Help is Here: The American Rescue Plan Delivers Major Tax Relief for Families with Children

The Child Tax Credit, part of the American Rescue Plan, is here to help families raising children make ends meet. Experts estimate the new Child Tax Credit has the potential to cut child poverty in half.

To learn more, visit ChildTaxCredit.gov

Major tax relief for Nearly All Working Families

$3,000 to $3,600 Per Child for Nearly All Working Families

- Major expansion: the Child Tax Credit in the American Rescue Plan provides the largest child tax credit ever and historic relief to the most working families ever
  - $3,000 per child 6-17 years old
  - $3,600 per child under 6 years old
  - All working families will get the full credit if they make up to $150,000 for a couple or $112,500 for a family with a single parent (also called head of household)

Automatic Monthly Payments for Nearly All Working Families

- If you’ve filed tax returns for 2019 or 2020, or if you signed up to receive a stimulus check from the Internal Revenue Service, you will get this tax relief automatically. You do not need to sign up or take any action.
- Advancing your tax relief: Normally, tax relief for the year only comes the following year when you file your taxes, no matter how much you need it now. This year, you’ll start getting the money in July.
- Monthly payments starting in July: For the first time, people will receive the Child Tax Credit in monthly payments. For every child 6-17 years old, families will get $250 each month, and for every child under 6 years old, families will get $300 each month.
  - The 80% who get their refunds from the IRS through direct deposit will get these payments in their bank account on the 15th of every month until the end of 2021.
  - People who don’t use direct deposit will receive their payment by mail around the same time.

President Biden’s American Families Plan calls for extending this tax relief for years and years

The new Child Tax Credit enacted in the American Rescue Plan is only for 2021. That is why President Biden strongly believes that we should extend the new Child Tax Credit for years and years to come. That’s what he proposes in his American Families Plan.
The American Rescue Plan provides historic and transformational tax relief for families with children, and the American Families Plan proposes to extend that relief for years to come.

For working families with children, this tax cut sends a clear message: help is here.

— President Biden

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