

reFundNC

Outreach Toolkit for Community Partners

Connecting NC Families with the Child Tax Credit

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As trusted messengers, your support is critical for connecting North Carolina families with the Child Tax Credit.

The Child Tax Credit (CTC) is one of the largest sources of financial support for families during the pandemic. Many North Carolina families are missing out on this opportunity, and don't know that there is still time to apply.

What is the Child Tax Credit?

The Child Tax Credit (CTC) helps American families with the cost of raising kids. For tax year 2021, families are eligible for:

- **\$3,600 for each child** under 6
- **\$3,000 for each child** age 6-17
- 3rd stimulus payment of **\$1,400 per household member** (children and adults)

A family of four with two children, for example, could receive more than \$12,000 this year.

How can families get Child Tax Credit money?

Even though tax season is over, families can still apply to receive the Child Tax Credit, even if they have low income, no income, or don't normally file taxes. To apply for the funds, families can visit **GetCTC.org/valores** before November 15, 2022.

How can our organization help with outreach?

- You don't have to be a tax expert.
- Your goal is to direct families to **GetCTC.org/valores** before November 15, 2022.
- Free application assistance from tax experts is available; families can call the national hotline at **1-877-907-0937**. This team can:
 - answer questions
 - help correct errors
 - guide resubmissions if a family's application was initially rejected
- Most families complete the application in about 30 minutes.
- Broad communication like text messages and emails work well.
- Flyers can be distributed and posted at all service locations.

Text messages and social media posts

Try to send a series of messages before Nov. 15, 2022

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Most families have already received the Child Tax Credit - don't miss out on thousands of dollars for your family! This money will NOT affect your benefits including SNAP, WIC, TANF, Medicaid, and CHIP. Apply by Nov. 15: **GetCTC.org/valores** More help: 1-877-907-0937

Your family could be eligible for thousands of dollars with the Child Tax Credit. If your child has a Social Security number (SSN), you can apply if you have a SSN *or* an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). Apply by Nov. 15: **GetCTC.org/valores** More help: 1-877-907-0937

Did you get monthly money in 2021 for your kids with the Child Tax Credit (\$250 or \$300 per child)? You need to sign up again in 2022 to get the rest of your money. Apply by Nov. 15: **GetCTC.org/valores** More help: 1-877-907-0937

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Add reminders to all print or digital materials that you share with your community

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Frequently Asked Questions

What can I get if I apply?

- \$3,600 per child for children under 6
- \$3,000 per child for children ages 6 to 17
- 3rd stimulus payment of \$1,400 per person (children and adults)

What if I already submitted a tax return for 2021?

If you already filed a tax return this year, you will receive the Child Tax Credit. You don't need to apply again.

What if I have kids over 18? What if I don't have kids?

You can still use GetCTC.org to apply for the 3rd stimulus payment of \$1,400 per person for you and your spouse.

Are your kids 18 or older, but still your dependents? You can get the \$1,400 per person for older children or other adult dependents in your household.

What are the income limits for using GetCTC.org?

GetCTC.org is for you if your total income for 2021 is less than \$12,500 if you are single, or less than \$25,100 if you are married.

SNAP benefits and Supplemental Security Income do NOT count toward these limits. Earn more than the income limits? Use GetYourRefund.org to file a full tax return and get the Child Tax Credit and other money.

What if I already received some Child Tax Credit money?

Even if you received some monthly Child Tax Credit payments in 2021, you still need to apply at GetCTC.org to receive the rest of the money. When you apply, you can also get the 3rd stimulus payment of \$1,400 for each adult and child in your household.

What if I take care of a grandchild, sibling, relative, or foster child?

You can get the Child Tax Credit for any children under 18 who live with you for more than half of the year. Family members who care for a child can claim the credit, even if you don't have custody. The child you are claiming can be your adopted child, your grandchild, your sibling, your niece/nephew, etc. Other caregivers (foster parents, non-family adults) must have legal custody or legal guardianship of the child.

Will the Child Tax Credit affect my other benefits?

Getting this money will NOT affect your benefits including Medicaid, SNAP, WIC, TANF, SSI and most other public benefits like housing and utility assistance.

reFund NC can organize an information session for your team as needed.

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Can two households both get Child Tax Credit money for the same child?

No, each child can only be claimed once for the Child Tax Credit. If someone else has already applied for the Child Tax Credit for a child, other caregivers won't be able to claim that money.

Do you think someone else incorrectly claimed the Child Tax Credit for a child that you care for? You may be able to challenge that claim. Reach out to the Taxpayer Advocate Center for more information: www.irs.gov/taxpayer-advocate.

Can immigrant families get the Child Tax Credit?

Yes, immigrant families can get the Child Tax Credit if:

- the child has a Social Security Number
- the parent(s) or guardian(s) have either a Social Security Number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

Unfortunately, if you don't already have a Social Security Number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), you will not be able to apply for the Child Tax Credit using GetCTC.org this year. If your child does not have a Social Security Number, you will not be able to apply for the Child Tax Credit this year. If you apply for a Social Security Number for your child, your child would be eligible for the Child Tax Credit in the future.

Will this money affect my immigration status?

Getting this money will NOT affect your current immigration status, your future applications, or the status of anyone in your household. There are strong laws preventing the IRS from sharing personal information from taxes with ICE or any other government agency.