

IT'S TIME TO FULLY FUND



More than half of babies in the U.S. depend on the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, & Children (WIC).

→ In **CT, 48,000** children and pregnant/postpartum mothers rely on WIC.

The current federal funding allotted to WIC falls short, **putting over 600,000 eligible participants at risk** of being turned away from a program they qualify for.

→ This includes **51,000 eligible CT** children and mothers.

Not fully funding WIC unwinds years of advocacy efforts to increase enrollment. WIC has a strong track record of positive impacts on health outcomes which is why there has been a bipartisan commitment for over 25 years to fully fund it - until now.

→ If Congress extends the current funding level for the rest of the fiscal year, WIC will face a **\$1 billion shortfall in 2024, jeopardizing access for millions nationwide.**

Not fully funding WIC will **force states to reduce participation by 2 million** young children and pregnant/postpartum mothers nationwide by September 2024.

→ In **CT, participation would have to be reduced by 14,000** households currently receive WIC.

