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DPSS ENCOURAGES FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EXPANDED CHILD TAX CREDIT

Although the tax season has ended, it's not too late for eligible families to still claim the tax benefits that they qualify for due to the expansion of the federal [Child Tax Credit](#) (CTC). The American Rescue Plan (ARP) has made it possible for families that normally do not file taxes or have no recent income, to receive the full CTC amount.

A household can receive up to \$3,600 for each child under six years old, and up to \$3,000 for each child between six and 17 years old, if they file a tax return before mid-November 2022. Anyone who has a minor child with a Social Security number in their household could receive the credit, even if they do not have a Social Security number themselves.

DPSS is committed to publicizing this information to help local families understand their eligibility for the CTC and how to receive it when filing their 2021 taxes.

"These funds are essential to support families with the high cost of raising children," said DPSS Acting Director Jackie Contreras. "But many eligible families

this credit after the tax season. We encourage them to visit the Code for America website www.GetCTC.org/dpsstc22 to learn about your eligibility.”

Families can also dial 211 to get simple questions answered and obtain limited IRS-certified tax filing assistance or virtual help.



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