

RESULTS Policy Forum – U.S. Poverty March 16, 2023 Welcome!!!



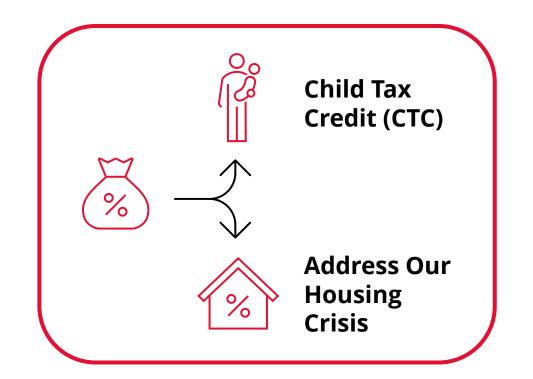
Welcome!



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Our long-term goal: *Economic Justice through the tax code*

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Hill Updates

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- Congress failed to expand CTC or expand access to affordable housing, leaving millions out last year.
- Congress is divided this year need for bipartisanship.
 - Looming threats on budget, cuts to social spending and critical antipoverty programs that we care about
- Key Committees
 - House Ways and Means
 - Senate Finance Committee
- Potential opportunities for CTC in 2023 (likely in the fall)
 - Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization
 - Annual funding bill

Take Action on Key U.S. Poverty Priorities

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.

For Democratic Senate offices, ask them to co-sign the Brown/Bennett CTC bill that should be released in mid-April.

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.

Renter Tax Credit Considerations results

• 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
- Rationale behind the RTC
- What can we do?
 - Organize, build interest, spread the word!
- Tax Credit and Anti-Oppression Values
- Difference between CTC and RTC



Policy Forum Guest Speaker



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Additional Resources

Set the Agenda Campaign Materials

- Renter Tax Credit
 - Policy Brief
 - <u>RTC Video</u>
 - How to Effectively Talk to Your Lawmakers About the <u>RTC</u>
 - <u>Hawaii State-Level Renter Tax Credit</u> on the news!
 - Where Other States Are on Renter Tax Credits
 - <u>RTC Leave Behind</u>
- Child Tax Credit
 - Policy Brief
 - Making the Conservative Case for CTC
 - <u>CTC Leave Behind</u>

Resources from today's speakers

<u>Child and Youth Homelessness in the United</u>
 <u>States Data Profiles and Related Analyses</u>

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- "Left Out of 'All In:' Children, Youth, and Families and the Federal Strategic Plan on Homelessness"
- <u>The Pitfalls of HUD's Point-in-Time Count for</u> <u>Children, Youth, and Families</u>
- <u>The Education of Children and Youth</u>
 <u>Experiencing Homelessness: Trends,</u>
 <u>Challenges, and Needs</u>
- Seen and Served: How Dedicated Federal
 Funding Supports the Identification of
 Students Experiencing Homelessness

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