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Kicking Off Thursday: Massive Week Of Action To Raise Awareness Of New Child Tax Credit As Checks Start To Arrive

Labor Secretary Walsh, Sens. Brown, Durbin, Hassan, Smith, Stabenow, Warren, Wyden; Reps. Davids, DelBene, Gallego, Gomez, Kelly, Newman, Panetta, Porter, Schakowsky, Takano; Reverend Barber, Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, and Many Others To Hold Events Coast-To-Coast

Kicking off on Thursday, [Economic Security Project Action](#) and a coalition of organizations are leading a nationwide Week of Action to raise awareness about the new Child Tax Credit just as families will begin to receive their first monthly check.

Joining in events, both press conferences and a virtual celebration, this week will be Secretary of Labor Walsh, Senators Brown, Durbin, Hassan, Smith, Stabenow, Warren, Wyden, Representatives Davids, DelBene, Gallego, Gomez, Kelly, Newman, Panetta, Porter, Schakowsky, Takano, activists Reverend Barber, Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, and many others. Also joining will be local families who will benefit from the new expanded Child Tax Credit.

In total, there will be more than 35 “Keep Families Afloat” events held nationwide, building awareness of the expanded Child Tax Credit and support for making it permanent, with events in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

You can find a full listing of the events here: <https://www.keepfamiliesafloat.org/events>

On July 15, at the culmination of the week, the Economic Security Project, Building Back Together, Community Change, the Care Can’t Wait Coalition, and over 20 organizations, will hold “Family Matters: A Virtual Celebration of the Child Tax Credit” to celebrate families beginning to receive these historic payments. The event, which will stream on the Economic Security Project’s Facebook Live starting at 2 p.m. ET, will feature parents, community leaders, activists, artists, and elected officials, to highlight the groundbreaking expansion of the Child Tax Credit and what it means for 39 million households.

“Next week, families across the country will begin receiving a vital financial lifeline in the form of the expanded monthly Child Tax Credit thanks to the American Rescue Plan,” **said Natalie Foster, Co-Chair of Economic Security Project Action.** “The expanded Child Tax Credit will help all families succeed, from working families struggling with basic needs like food, rent, and bills, to middle-class families that need help with childcare and college savings. It will help Main

Street businesses and whole communities thrive. This is a huge win for families and we could not be more thrilled to join with elected leaders and groups across the county to hold a week of action so that more families are aware of it.”

The Child Tax Credit, which was expanded and made monthly in the American Rescue Plan passed by the Democratic Congress and signed into law by President Biden, will give nearly 90% of families a new tax credit of \$250 to \$300 a month per child beginning on July 15th.

The Week of Action is being organized by Economic Security Project Action in partnership with Children’s HealthWatch, Community Change Action, Common Sense Media, Color Of Change, Groundwork Action, Fighting Chance for Families Action, Children’s Defense Fund, Income Movement, MomsRising, People’s Action, the Care Can’t Wait coalition, ParentsTogether Action, Poor People’s Campaign and United States of Women.

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