2025 U.S. Policy Laser Talks

# Improve the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit in 2025

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| **Engage:** The Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) are vital supports for millions of families and workers. But millions more experiencing poverty are left out.  **Problem:**Currently, [seventeen million children](https://taxpolicycenter.org/taxvox/17-million-children-low-income-families-will-not-receive-full-child-tax-credit-2025) receive only a partial CTC because their parents earn too little. And the EITC is only available to those aged 25 to 64 and is limited for those without any dependents.  **Inform:**In 2025, Congress has an opportunity to close these gaps in the CTC and EITC. First, Congress should ensure that all eligible families receive the full CTC. Right now, a family with four children earning $25,000 per year only receives a $3,375 credit, while a similar family making $400,000 receives $8,000. And low-wage workers without dependents receive at most $600 from the EITC. They are then taxed *into* poverty. We should increase their EITC and expand the credit to younger workers and seniors.  **Call to Action:** Investing in our families and workforce is the best way to achieve our shared goal of healthy and prosperous communities. In any tax legislation this year, will you support expanding the CTC and EITC to more hardworking families and people with low incomes?  In addition, will you work to ensure vital programs like Social Security, Medicare/Medicaid, SNAP and WIC are not cut to finance tax cuts? |  | **Notes** |