-6151.

