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DO YOU HAVE KIDS UNDER 18? YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR MORE COVID RELIEF MONEY.

The American Rescue Plan made big changes to the federal Child Tax Credit (CTC), just for the tax year of 2021, to help families with children recover from the pandemic:

More low-income families are eligible for the money	Low-income families will get more money than before	All families can get half of the money in advance
<p>✗ Before, families needed a minimum income to be eligible.</p> <p>✓ For 2021, families can be eligible even if they have zero earned income for the year.</p>	<p>✗ Before, the maximum credit was \$2000 per child.</p> <p>✓ For 2021, low-income families will get \$3000 per child 6-17 and \$3600 per child 0-5.</p>	<p>✗ Before, families got their tax credits during tax season.</p> <p>✓ For 2021, families will get half the credit in monthly payments of up to \$300 per child starting on July 15.</p>

Your qualifying child must be a U.S. citizen, national, or resident alien. You do not need to be a citizen. The [IRS 2021 Child Tax Credit](#) page has more eligibility information.

MAKE SURE YOU'RE GETTING YOUR MONTHLY PAYMENT.

If you filed your taxes in 2019 or 2020 OR you submitted information to get the COVID stimulus checks, then you might get your payments automatically. Check your bank account or check your mailbox. To check on the status of your payment or update your information, use the [IRS Child Tax Credit Update Portal](#).

If you did NOT file your taxes in 2019 or 2020 and you did NOT submit information to get the COVID stimulus checks, then you might need to take action.

- If you do NOT have any earned income, you can apply to receive the child tax credit online using the [IRS Child Tax Credit Non-Filer Sign-Up Tool](#).
- If you DO have any earned income, you can file your 2020 taxes until October 15. You may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit as well.

YOU CAN FIND HELP AT:

StreetCred at Boston Medical Center	Online	617.414.5170	bmc@mystreetcred.org
Allston Brighton Child and Family Services	Online/In-person	617.838.8089	vita@cfmp.us
Get Your Refunds	Online	N/A	GetYourRefund.org
Find Your Refunds	Online	N/A	FindYourFunds.org



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WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$600?

A child allowance is a cash benefit. It could help pay for any kind of child care. But it would most help support parents and informal caregivers. Families could:

ARRANGE MORE RELIABLE CHILD CARE:	AFFORD THE BASICS EVERY CHILD NEEDS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cover a few lost hours of work ✓ Thank grandma for picking up the kids ✓ Hire a shared tutor with other families ✓ Pay for weekend activities or lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rent, mortgage, or utilities ✓ Car expenses or transit fare ✓ Food or medication ✓ Books and other learning supplies

MASSACHUSETTS NEEDS A STATE CHILD TAX CREDIT FOR KIDS 0-12

After COVID, too many parents lost their jobs to care for kids, especially in Black, brown, and low-income communities with many essential workers and high transmission rates.

Now is the time to create a \$600-per-child Massachusetts Child Tax Credit. Massachusetts just got \$5 billion from the American Rescue Plan. The tax credit would cost \$700 million per year.

The expanded federal child tax credit provides \$250 to \$300 monthly per child.

The Massachusetts Child Tax Credit would **add \$50 monthly per child on top of that.**

\$600 for each child ages 0-12	Child care is more expensive in Massachusetts than almost anywhere else in the country.
For undocumented children too	About 30,000 kids in our state are undocumented and excluded from the federal child tax credit.
For families that earn less than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200,000 for one filer • \$400,000 for two filers 	Over 90 percent of Massachusetts families should be eligible for the Massachusetts Child Tax Credit.
No minimum income to qualify	A fully refundable Massachusetts Child Tax Credit would serve as a guaranteed income.

JOIN THE FIGHT FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS CHILD TAX CREDIT TODAY.
Sign the Care That Works petition to state legislators here:

