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Subject: Information related to Child Tax Credit (CTC) access for non-filers

Good Morning,

[The American Rescue Plan Act](#) significantly expanded the [Child Tax Credit](#) (CTC) for 2021. While many low-income Wisconsin families are set to benefit from the expanded child tax credit, families that did not file income taxes in 2019 or 2020 are the most at risk of missing out, often because they earned too little to file a tax return.

[The Urban Institute and Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center](#) estimates that a total of 29,297 children in Wisconsin are at risk of missing the CTC. [This tool](#) maps where at-risk families are most likely to live and highlights where the need for agency members to connect with these families is greatest.

Many of these at-risk families live in urban categorized zip codes across Wisconsin in cities including Milwaukee, Madison, and Beloit.

The next advance CTC payment will be available on November 15, 2021. To ensure all eligible families will receive the expanded CTC, agencies can assist families who do not typically file taxes by connecting them to the IRS's simplified [Non-filer portal](#). The portal is mobile-friendly, available in English and Spanish, requires no tax documents, and can be used as an alternative to the [IRS Non-Filer Sign-Up](#) tool.

There are also resources for agency members seeking to help hard-to-reach clients access the Child Tax Credit or Economic Impact Payment (EIP or Stimulus):

- To see where at-risk families are most likely to live in Wisconsin, visit this [interactive map](#)
- To explore training materials and resources to assist families in obtaining the CTC visit the [Navigator Resource page](#) from GetCTC.org
- To learn more about the CTC, read the White House's [CTC for Non-Filers article](#)

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