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Subject: Help Is Here: Child Tax Credit Payments Begin Tomorrow

News from Representative Bourdeaux



Is child care too expensive?

YES NO

Dear Friend.

In March, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan to defeat the COVID-19 pandemic and help families get back on their feet. **Now, more help is on the way!**

This week marks the roll-out of the expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC), a tax cut designed to help with the costs of raising a child. The CTC will function as monthly advance tax refund payments for many families and can help cover the cost of child care, back to school clothing, rent or mortgage payments, or even the weekly grocery bill.

Starting *TOMORROW*, <u>July 15</u>, qualifying families will start receiving monthly payments of up to \$300 for children under the age of six, and \$250 for children ages 6-17, from July through December.

Qualifying families who filed their taxes for 2020 and chose the direct deposit option will start receiving the tax credit automatically. Those who didn't select direct deposit when they filed 2020 taxes will receive either a paper check or a debit card in the mail.

Additionally, the IRS released a <u>sign-up tool for non-filers</u> to receive some benefits as well, and claim the rest on your 2021 tax return.

Click here for more information on who qualifies for these benefits, how to begin receiving them, and specific details on this program.



In Georgia's 7th District, economists estimate that the families of over <u>181,000 children</u> are projected to benefit from the expanded Child Tax Credit. Nationally, this tax credit is <u>projected to cut child poverty by almost 50%</u>.

Every child deserves an equal shot at success, and the American Rescue Plan's expanded child tax credit takes a great step at ensuring a more equitable future.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Bourdeaux Member of Congress

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