

Child Tax Credit (CTC) Priorities

When Congress passed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) in July 2025, it modestly increased the **Child Tax Credit (CTC)** for some families to \$2,200/year while excluding millions of children in low-income or immigrant families who need this support most.

Children and families deserve so much more. We urge lawmakers to ensure that the CTC provides real financial security to families so that children have what they need to thrive.

The Child Tax Credit (CTC) should be available to all children.

- Children in families with low or no income should receive the full credit, and there should be no earnings test or work history requirements.
- The CTC should be fully available to all children in immigrant families.

The CTC should be increased to help with the rising costs of raising children.

- Guaranteed income pilots that provided between \$500 and \$1,000 per month to families helped them pay the bills on time, reduced stress, and enabled parents to invest in enrichment activities and spend quality time with their children.
- The CTC should be increased to at least \$500 per month per child, and the maximum benefit adjusted for inflation to keep up with the cost of living.

The CTC should be available via monthly payments.

- In 2021, the IRS proved it was possible to successfully issue tax credits on a monthly basis when it delivered the expanded CTC to over 61 million children through monthly payments.
- The IRS should be funded with adequate resources to ensure smooth delivery of future monthly payments, and to provide additional support to families who face barriers accessing the CTC so that they can receive the support they are owed.

Who We Are

The Automatic Benefit for Children (ABC) Coalition is a group of national, state, and local organizations, led by the Parent & Caregiver Advisory Board. Our mission is to create a child cash allowance that provides regular, meaningful assistance to families and serves as a foundation for a more equitable and inclusive social support system.

