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Last week, our ENews focused on the good news of the [Refundable Child Tax Credit](#). This one-year program is intended to act as a child allowance, sending families monthly cash support for each child (\$250/month for children 6-17; \$300/month for children under age 6). Monthly payments are to begin in July —families should file a tax return by May 17 (even if they've never before filed taxes).

You can help families in your community by sharing news about the Refundable Child Tax Credit. Follow the link in the first paragraph for an information page on our website, including how to find free help with tax filing (there's also a [one-page downloadable info sheet](#)).

Many legislators are now working on a permanent child allowance—we will be watching for developments and let you know what we learn.

Scholars report that the long-term social and economic benefits of giving families direct financial support in the form of a child allowance (sometimes called a child benefit) are [likely to be worth eight times the cost](#).

Other countries have strong supports for families raising children, and the long-term benefits are many: better physical and mental health for both children and parents, better learning ability, increased future earnings for children and more. Savings for taxpayers include lower costs on medical services, law enforcement, incarceration, and more.

Developmental scientists know that helping parents is good for children. Dr. Jack Shonkoff, Director of Harvard's Center on the Developing Child, says, "The ultimate answer is to reduce the stressors on families, so families can do what families are best capable of doing."



One big step in reducing family stress is to provide financial support. A child allowance is an inclusive family policy, reducing stress and offering parents choice and equity when it comes to the care of their children.

It's important for our Congressional representatives to hear from us about the need to relieve stress on parents with a permanent child allowance. Please use our [Speak Up! Speak Out!](#) Advocacy portal – the system will connect you (based on your address) with your Senators and Representative. Tell your story—why is support for parents important to you?

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