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)
- Section 8 & HCVP rental assistance
- 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
- State Supplement programs (SSP)
- Public transportation
- Unemployment Insurance (being added)
- Head Start and Early Head Start (being added)
- Paid leave programs (being added)
- And others

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Expenses Modeled

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

Organized via

- Policy documentation
- Policy expert guidance
- Database of federal, state, and local variables
- Algorithms estimating benefits and expenses

Analyzed by

NCCP's Family Resource Simulator

Used by

- Benefit administrators
- Policymakers
- Advocates
- Public/private partners
- Researchers

Create reform through

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

Resulting in

Public policies that support economic mobility for low-income families