

# Community Action and the Child Tax Credit

## Background

The American Rescue Plan raised the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and made it fully refundable for eligible families. Families can receive up to \$3600 per child age 5 and under, as well as up to \$3000 per child ages 6 to 17. There is no minimum income for receiving the expanded CTC! The refunds also can't be garnished by the government. The CTC expansion has been immensely helpful to families around the United States; it has kept millions of children from poverty, reduced food insecurity, and continues to make distribution of the credit more equitable.



## Community Action's Crucial Role in Families

### Receiving CTC Funds

The Community Action Network is committed to helping people and changing lives. Ensuring that every eligible family in our communities can access these funds is part of that promise. Historically, families in disadvantaged or marginalized communities have had the most difficulty accessing this credit so they have the most to gain from the expansion. Many of the families are served by Community Action Agencies, and we can assist them in filing taxes to get the money they deserve.

So let's make it happen!

## Resources

Resources from Community Action:

<https://communityactionpartnership.com/child-tax-credit-resources/>

IRS Information: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-update-portal>

Where can people file for free? <https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>

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