

The Community Benefits Hub is the cocreated solution to facilitating access, coordinating strategies, and addressing gaps in service in public benefits across the entire county. Comprised of a diverse group of institutions with a shared mission, the Community Benefits Hub convenes regularly to advance the needs of those residing in Cook County.

MISSION

The Community Benefits Hub connects everyone in Cook County to SNAP, Medicaid, and other public benefits they are eligible for by coordinating countywide efforts, and creating trusted, easily accessible pathways to support benefits access.

VISION

A Cook County where everyone can easily connect to and maintain the public benefits they are eligible for.

SCOPE OF THE BENEFITS HUB

Major focus on enrollment in SNAP and Medicaid, and coordination of the efforts around recent changes. The scope includes an invitation to all other enrollers to engage in the collaborative, regardless of the benefits they participate in.

The scope includes referring to and connecting to all other public benefits where organizational capacity allows, such as:

- WIC
- Workforce Development
- VTTC
- Other
- LIHEAP
- TANF
- AABD Cash

This Hub seeks to build a strategy to create consistency in training and outreach materials in Cook County, serve those in gap areas, reduce duplication of efforts, share tactics and strategies, and craft a countywide standard of service for individuals accessing the safety net systems.

PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT SPECTRUM



EDUCATION PARTNERS

Understand the basics of nutrition programs and how to direct neighbors to enrollment support



REFERRAL PARTNERS

Provide warm, trackable referrals to enroll neighbors into nutrition programs



HOSTING PARTNERS

Host enrollers at in-person events



ENROLLMENT PARTNERS

Provide direct application support and case management



ANCHOR PARTNERS

