



Tips for Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs) about the Child Tax Credit

What is the Child Tax Credit (CTC)?

The Child Tax Credit is a tax benefit to help families raising children.

It is included in the [American Rescue Plan](#) and provides the largest ever Child Tax Credit and relief to working families. This relief can help families struggling to pay for rent, food, child care, or cover any other expenses they may have.

While tens of millions of families are already receiving the child tax credit as monthly payments that started on July 15, 2021, **there are millions more who are eligible but are not yet signed up for the program.** CCR&R agencies can help eligible families find out how to access the funds, to ensure that more children benefit from the CTC.

Who is eligible?

Most working families are eligible, including those who did not make enough money to be required to file taxes. To earn the full credit, families must make under \$150,000 per year for a couple, or \$112,500 for a single family with children (or a Head of Household).

How much can families receive?

The amount received is based on income. Families can receive up to \$3,600 total for every child under 6 years old and up to \$3,000 total for every child 6-17 years old. Families with higher incomes are eligible for a partial amount of the full credit.)

How Can CCR&R's help?

1. Review the information provided on this resource.
2. Distribute this [flyer](#) and the information below to families, child care providers and community partners.
3. Share on [social media](#) channels.
4. Discover additional tax incentives your specific state may offer families, in addition to the federal CTC, using this [tool](#) and share the information with families.

Where to Find More Information about the Child Tax Credit?

- [ChildTaxCredit.gov](https://www.childtaxcredit.gov)
- [Q&A About the Advance Child Tax Credit Payments](#)

How Can Families Enroll in the CTC if they are not already receiving payments?

Families can sign up to receive monthly CTC payments using this [tool](#) through November 15, 2021. If families do not sign up in time for monthly payments in 2021, they will receive the full benefit when they file their taxes in 2022.