



Have you heard about the new cash payment for children?

Make sure you don't miss out!

What is the Expanded Child Tax Credit?

To help people get through the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Rescue Plan massively expanded the Child Tax Credit. **Most families will get \$3,000 to \$3,600 per child, even if the families have little or no income.**

- **In 2021, families can get:**
 - \$3,600 (\$300 a month) per child for children ages 0 to 5.
 - \$3,000 (\$250 a month) per child for children ages 6 to 17.
- **IRS started paying these benefits monthly on July 15th, 2021.** Most families will get \$250 to \$300 a month per child from July through December 2021. Families will get the remaining \$1,500 to 1,800 per child when they file their 2021 taxes in Spring 2022.
- **The Child Tax Credit will not affect your Medicaid, SNAP/Food Stamps, TANF Cash Assistance, SSI or other public benefits.**

Is My Child Eligible?

- **To be eligible:**
 - Children must have a Social Security Number.
 - Children must live with you for at least half of the year.
 - Children must be under age 18 as of December 31, 2021.
- Children are eligible if they are your children, adopted children, stepchildren, half-siblings, foster children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, or certain other relatives.
- The adult filer must have a Social Security Number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. **If you need help applying for an ITIN, call CLS at (215) 981-3700.**
- **You do not need to have any earnings to get this credit,** though it phases out for families with higher income. Families will qualify for a full credit if their income is below: single filer (\$75,000), head of household (\$112,000) or married filing jointly (\$150,000).

How Do I Get It? Sign up with the IRS!

- **File taxes! You can still file even if you missed the May 17th deadline!** Free tax assistance is available through Campaign for Working Families at cwfphilly.org/
- **Some non-filers can sign up by using the Non-filer Portal** at tinyurl.com/non-filer-2020.
- **Want help?** Call CLS at (215) 981-3700! We can help you complete the Non-Filer Tool, connect you with free tax preparation services, or trouble shoot other issues.