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October 2019 RESULTS U.S. Poverty National Webinar

Use All Your Advocacy Tools to Help Workers and Families

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RESULTS is a movement of passionate, committed everyday people. Together we use our voices to influence political decisions that will bring an end to poverty. Poverty cannot end as long as oppression exists. We commit to opposing all forms of oppression, including racism, classism, colonialism, white saviorism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, xenophobia, and religious discrimination.

At RESULTS we pledge to create space for all voices, including those of us who are currently experiencing poverty. We will address oppressive behavior in our interactions, families, communities, work, and world. Our strength is rooted in our diversity of experiences, not in our assumptions.

With unearned privilege comes the responsibility to act so the burden to educate and change doesn't fall solely on those experiencing oppression. When we miss the mark on our values, we will acknowledge our mistake, seek forgiveness, learn, and work together as a community to pursue equity.

There are no saviors — only partners, advocates, and allies. We agree to help make the RESULTS movement a respectful, inclusive space.



Find all our anti-oppression resources at: <https://results.org/volunteers/anti-oppression/>

Welcome from Joanne Carter Executive Director, RESULTS



Why do we advocate?

The mission of RESULTS

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**Bernadine
Williams**

RESULTS Houston

**Kathleen
Duncan**



Why do we advocate?

The mission of RESULTS

Volunteers receive training, support, and inspiration to become skilled advocates. In time, volunteers learn to effectively advise policy makers, guiding them towards decisions that improve access to education, health, and economic opportunity.



Stella Linn
RESULTS
Kansas City

Jana Julian
RESULTS
Honolulu



From Stella's webinar share: [her first LTE](#)

Why do we advocate?

The mission of RESULTS

With every hour of their time, volunteers multiply their impact through the enormous power of advocacy — whether it's helping change policy to support millions of families putting food on the table or helping raise billions of dollars for the world's most vulnerable children.

Ginnie Vogts
RESULTS Columbus



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Backed by the in-depth research and legislative expertise of staff, RESULTS advocates realize the incredible power they possess to use their voices to change the world.



Aaron Carrillo
RESULTS Lawrence, KS

Guest Speaker: Qiana Torregano

RESULTS Grassroots Board Member, Expert on Poverty

Qiana Marie Torregano of New Orleans, Louisiana, humbly represents her eclectic home as an educator and advocate. Qiana is a mother of two awesome kids and a passionate Master of Curriculum & Instruction, providing high quality instruction to underserved urban communities in Louisiana for the past 17 years. Ms. Torregano has volunteered with RESULTS for five years and is a proud member of the [Experts on Poverty Cohort](#). She also represents grassroots volunteers on the RESULTS Board of Directors and serves as the Executive Secretary of the Board.



U.S. Poverty Campaigns Update



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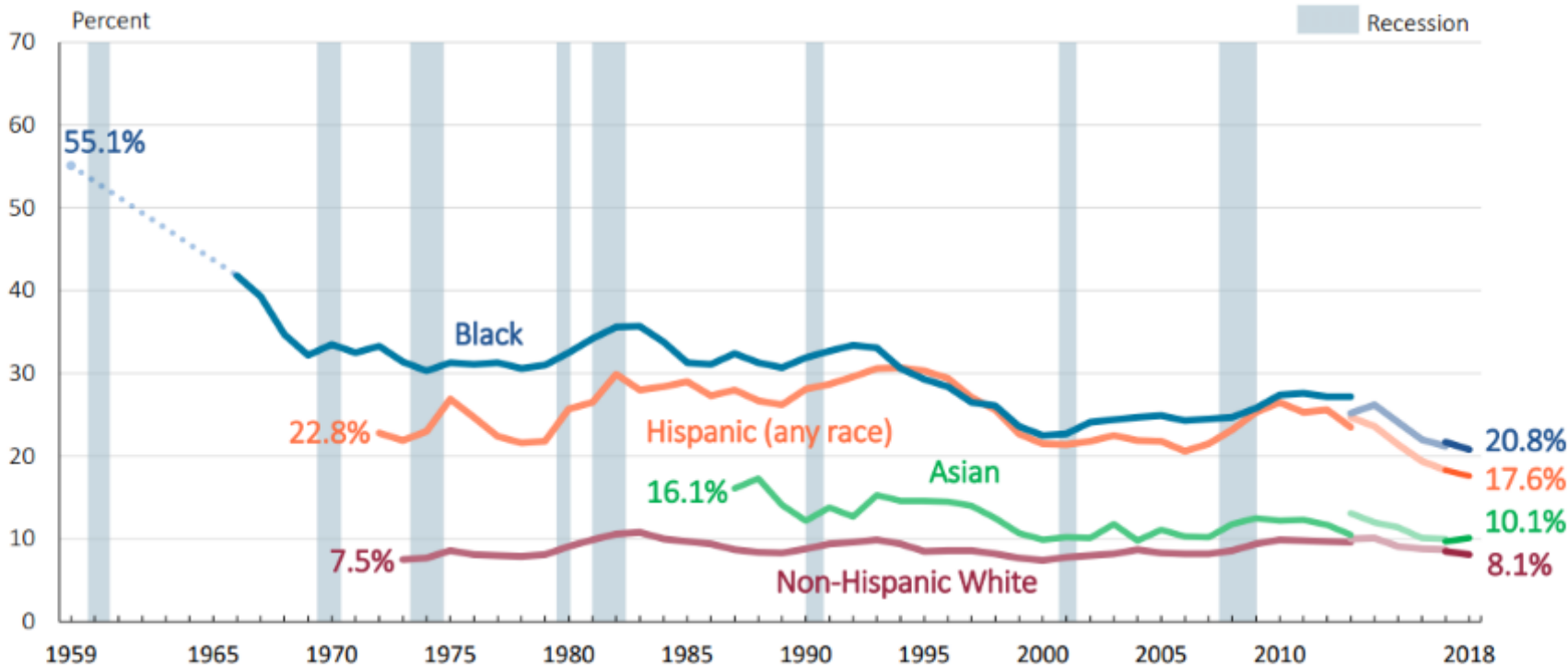
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New U.S. Census data shows that

1 in 8 Americans is still living below the poverty line.

Last Month's Census Data: Racial Disparities

Poverty Rates by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 2018



U.S. Department of Commerce
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU
[census.gov](https://www.census.gov)

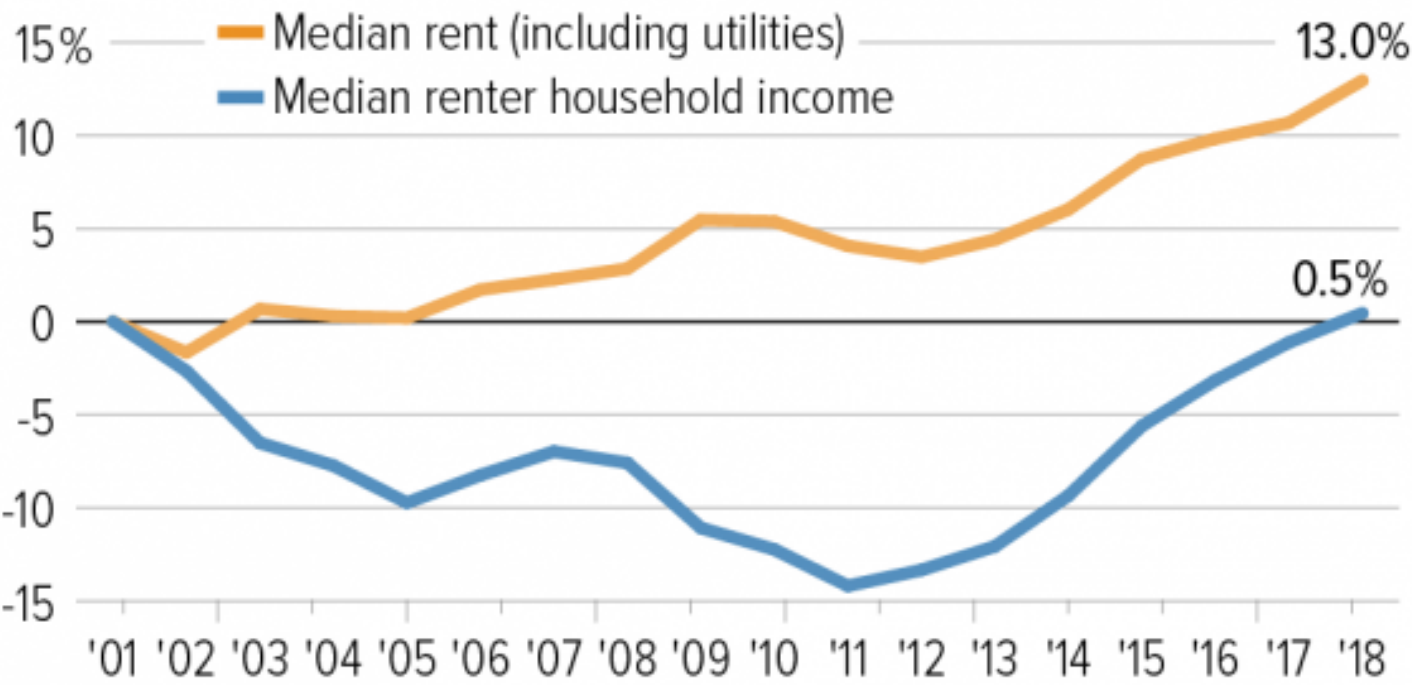
Note: The data for 2017 and beyond reflect the implementation of an updated CPS ASEC processing system. The data for 2013 and beyond reflect the implementation of the redesigned income questions.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1960 to 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

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Last Week's Local Census Data

Renters' Incomes Haven't Caught Up to Housing Costs

Percent change since 2001, adjusted for inflation

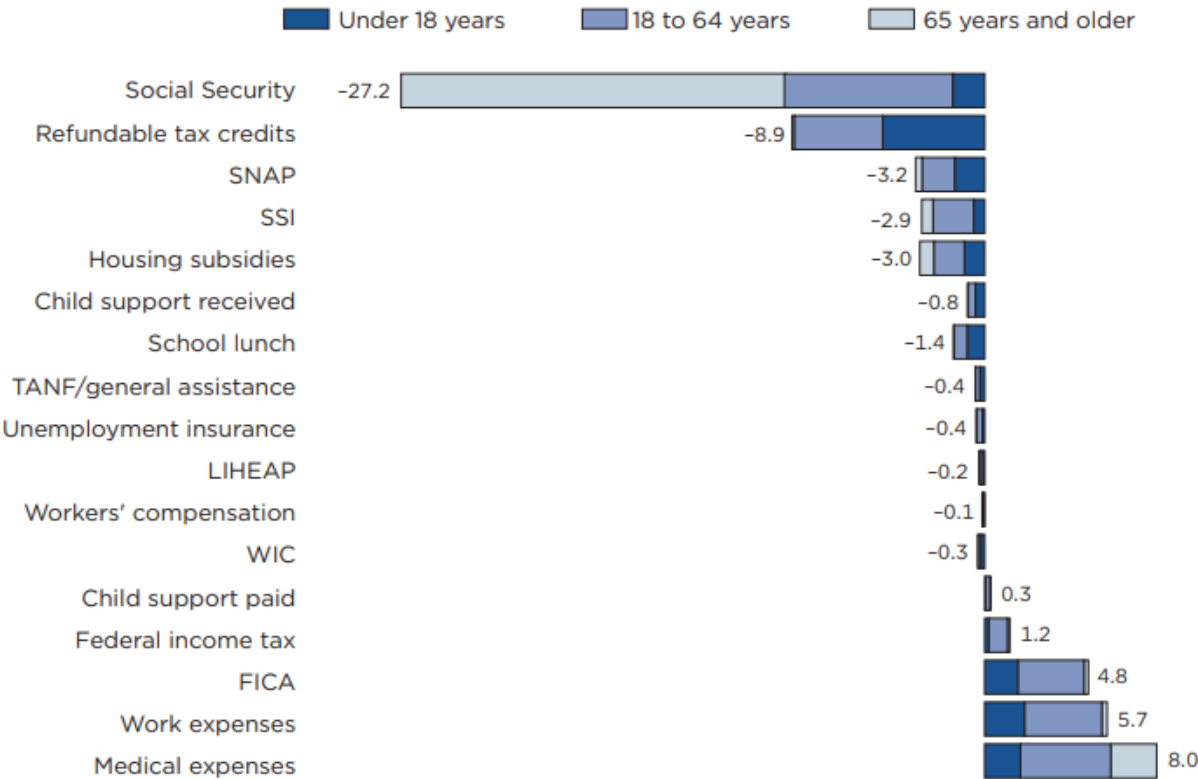


Source: CBPP tabulations of the Census Bureau's American Community Survey

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And: Anti-Poverty Policies Work!

Figure 8.
Change in Number of People in Poverty After Including Each Element: 2018
(In millions)



Note: For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar19.pdf>>.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

More on the updated Supplemental Poverty Measure:
<https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2019/demo/p60-268.html>

Building on 2015 EITC/CTC Success



These changes prevented 16 million people from falling into or deeper into poverty.

The Working Families Tax Relief Act

THE WORKING FAMILIES TAX RELIEF ACT WOULD:

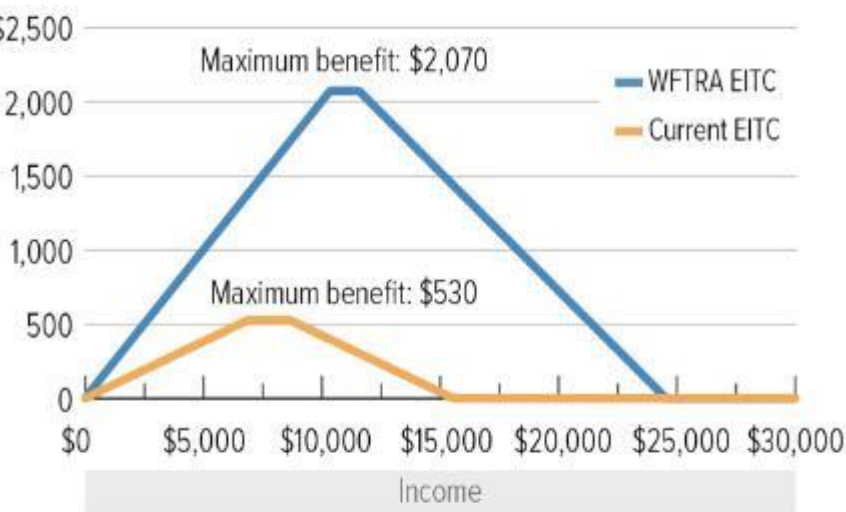
- ✓ Expand the EITC for families with kids;
- ✓ Deliver a meaningful EITC for the first time for workers who don't have kids at home;
- ✓ Make the Child Tax Credit fully refundable; and
- ✓ Create a new Young Child Tax Credit for families with kids under 6

THESE POLICIES WOULD BENEFIT 46 MILLION FAMILIES.

Expanding the EITC

Working Families Tax Relief Act (WFTRA) Would Boost Childless Workers' EITC

Earned Income Tax Credit for single childless worker, 2019



Note: Assumes all income is from earnings (as opposed to investments, for example).
Source: Internal Revenue Service and CBPP calculations

Childless Adults Taxed Into Poverty; Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Proposal Would Help Address Problem

A single childless adult with poverty-level wages in 2019 (\$13,340) owes \$1,135 in income taxes and payroll taxes (employee share).

Current law

Under current law, she receives an EITC worth just \$172.

Federal taxes push her \$963 into poverty.

Working Families Tax Relief Act

Under a proposal from Senators Brown, Bennet, Durbin, and Wyden, her EITC would rise to \$1,797, more than offsetting her federal tax liability.

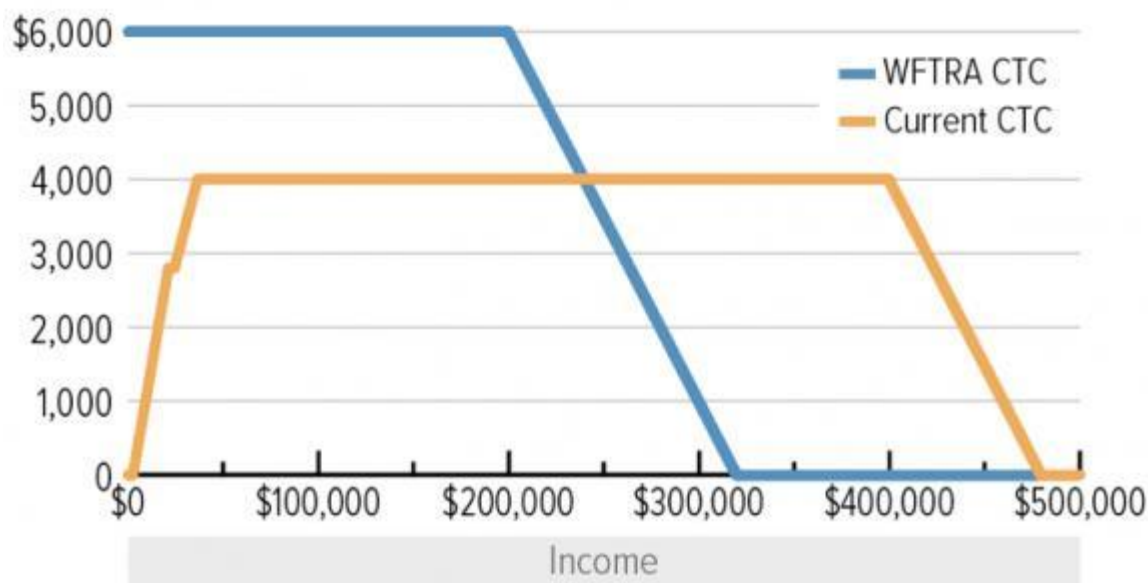
After taxes, she would be \$662 above the poverty line.

Source: CBPP analysis of Internal Revenue Code and the Working Families Tax Relief Act.

Expanding the CTC

Working Families Tax Relief Act (WFTRA) Expands Child Tax Credit for Very Young Children

Credit for a married couple with two children under age 6, 2019



Note: Assumes all income is from earnings (as opposed to investments, for example). About 92 percent of families with children would receive the same CTC or a larger CTC as under current law.

Source: CBPP analysis of IRS and Census data

Impact: Working Families Tax Relief Act

The Working Families Relief Act's expansions of the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit would boost incomes across races, helping:

- 24 million white families;
- 9 million Latino families;
- 8 million Black families; and
- 2 million Asian-American families

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And... cuts child poverty nationally by 28 percent!

16 Million Women of Color

TABLE 3

Women (Filers and Spouses) Benefiting From the Working Families Tax Relief Act

	Women Receiving an Increase in EITC or Child Tax Credit	Average Tax Credit Increase	Share of Women in Racial and Ethnic Group Receiving a Tax Credit Increase
White, non-Latina	17,310,000	\$1,200	22%
Latina	7,820,000	\$1,500	41%
Black, non-Latina	5,770,000	\$1,900	38%
Asian and Pacific Islander, non-Latina	2,090,000	\$900	26%
Native Americans, non-Latina	390,000	\$1,900	41%
Other, non-Latina	560,000	\$1,600	36%
Total	33,950,000	\$1,400	28%

Source: CBPP estimates based on March 2018 Current Population Survey data.

EITC/CTC Homework

Make expanding the EITC/CTC THE top priority for any tax deal this year

- They are starting these negotiations now
- Decisions will be decided behind the scenes, so we need leadership to hear from their peers

Chance to Expand EITC/CTC This Year

Who will make this happen?

YOU.

Links shared during the webinar

- Tomorrow morning the lawsuits to stop implementation of the changes to public charge (limiting immigrant families' access to anti-poverty programs) and RESULTS signed on to an amicus brief with other nutrition and housing groups. To see our original comment and get more context: <https://results.org/blog/results-responds-to-white-house-proposals-that-threaten-low-income-families/>. Key talking points are:
 - The Trump public charge regulation is brutal, dangerous and unlawful
 - It's about sending one message: if you're not white and you're not wealthy, you're not welcome
 - We support efforts to block it, through the courts and in Congress
 - An injunction would protect millions from real, lasting harm
 - We don't know when we will receive a decision, so we also urge Congress to act
 - We're running out of time to protect immigrant families
- More on the latest Census (ACS) poverty data from the Coalition on Human Needs: <https://www.chn.org/articles/chn-new-census-bureau-data-show-fewer-americans-with-health-care-coverage-tremendous-disparities-in-poverty-rates-based-on-race-and-age/>, including [this chart](#) of state poverty data for 2017-2018.
- State numbers on how many would be impacted by expanding EITC and CTC: <https://www.cbpp.org/research/federal-tax/working-families-tax-relief-act-would-raise-incomes-of-46-million-households>

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Urge Congress to Prioritize the EITC and CTC



Jos Linn

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Meet with members of Congress

The House and Senate are on recess the first two weeks of October (September 30-October 14). Schedule meetings and attend town halls to talk to them directly about expanding the EITC and CTC in any new tax bill (as well as continuing to build support for the renters' tax credit). Use our [sample request](#) to schedule a meeting today and [contact RESULTS staff](#) when you get one on the calendar.

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Talk to tax aides on the phone

As you wait to get meetings with your members of Congress back home, reach out to tax aides in their offices to talk about the EITC and CTC. Remind them that the Census data just came out showing that 38 million were living below the poverty line in 2018, but that number would have been 8 million higher without the EITC and CTC. Urge them to tell their bosses to tell House and Senate leadership that if any tax bill is done this fall, it must include expansions of the EITC and CTC.

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Generate media on the EITC and CTC

Continue to push our message in the media by getting letters to the editors and op-eds published about tax policy that helps workers and families. We have a goal of 70 EITC/CTC media pieces by the end of October. If you do get published, please send copies to the tax aides and take copies to any lobby meetings you have.

Let's make this a great Seventy-tober!

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Urge people to call about the EITC and CTC

Look up your members of Congress, call yourself, and ask others (action networks, social media networks, and others you know) to call and leave this message with the receptionist:

Hello, my name is _____ and I am a constituent from _____. Leaders in Congress want to do a tax bill this fall to help businesses and corporations. If they do, millions of workers and families struggling to make ends meet should get priority. These people were ignored in the 2017 tax law; they must not be ignored again. Please tell Rep./Sen. _____ that if Congress passes any tax bill this fall, it must include expansions of the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit for low-income Americans. Will you please give him/her that message? Thank you.

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Use this month's action to organize others into action:

- Invite someone to participate in a lobby meeting during the October recess
- Ask someone to attend a town hall with you (and if they're game, ask a question)
- Ask someone to call each member of Congress and leave a message about expanding the EITC and CTC with the receptionist – use the message on the previous page
- Ask someone to write a letter to the editor about the EITC and CTC in their local paper
- Ask someone to write letters to their members of Congress about including the EITC and CTC in any new tax bill (using talking points above)

The key to outreach success is offering to help and circling back to reflect on how taking action felt for them.

October Action Resources

Push Congress to expand the EITC and CTC

- **Action Sheet:** <https://results.org/wp-content/uploads/2019-10-U.S.-Poverty-Action-Expand-the-EITC-and-CTC-for-Workers-and-Families.pdf>
- **RESULTS Lobbying page:** <https://results.org/volunteers/lobbying/>
- **Sample meeting request:** https://results.org/volunteers/action-center/?vvsrsrc=%2Fcampaigns%2F54043%2Frespond&_ga=2.170366375.607619555.1569846783-747047014.1569421502
- **Contact info for congressional offices:** <https://results.org/volunteers/action-center/legislator-lookup/?vvsrsrc=%2fAddress> or <http://capwiz.com/fconl/dbq/officials/>
- **Online LTE action:** <https://results.org/volunteers/action-center/?vvsrsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f65373%2frespond>

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Media Action: Continue U.S. commitment to the Global Fund
At the height of the AIDS crisis, the world came together to fight back, pooling its resources and creating the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Now almost two decades later, its success has been nothing less than remarkable. Since 2002, the Global Fund...

Call Today! Urge Congress to Fund Priorities that Reduce Poverty and Save Lives
Congress is making important decisions right now about funding priorities for the next budget. Sadly, policies that help alleviate poverty in the U.S. and around the world could get ignored. But with your help, we can avoid that outcome. Help set the agenda by telling...

Media Action: We Must Address the Housing Crisis
Families looking for affordable housing are in crisis. Since 1960, renters' median earnings have gone up 5 percent while rents have risen by 61 percent -- and only 37 affordable and available rental homes exist for every 100 extremely low-income renter households...

Ask Your Senators to Prioritize Global Health and Education
As Congress looks at its spending plan for 2020, it's your turn to tell them what they should prioritize. Smart investments in health and quality education programs in the world's poorest places can dramatically change the futures of women, children, and other...

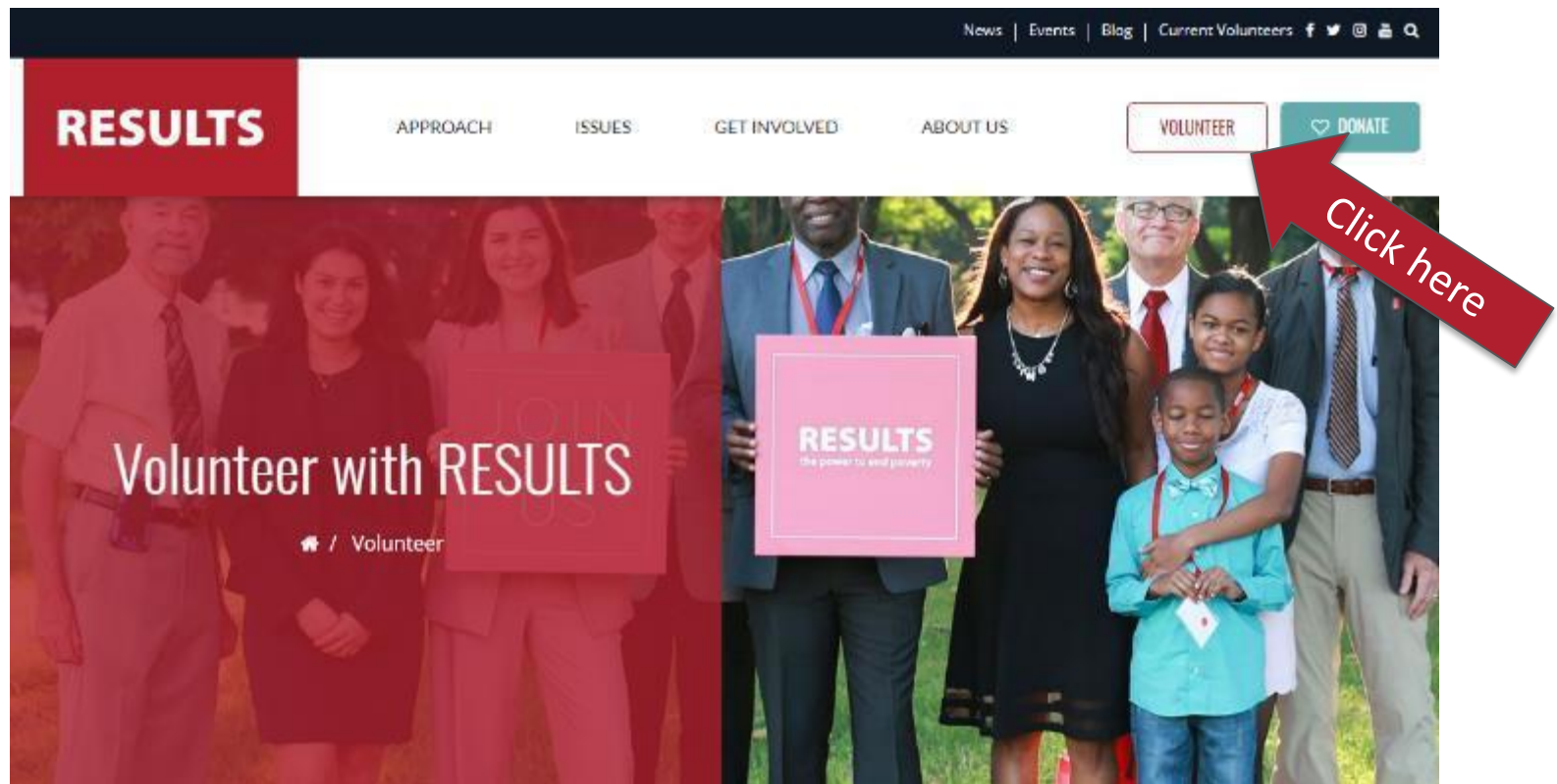
Congress Must Address the Affordable Housing Crisis
Millions of low-income working families struggle because of our affordable housing crisis. Since 1960, renters' median earnings have gone up 5 percent while rents have risen by 61 percent -- and only 37 affordable and available rental homes exist for every 100 extremely...

Action Center

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New to RESULTS?

Thank you for joining us this evening. If you'd like more information about RESULTS and how to get involved, go to www.results.org and click "Volunteer".



New to RESULTS?

Join our New Volunteer Advocacy Training Series

Learn more at: <https://results.org/orientation-and-advocacy-training/>



ARE YOU NEW TO RESULTS?

Join our team for a comprehensive New Volunteer Advocacy Training experience. This 6-week training is designed to help you brush up on advocacy skills, dive into current campaigns, and become familiar with support tools RESULTS has available to assist you in your advocacy. Each of these sessions drills down into how you can take your advocacy expertise to the next level with RESULTS.

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June 20-23, 2020

RESULTS International Conference
Capital Hilton, Washington, DC

Join us and celebrate 40 years of RESULTS!



Featuring speaker
Professor Muhammad Yunus, winner of the
Nobel Peace Prize

Announcements

Wednesday, October 2: RESULTS Action Network Community of Practice webinar, 8:30pm ET. To join, log in:

<https://results.zoom.us/j/427674133> or dial in: 669-900-6833, Meeting ID: 427 674 133. You can also join our [Facebook](#) and [e-mail](#) groups.

Tuesday, October 15: U.S. Poverty Free Agents Calls, 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm ET. Join at: <https://results.zoom.us/j/324294681> or dial by phone at (929) 436-2866 or (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 324 294 681.

Find other events on the [RESULTS Events Calendar](#).

Final Action: Ask people to call Congress about the EITC/CTC

Tonight, contact at least 5 people you know and urge them to call their members of Congress tomorrow about including the EITC and CTC in any new tax bill. Tell them to leave this message:

Hello, my name is _____ and I am a constituent from _____. *Leaders in Congress want to do a tax bill this fall to help businesses and corporations. If they do, millions of workers and families struggling to make ends meet should get priority. These people were ignored in the 2017 tax law; they must not be ignored again. Please tell Rep./Sen. _____ that if Congress passes any tax bill this fall, it must include expansions of the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit for low-income Americans. Will you please give him/her that message? Thank you.*

Thank you for being on tonight's webinar!

We'll link to the **recording and audio transcript** of the webinar on our [National Webinars page](#) tomorrow.

The next U.S. Poverty National Webinar is a joint U.S. and Global Poverty webinar on **Tuesday, November 5 at 8:00pm ET.**

