

**If you receive ANY of the following  
(CalWORKs, CalFresh, or Medi-Cal)  
and have children, the federal government  
may have money waiting for you to claim.**

**UNCLAIMED**

- If your only source of income is public assistance benefits, you qualify.
- You do not have to be employed or have worked during the tax year to qualify.
- If you have at least one child under the age of 6 or between the ages of 6 and 17, you qualify.

\* Children cannot have been claimed as dependents by anyone else on a 2020 tax return. Both the parent and the child(ren) must have a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN). If the parent has an ITIN, the child must have an SSN.

***Receiving Advance Child Tax Credit payments will not impact  
your public assistance benefits.***

### **What do you qualify for?**

- Up to \$300 per month for each child under age 6 or
- Up to \$250 per month for each child between the ages of 6 and 17.

Families can receive advance payments as identified above through December 2021.

The Alameda County Social Services Agency's **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program** will be offering special tax support to public assistance recipients who have children and qualify for the Advance Child Tax Credit but are not yet signed up. Services will be available from **September 11 through October 30, 2021**. Call the **VITA hotline at 510-271-9141** for more information and assistance.

If you have a qualifying child and did NOT file a 2019 or 2020 tax return, you can use the **Child Tax Credit Non-filer Sign-up Tool**: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool>.

If you are unsure that you qualify, visit: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021>