

# Connect the People You Serve to Public Benefits and Work Supports

The Self-Sufficiency Calculator makes it easy to incorporate benefit screening into your work with low-income households. Access is FREE to non-profits in NYC!

## The Self-Sufficiency Calculator is Fast and User-Friendly

*With a single guided interview that takes less than 10 minutes, counselors can achieve the following results for their clients:*

- Screen income eligibility for 19 work supports and tax credits, simultaneously;
- Estimate benefit amounts and co-payments;
- Provide practical and specific information on how to access each program, in English and Spanish;
- Screen immigration status and basic benefit eligibility, and;
- Produce a baseline household budget, including monthly shortfall or surplus.

## The Self-Sufficiency Calculator is Innovative and Flexible

- Released in 2002, the Calculator is a pioneer in the field and is now used by over 1,500 users in more than 400 agencies throughout NYC
- **Counselors and employers** use the Calculator to help people access un-tapped work supports, test the real value of a given wage against actual expenses and household circumstances, and improve job retention.
- **Government agencies, policy makers and foundations** use the Calculator to assess the impact of programs for low-income individuals and families.
- **Educators** use the Calculator in classes to explore how local, state and federal programs are implemented.

## The Self-Sufficiency Calculator is Accurate and Reliable

- Benefit eligibility formulas are tested with government agencies and updated as government formulas change.
- Written content is approved by advocates and updated as needed.
- Support and information for the Calculator is available through the Help Desk during business hours by telephone or email.

### Assesses Eligibility For:

- Public Assistance (Welfare)
- Medicaid
- Family Health Plus
- Child Health Plus
- Food Stamps
- Unemployment Insurance
- Child Care Subsidies
- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit
- Public Housing\*
- Section 8 Housing\*
- SSI\*
- SSD\*

### Additional Information Available:

- Survivors of Domestic Violence
- Students
- Foster Care Youth/Young Adults
- Non-Citizens
- Ex-Offenders

\*Receipt factored into results

Counselors working at non-profits in NYC can request **free access to the Calculator** and sign up for **free hands-on training** by visiting our website: [www.wceca.org](http://www.wceca.org)

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