BENEFITS.GOV
Your Path to Government Benefits

Benefits.gov Program Overview

Benefits.gov is an online resource to government benefits

- Benefits.gov is the official benefits website of the U.S. Government
- Established in April 2002
- Managed by the Department of Labor (DOL)

- Benefits.gov provides:
  - Better access to government benefits for *all* U.S. citizens
  - Prescreening services for more than 1,000 benefit programs across 17 Federal agencies
  - Contact information to apply for benefit and assistance programs
  - Content in English *and* Spanish

Benefits.gov = Citizen access to government benefits

- Prior to Benefits.gov, citizens **needed to know** what benefits existed and **which Agency** to contact

- Benefits.gov simplifies the search by offering the **Benefit Finder**, an eligibility prescreening questionnaire. Since 2002…
  - 55 million citizen visits and growing
  - Referred more than 15.8 million citizens to agency benefit programs

Benefits.gov houses a wide array of Programs

- Benefit categories include:
  - Career Development Assistance
  - Child Care / Child Support
  - Counsel / Counseling
  - Disability Assistance
  - Disaster Relief
  - Education / Training
  - Energy Assistance
  - Environmental Sustainability / Conservation
  - Food / Nutrition
  - Grants / Scholarships / Fellowships
  - Healthcare
  - HIV/AIDS
  - Housing
  - Insurance
  - Living Assistance
  - Loan / Loan Repayment
  - Medicaid / Medicare
  - Social Security
  - Tax Assistance
  - Veterans - Active Duty
  - Volunteer Opportunities

Benefits.gov Program Operations

- Benefits.gov drives Outreach activities and Partners toward achievement in support of the Program mission:

  - Builds and supports the websites
  - Ensures compliance with Federal IT and DOL requirements
  - Conducts Program Outreach to create citizen awareness
  - Engages Partners to participate and maintain Program content
  - Maintains governance for the Partnership of 17 Federal Agencies

The 17 Federal Agency Partnership makes it work…

The Benefits.gov Program is raising awareness

Benefits.gov serves *all* U.S. citizens. The Program's current outreach efforts focus on:

- Low Income Individuals and Families
- Unemployed Workers
- Senior & Disabled Citizens
- Caseworkers serving at-risk populations
- Veterans
- Farmers
- Students
- Educators

Benefits.gov is recognized…

- ✓ Communicator Award - Silver of Distinction-IAVA (‘12)
- ✓ Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Award-NAGC (‘12)
- ✓ Digital Government Achievement Award (DGAA)(’11)
- ✓ Laureate – Computerworld Honors (‘11)
- ✓ Government Computer News (‘08) (‘10)
- ✓ Government Information Technology Executive Council (GITEC) (‘09)

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Thank you!