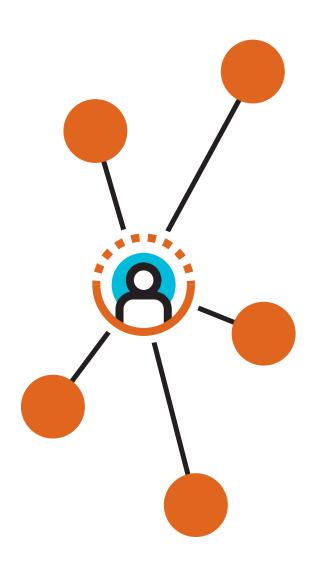
## Child Tax Credit

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## Agenda

- Background & Eligibility
- Screening Questions & Process
- Fact Sheet & Resources
- FAQ



## Advanced Child Tax Credits Payments

The Child Tax Credit (CTC) is intended to cut the child poverty rate in half.

#### Payments are automatic if families filed taxes in 2019 or 2020

> Families MUST file taxes or use the IRS non-filer tax tool.

#### Non-filers:

- Less than \$12,400 individual
- Less than \$24,800 married couple filing jointly
- ➤ Approximately 2,500 3,000 children in families who qualify may not receive the CTC; a potential loss of \$3.7m to \$4.6m for Spokane.











## Background

# Starting July 15, families began receiving monthly payments for the federal Child Tax Credit (CTC).

- > 50% will be paid in monthly payments from July through December 2021
  - \$3,600/year (\$300/month) per child under 6
  - \$3,000/year (\$250/month) per child 6-17
- > 50% will be paid in a lump sum with 2021 tax returns (filed in 2022)





## Eligibility

- Individual must have an SSN or ITIN
- Individual must be claiming a child on taxes from ages 0-17
  - Child must have a SSN
- Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) under:
  - \$75,000 for an individual
  - \$112,500 for those filing head of household
  - \$150,000 married couple filing a joint return
    - If AGI exceeds the above amounts, the CTC is reduced by \$50 for each \$1,000 over the thresholds.
- Must file taxes or complete a non-filer tool to receive CTC
  - Check eligibility here



## **Assisting Clients**

When interacting with potential clients, incorporate these questions and direct them to the non-filer tool GetCTC.org.

> Add <u>GetCTC.org</u> to your resource distribution lists.

#### Families with kids qualify for the Child Tax Credit.

If you file federal income taxes and claim children ages 0-17, you will automatically receive the Child Tax Credit.

If you do not file federal income taxes, you may be eligible to start receiving \$300 a month per child under 6 or \$250 per child between 6-17 years old.

If your annual income is less than \$12,400 for an individual or \$24,800 for a married couple, fill out a non-filer form at <a href="Metalcolor: GetCTC.org">GetCTC.org</a> to be eligible to receive the Child Tax Credit. If your income is higher, you likely qualify for more and should file taxes at <a href="GetYourRefund.org">GetYourRefund.org</a>.

## Screening Questions

#### Do you have kids between the ages of 0-17 (not 18+)?

- If no, they are not eligible.
- > **If yes**, continue to the next question.

#### Did you file federal income taxes last year?

- If yes, then they should automatically receive monthly payments.
  - If they still haven't received payment, they can check their payment status and update payment information using the <u>IRS Update</u> <u>Portal</u> or <u>file a trace</u> to request missing funds.
- If no, continue to the next question.



## Screening Questions

## Did you make less than \$12,400 as an individual or \$24,800 as a married couple filing jointly?

- If no, they must file taxes for 2020 at <a href="GetYourRefund.org">GetYourRefund.org</a>.
  - They can register for free tax prep from a VITA volunteer or do it themselves.
- > **If yes**, complete the non-filer tool at <u>GetCTC.org</u>.
- ➤ If yes (optional), use the <u>IRS non-filer tool</u>.



## Non-filer tool: GetCTC.org

## This is a simplified, mobile-friendly portal that individuals can do themselves.

- Demo Version that community partners can test:
  - https://ctc.demo.getyourrefund.org/
- The following information is needed:
  - Full name
  - Valid Social Security Numbers (SSNs) or other Individual Taxpayer
    Identification Numbers (ITINs) for individual and dependents
  - Date of Birth
  - Current mailing address
  - Bank account number, routing number, and type (if the individual has one)
  - Identify Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN)
    \*This is uncommon and comes from the IRS.

## Non-filer tool: IRS

### This tool is not as user-friendly.

- IRS non-filer tool link
- > To use this form, individuals must enter 2019 reported AGI
  - If they did not file 2019 taxes in 2020, they can enter \$0
  - The form will not let them continue without it
- > They also must create a PIN number when entering taxes
- Video how to use the IRS non-filer tool.
  - What to enter for 2019 AGI at 17-minute marker

### Additional Resources

- GetCTC.org is the simplified, mobile-friendly portal for families who do not have to file taxes (\$12,400 for an individual or \$24,800 for a married couple filing jointly).
- GetYourRefund.org is an online portal for filing taxes for families who make more than \$12,400 for an individual or \$24,800 for a married couple. This form is more complicated, but there is an option to sign up for a free VITA tax prep volunteer.
- Mom's Rising CTC webpage has a comprehensive FAQ about the Child Tax Credit.



Q&A

## Thanks for attending!

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