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**Online Guide Transmittal 2021-45  
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**To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff**  
**From:**  **Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management**  
**Re: Cross Programs: Trust and Invest Collaborative (TIC)**

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**Overview**

The Trust and Invest Collaborative (TIC) is a research study designed to assess the role of financial and social capital in helping families out of poverty. The Department of Transitional Assistance is collaborating with UpTogether for this study,

The Department will recruit participants from the Boston, Quincy and Chelsea catchment areas who reside in Boston and Cambridge to join the TIC research study.

Payments received from participation in TIC are considered non-countable unearned income for SNAP, EAEDC and TAFDC.

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this Transmittal is to advise staff of a new Online Guide page for the Trust and Invest Collaborative (TIC).

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**New Online  
Guide Page**

**Topic:** Cross Program  
**Book:** Trust and Invest Collaborative (TIC)  
**Page:** Trust and Invest Collaborative (TIC)

**Questions**

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