

# Help Bridge the Gap for America's Working Families.

**These days everyone needs a little extra support.  
*Earned benefits offer that and more.***



Earned benefits is an umbrella term for multiple kinds of public and private benefits, assistance programs, and income supports such as:

- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Food Stamps (SNAP)
- Women, Infants, and Children Program
- Children's Health Insurance Program
- Medicaid and Medicare
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Housing Assistance Programs



## Did you know?

- *Only 7% of families are receiving all four of the major benefits that they qualify for — tax credits, healthy food programs, medical care, and child care subsidies.*
- Families struggle unnecessarily — a single parent with two kids earning \$8 per hour will receive closer to \$11 when you factor in the EITC and CTC. *That's the difference between earning \$16k and \$21k a year with just tax credits alone.*
- *1 in 6 Americans are enrolled in the Food Stamps program and 1 in 4 qualify.* And the average participant receives *over \$200 a month to spend on healthy foods.*
- *Billions of dollars allocated for these programs are left on the table* each year.

***For a low-income individual or family, earned benefits can help to bridge the gap between what they earn and what they need to cover basic expenses.***



Anyone who's worked with, or enrolled in, one of these programs can tell you that it's a complicated and overwhelming process. That's why the National Assembly is working to make it easier for people to access these vital benefits programs.

Earned benefits toolkits are available to our members and their affiliates online. These kits detail a year-long strategy for benefits outreach and include everything needed to get started today — from a comprehensive guide to earned benefits, to tips on outreach and ways to connect applicants with enrollment experts. to ready-made posters and fliers.

Currently, these materials are designed for use in the workplace, however, we are in the process of re-tooling them to be usable by anyone looking to raise awareness on the full suite of benefits.

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