



# CHILD-RELATED 2021 TAX CREDITS

▶ You might receive a tax refund even if you're not required to file

## EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

- ▶ When claiming three or more qualifying children, you can receive up to \$6,728
- ▶ Your household must have earned income of less than \$57,414
- ▶ You and your spouse must have valid Social Security numbers
- ▶ Qualifying child must be younger than you
- ▶ Qualifying child must be under age 19, or a full-time student under age 24, at end of tax year
- ▶ Qualifying child can be any age if permanently and totally disabled
- ▶ You may be able to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit without a qualifying child if your earned income is less than \$21,430 (\$27,380 if Married Filing Jointly)

## CHILD TAX CREDIT

- ▶ You may receive up to \$3,600 for each child age 5 and under, \$3,000 for each child age 6 through 17 at the end of 2021
- ▶ No income is required to claim this credit for 2021
- ▶ Qualifying child must have an SSN
- ▶ Qualifying child must be claimed as a dependent on your return
- ▶ Qualifying children may include foster children or extended family if they meet other criteria
- ▶ Dependents who can't be claimed for the Child Tax Credit may qualify you for the Credit for Other Dependents, which is up to \$500 per dependent

## CHILD & DEPENDENT CARE CREDIT

- ▶ You can receive a credit of up to \$4,000 for care expenses for one qualifying person and up to \$8,000 for two or more qualifying persons
- ▶ You must have qualifying expenses for child or dependent care while you worked or looked for work
- ▶ Qualifying person can have a Social Security number, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number or Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number
- ▶ Qualifying person must have lived with you for more than half the tax year
- ▶ Qualifying person must be under age 13 for the days the care was provided during the tax year, or be physically or mentally incapable of self-care
- ▶ You must have earned income

### More information on tax credits

Please visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) using the QR codes below to check out the interactive Advance Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant and learn more about the Earned Income Tax Credit.



Use the EITC Assistant



Advance Child Tax Credit Eligibility



Find a Location for Free Tax Prep

### Free Tax Preparation

You may also qualify for no-cost tax preparation and filing assistance at a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). **Call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment in Chittenden county.**