2021 Child Tax Credit (CTC)

How families with children can get tax relief with the American Rescue Plan (ARP)
Child Tax Credit
Training agenda

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- Child Tax Credit overview
- Walkthrough of ChildTaxCredit.gov
- Demo of Non-filer Sign-up tool
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Help is here

We want to **make sure families know.**
Our goal is to get help to families

1. Help build awareness and understanding of CTC

   We want to ensure that tens of millions of families easily receive their Child Tax Credits and understand how it benefits them.

2. Help engage families who are eligible but have not yet filed taxes

   We want to make sure they get their Child Tax Credit and Recovery Payments.
The American Rescue Plan increases the CTC

More money for every child

• $3,600 total for every child under 6 years old (up from $2,000)
• $3,000 total for every child 6–17 years old (up from $2,000)
• All working families will get the full credit if they make under $150,000/year for a couple or $112,500 for a single family with children (or a Head of Household)

Automatic monthly payments

People will receive half their CTC in monthly payments from July through December 2021:

• $300 each month for every child under 6
• $250 each month for every child ages 6–17
• They will receive the other half when they file their taxes in 2022

People who get IRS refunds through direct deposit will get the CTC in their bank account on the 15th of every month. People who don’t use direct deposit will get payment by mail around the same time.
The Child Tax Credit (CTC) is transformative

The CTC helps almost all families in our country — whether to pay for rent and food for some, or to save for college for others.

When parents can afford to live, kids do better (better health, higher educational attainment, higher future earnings, lower stress levels).

40% of U.S. families can’t afford an unexpected $400 expense. CTC gives families a little more breathing room.

CTC will stabilize the economy for everyone. We just lived through the biggest recession of our lifetimes and — thanks to stimulus checks — our economy is now stable. Stimulus checks boosted spending at all levels and increased small business revenue. We are getting America back on track.
Round one of child tax credit payments slashed hunger rates, U.S. data shows

The monthly payments of up to $300 for each kid under five and up to $250 for each kid under 18 are the result of one of the most sweeping provisions in the American Rescue Plan.

The most recent survey data shows that nearly half — 47 percent — of households reported spending their tax credit payment on food. © Michael Loccisano/Getty Images

Just one child tax credit payment reduced financial anxiety for 56% of families

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Economic Hardship Declined in Households With Children as Child Tax Credit Payments Arrived

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How do families get the money?

Tax filers get it automatically

These groups will get CTC tax relief automatically:
- Taxpayers who filed tax returns for 2019 or 2020
- Those who signed up to receive Economic Impact Payments (“stimulus checks”) from the Internal Revenue Service

Non-filers can still sign up

Individuals and families who did not have to file taxes this year or last year, and did not register for Economic Impact Payments, can still sign up for CTC payments at ChildTaxCredit.gov.

They will also get any Economic Impact Payments (“stimulus checks”) that they’re entitled to but may not have received yet.
What non-filers need to sign up

Set aside at least 20 minutes to use the Non-filer Sign-up Tool

- A reliable mailing address
- Email address
- Your children’s Social Security Numbers
- Your Social Security Number (or ITIN)
- Your bank account information
  (if you want to receive your payment by direct deposit)
Non-filer Sign-up Tool

Demo
How you can help!

Help sign up non-filers

- **Host a sign up event** at community centers, houses of worship, and other places that families visit.

- **Train the people in your community who will reach non-filers** with community and faith leaders to tell them about the CTC and how they can ensure access for their communities.

Raise public awareness

- You can **share flyers** in places like:
  - Schools, universities
  - Grocery stores, pharmacies
  - Barber shops, beauty salons
  - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clinics
  - Community health centers
  - Shelters
  - Community centers

- Post on **social media** like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

- **Partner** with school districts, education leaders, and childcare centers to share information with parents.

We’ll be sharing materials you can use to help spread the word!
Materials to help spread the word

Help is Here - CTC flyer

Format: PDF (Spanish and English)

Audience: General

Description:
This can be shared or posted in:
- Schools, universities
- Grocery stores, pharmacies
- Barber shops, beauty salons
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clinics
- Community health centers
- Shelters, community centers

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Monthly payments for families with kids

Raising kids can be expensive, and the Child Tax Credit can help. President Biden's American Rescue Plan increased the amount of the 2021 Child Tax Credit to support families with children.

The full benefit of the Child Tax Credit is now $500 per month per child under age 6 and $600 for each child age 6 to 17.

Did you file taxes in the last 2 years? Then you don’t have to do anything to get the money you’re already owed! If you filed 2020 taxes last year to find your tax return, you will receive a Notice of Amount Due (NOD) letter. No Action is Needed for 2020 tax filers.

Your Child Tax Credit is $500/month for each child under age 6 and $600/month for each child age 6 to 17. The IRS will automatically send you a monthly payment by direct deposit or check, beginning in July (2021).

You must file taxes to receive your Child Tax Credit payments. Just visit the IRS website to begin receiving your monthly Child Tax Credit payments.

You will need the following information to apply:
- Full name
- Social Security number or ITIN
- Address
- Banking information

Learn more and check out resources to help you fill out your form at ChildTaxCredit.gov

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Materials to help spread the word

Outreach email
Format: Word document (English)
Audience: General
Description: An editable template you can use to send to members of your organization or community to build CTC awareness.

Child Tax Credit presentation
Format: PDF (English)
Audience: General
Description: This presentation includes what we covered in today’s session and can be used when you’re talking about CTC in your communities and organizations.
Materials to help spread the word

Non-filer Sign-up Tool Help Guide

**Format:** Website (English)

**Audience:** Navigators

**Description:**
This guide is meant for navigators and assisters. It outlines what's going on at each step, so that they know how to respond to common questions and can understand what will happen if people go down a rare corner of the flow.

GetCTC.org
Step by Step guide to using the GetCTC Simplified Filing Portal
Child Tax Credit

What’s next?

Visit ChildTaxCredit.gov to get started

And remember! You have to file your taxes in 2022 to get the second half of your CTC payment.
Thank you!
Let’s open it up for Q&A