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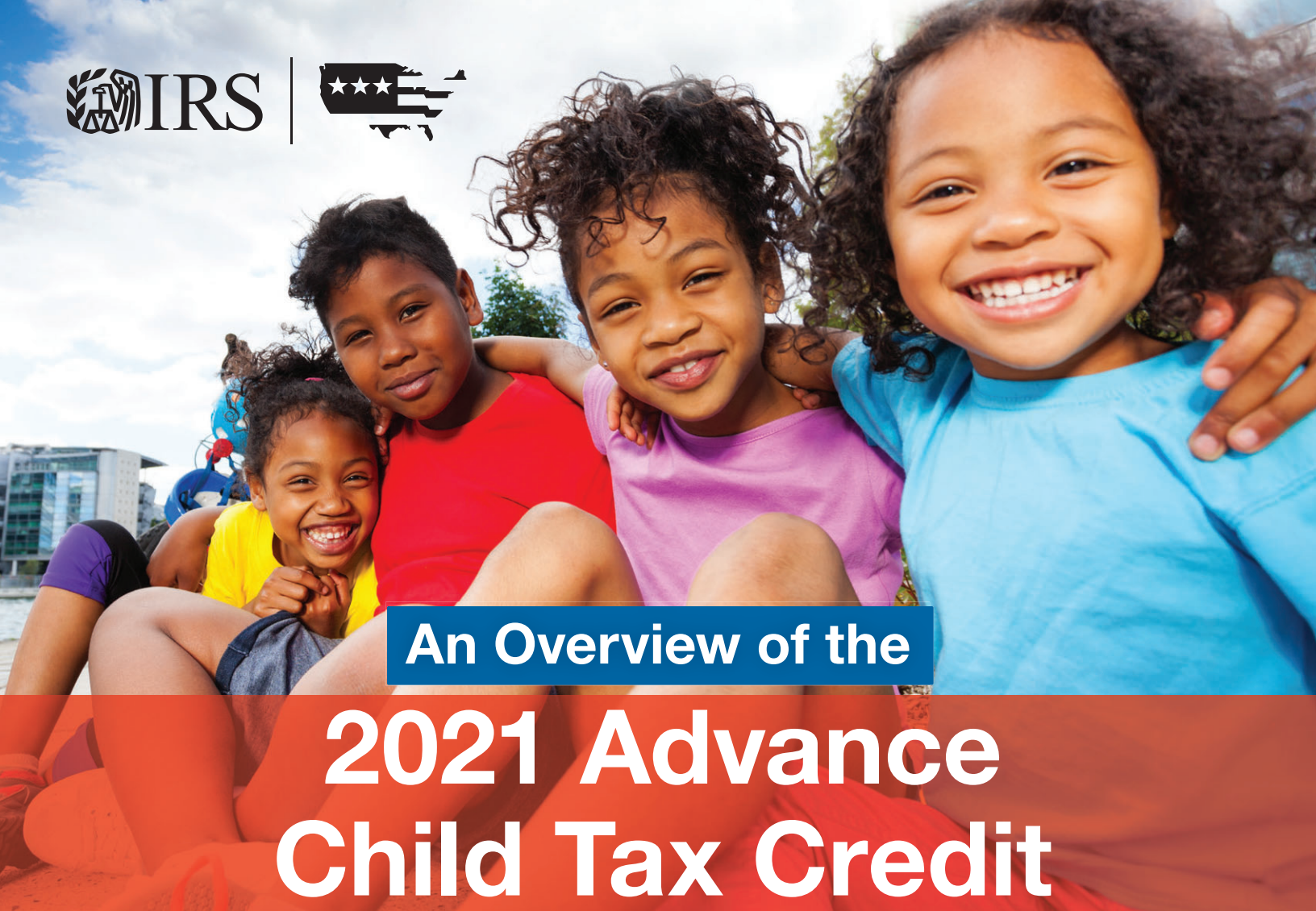
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The recent expansion of the Child Tax Credit (CTC), part of the American Rescue Plan, will provide major tax relief for working families. The CTC aims to help families raising children make ends meet. According to many experts, the CTC expansion has the potential of lifting millions of children out of poverty.

As part of this expansion, eligible taxpayers will receive advance payments of the 2021 CTC from July through December. The new provisions include an increase to \$300 monthly per qualifying child under age six and \$250 monthly per qualifying child under age 18. These funds are exempt from consideration of income for public benefits.

Millions of U.S. families will receive their first monthly CTC this week. The IRS has launched an online portal that enables individuals who did not file federal taxes in 2019 or 2020 to [sign-up](#) for the CTC's monthly payments.

You can direct EHSD customers to learn more about the 2021 CTC by visiting the "What's New" section on the home page of ehsd.org. In addition to the IRS's sign-up link, there is a [CTC Overview](#) and [FAQ](#) with more information. You can also share EHSD social media posts to help spread the word: [@ContraCostaEHSD](#) #ChildTaxCredit.



An Overview of the

2021 Advance Child Tax Credit

Payments start July 15

Filed already?

You don't need to take any action now if you've filed a 2020 tax return.

Haven't filed yet?

File your tax return as soon as possible. For people not required to file a tax return and who didn't file in 2019 or 2020, quickly register using the IRS **Non-filer Sign-up Tool**. You may qualify for the Child Tax Credit and Economic Impact Payments.

- Eligible families can receive advance payments of **up to \$300 per month** for each child under age 6 and **up to \$250 per month** for each child age 6 and above.
- Payments begin July 15 and will be sent monthly through December 15 without any further action required.
- You can benefit from the credit even if you don't have earned income or don't owe any income taxes.
- The tax credit includes advance payments for 2021 only.

The American Rescue Plan Act Advance Child Tax Credit provisions include:

- The maximum Child Tax Credit increased to \$3,600 for children under the age of 6 and to \$3,000 per child for children between ages 6 and 17.
- The credit includes children who turn age 17 in 2021.
- Taxpayers may receive part of their credit in 2021 before filing their 2021 tax return.

Eligible taxpayers who don't want to receive advance payment of the 2021 Child Tax Credit will have the opportunity to unenroll from receiving the payments.

[IRS.gov/childtaxcredit2021](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021)

