



# American Rescue Plan and Kids

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- Child Tax Credit is expected to cut child poverty in half!
  - \$3,600 for children younger than 6, and \$3,000 for children younger than 18
  - Fully refundable – making all low-income households eligible for the full benefit
  - Provides advance payments throughout the year starting in July
  - IRS must establish an online portal for taxpayers to update relevant data for mid-year payment adjustments, such as birth of a child

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- Extends Pandemic EBT to provide benefits during the summer through the course of the pandemic
  - Provides \$6.82 daily
  - For every child who is eligible for free or reduced-price schools or who attends a Community Eligibility or Provision 2/3 during the summer
  - Eligible school children not attending school in person full time
  - Children under 6 in SNAP households in areas where schools or childcare have reduced in person operations
  - DC plan approved for school age and childcare; Virginia plan approved for school age; Maryland has not been approved yet.
  - Pave the way for EBT program for kids?

# What About Meals?

- Schools, government agencies and private nonprofits have been able to provide meals to all children through USDA child nutrition waivers through September 30.
- ARP did not extend USDA's authority to issue waivers, but the authority remains through September 30.
- Asking USDA to extend the waivers through school year 2021-2022
- Supports post pandemic vision of Healthy School Meals for All



# Discussion

