

Family Resource Simulator: From Programming to Policy Change

Public Benefit Rules and Data on Family Expenses

Policies Modeled

- Medicaid/ Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) subsidies
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Housing choice vouchers (section 8)
- Child support
- Pre-Kindergarten and afterschool
- Free and reduced price meal programs
- Federal, state, and local tax credits
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Lifeline telephone and internet subsidy program
- Unemployment insurance
- Head start and early head start
- State Supplement programs (SSP)
- Paid leave programs (to be added)
- Public transportation
- And others

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Expenses Modeled

- Transportation
- Child care
- Health care
- Housing
- Utilities
- Food
- Taxes
- Other necessities

Organized via

- Open source repository of policy codes
- Data scraping
- Automated data updates

Analyzed by

NCCP’s Family Resource Simulator

Used by

- Benefit administrators
- Policymakers
- Advocates
- Public/private partners
- Caseworkers
- Low-income families
- Researchers

Create reform through

Public policies that support economic mobility for low-income women and their families

Resulting in

- Legislative change
- Administrative rule changes
- Ballot initiatives
- Expanded budgets for benefit programs
- Pilot work support programs