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**RESULTS Policy Forum – U.S. Poverty**

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***Belated Happy Valentine's Day!***

# Welcome!



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# Hill Update

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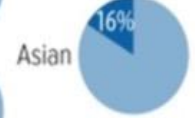
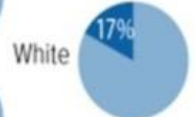
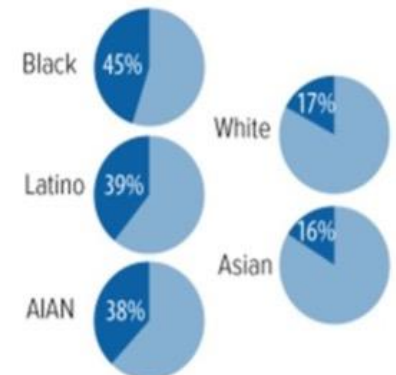
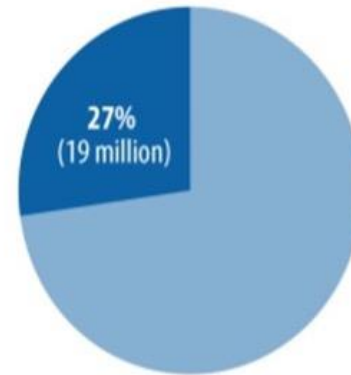
- Congress failed to expand CTC or expand access to affordable housing, leaving millions out (graph)
- Congress is divided – need for bipartisanship
- Key Committees
  - House Ways and Means
  - Senate Finance Committee
- 2 potential opportunities for CTC in 2023
  - FAA Reauthorization
  - Annual funding bill

## 19 Million Children in Families with Low Incomes Left Out of the Full \$2,000 Child Tax Credit

Of children under 17 in group, percent left out

**More than a quarter** of all children are left out of the full credit.

Even **larger shares** of Black, Latino, and American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN) children are left out.



# House Ways & Means Committee

## Democratic Members

Terri Sewell	AL-7
Jimmy Panetta	CA-19
Judy Chu	CA-28
Linda Sanchez	CA-38
Mike Thompson	CA-4
John Larson	CT-1
Brad Schneider	IL-10
Danny Davis	IL-7
Richard Neal (Ranking)	MA-1
Dan Kildee	MI-8
Bill Pascrell	NJ-9
Brian Higgins	NY-26
Earl Blumenauer	OR-3
Dwight Evans	PA-3
Lloyd Doggett	TX-37
Don Beyer	VA-8
Suzan DelBene	WA-1
Gwen Moore	WI-4

## Republican Members

David Schweikert	AZ-01
Michelle Steel	CA-45
Greg Steube	FL-17
Drew Ferguson	GA-03
Randy Feenstra	IA-04
Darin LaHood	IL-16
Ron Estes	KS-04
Michelle Fischbach	MN-07
Jason Smith (Chair)	MO-08
Greg Murphy	NC-03
Adrian Smith	NE-03
Nicole Malliotakis	NY-11
Claudia Tenney	NY-24
Brad Wenstrup	OH-02
Mike Carey	OH-15
Kevin Hern	OK-01
Brian Fitzpatrick	PA-01
Lloyd Smucker	PA-11
Mike Kelly	PA-16
David Kustoff	TN-08
Jodey Arrington	TX-19
Beth Van Duyne	TX-24
Blake Moore	UT-01
Vern Buchanan	WA-16
Carol Miller	WV-01

# Senate Finance Committee

## Democratic Members

Michael Bennet	CO
Tom Carper	DE
Elizabeth Warren	MA
Ben Cardin	MD
Debbie Stabenow	MI
Maggie Hassan	NH
Bob Menendez	NJ
Catherine Cortez Masto	NV
Sherrod Brown	OH
Ron Wyden (Chair)	OR
Bob Casey	PA
Sheldon Whitehouse	RI
Mark Warner	VA
Maria Cantwell	WA

## Republican Members

Chuck Grassley	IA
Mike Crapo (Ranking)	ID
Todd Young	IN
Bill Cassidy	LA
Steve Daines	MT
James Lankford	OK
Tim Scott	SC
John Thune	SD
John Cornyn	TX
John Barrasso	WY

# Our Anti-Oppression Values

The RESULTS logo consists of the word "results" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, positioned inside a red speech bubble shape that points downwards and to the left.

*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 ableism, ageism, biphobia, classism, colonialism, homophobia, racism, religious discrimination, sexism, transphobia, white saviorism, and xenophobia.*

*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.*

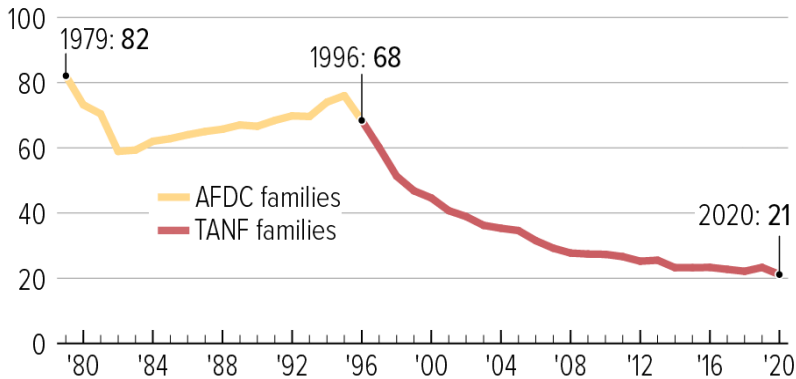
*There are no saviors — only partners, advocates, and allies. We agree to help make the RESULTS movement a respectful, inclusive space.*

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

# Negative Effects of Work Requirements

## TANF's Reach Declined Significantly Over Time

Number of families receiving AFDC/TANF benefits for every 100 families with children in poverty

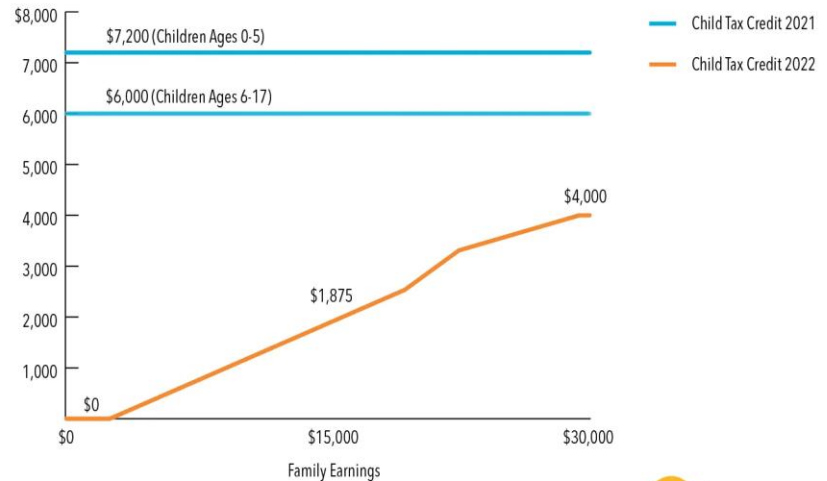


Note: TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, AFDC = Aid to Families with Dependent Children

Source: CBPP analysis of poverty data from the Census' Current Population Survey and AFDC/TANF caseload data from the Department of Health and Human Services and (since September 2006) caseload data collected by CBPP from state agencies

## California Families with the Lowest Incomes Will Lose Thousands of Dollars Because the Federal Child Tax Credit Expansion Ended

Federal Child Tax Credit for a Single Parent with Two Children



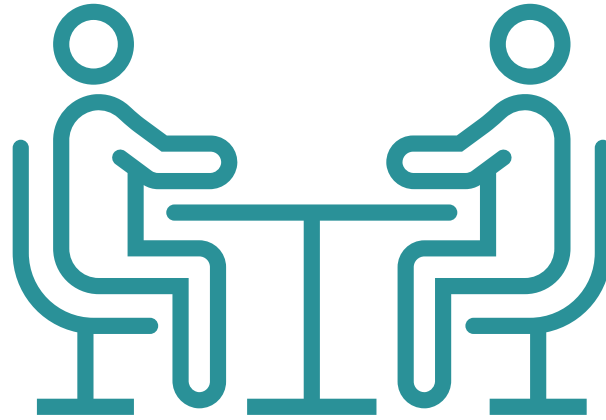
Source: Section 24 of Title 26 of the Internal Revenue Code

# Renter Tax Credit Considerations

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- **No federal renter tax credit yet!**
- **Effectively Talking to Your Member about RTC**
  - Share your story, your own voice, your own truth
  - Labeling the problem and sharing your own perspective and experience
  - Agreement on problems, disagreement on policy solutions
- **Possible pushbacks**
  - There are already existing programs in place to address affordable housing crisis
  - The renter tax credit will only contribute to inflation or higher rents
  - Lawmaker focused on increasing supply of affordable housing





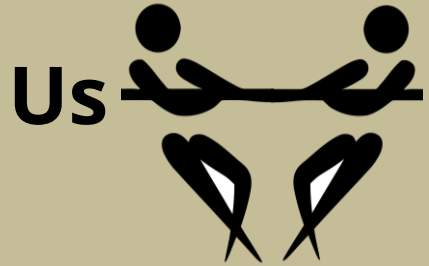
**Making the Case for the Child Tax Credit and Renter Tax Credit Using Motivational Interviewing (MI) techniques!**



**The  
Backfire  
Effect:**

*Well-reasoned  
arguments can cause  
pushback.*

# Don't Personalize the Problem



They are the problem.

# Do Externalize the Problem



The Issue is the Problem

# What common values do you share?

- Individual liberty
- Economic security
- Business/Job growth
- National Security
- Market-based solutions
- Individual responsibility
- Fairness based on effort
- Treating people equally
- Respect for innocent life
- Patriotism
- Nationalism
- Deference to tradition
- Reducing spending
- Avoiding radical changes
- Eliminating subsidies
- American ingenuity
- Improving infrastructure
- Privatization
- Reduced regulations
- Sustainability
- Supporting families
- Protect taxpayers
- Revenue neutrality
- Conservative leadership
- Avoid big spending
- Smaller government

# Techniques to help with Resistance!

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***Colombo Method:*** Express your confusion!

- Reflect their view and the discrepant facts as you know them
- Ask for their help resolving the confusion

***Ask them to explain their view!***

- This will reveal any knowledge gaps.

# Breakout Rooms!



- **Using Motivational Interviewing techniques, what is one (1) question you will use in your meetings?**

# Challenge Yourself!



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**Substantive Policy Asks**



# Take Action on Key U.S. Poverty Priorities

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- **Child Tax Credit**

Tell your member to urge colleagues – especially on Senate Finance and House Ways and Means – and leadership to expand the Child Tax Credit (CTC) with monthly payments prioritizing the lowest-income families in any tax legislation this year

- **Renter Tax Credit**

Urge your member and their staff to research renter tax credit policies that use the tax code to help lower-income renters, and meet directly with constituents struggling with rent costs to discuss policy solutions.



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**Key Takeaways & Intel**

# Detailed Feedback Needed

- **Child Tax Credit**

(1) For GOP: Will you work to ensure all working families receive full benefit from the CTC?

(2) For Dem: Have they highlighted the CTC as an ongoing priority in 2023?

- **Renter Tax Credit**

(1) Which housing policies/solutions do they support already?

(2) How do they feel about Renter Tax Credits?

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