

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

The Earned Income Tax Credit is the largest anti-poverty cash assistance program in the country and one of the most effective ways we can help lift working families and their children out of poverty. California doubled down on this important tool in 2015 by establishing the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC), which provides over four million California filers additional resources to make ends meet.

Tackling the affordability crisis head-on, California significantly expanded the program in 2019, putting \$1.1 billion back into the pockets of families across the state. Research shows that the EITC improves the health and educational outcomes of children in families who receive it. In addition, California has made the Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC) available to all CalEITC-eligible families with children under six, helping address childhood poverty.

To ensure more equitable access, the CalEITC and YCTC were expanded in 2020 to include undocumented and mixed status immigrant families who file with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN), resulting in nearly \$1.3 billion back to eligible filers. And last year, through Golden State Stimulus payments, California distributed approximately \$8.8 billion in direct payments to CalEITC recipients and middle-income Californians facing financial hardships due to COVID-19, including those with ITINs who are eligible. We're proposing to build on these supports in this year's budget with additional support for young adults who have been in foster care, as well as further expanding access to the YCTC for families facing extreme poverty.

California is committed to reaching all the hardworking families eligible for these critical supports to help set our kids – California's future – up for success. I encourage all Californians, regardless of their immigration status, to check if they qualify for the CalEITC or Young Child Tax Credit by visiting ftb.ca.gov/caleitc. Eligible tax filers can even learn how to get their taxes prepared for free through a local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site.

NOW THEREFORE I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim January 28, 2022 through February 4, 2022, as "CalEITC Awareness Week."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of January 2022.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.
Secretary of State

#CALEITC AWARENESS WEEK LUNCH & LEARN



United Ways of California

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JAN. 28
12:30PM

INSTAGRAM LIVE: KICK OFF & TAX CREDITS 101
with United Way San Luis Obispo

JAN. 31
12:30PM

**INSTAGRAM LIVE: OVERCOMING BARRIERS
IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES**
with Latino Community Foundation

FEB. 1
12:30PM

INSTAGRAM LIVE: THE POWER OF CHILD TAX CREDITS
with Golden State Opportunity

FEB. 2
12:30PM

**INSTAGRAM LIVE: HELPING FOSTER YOUTH
ACHIEVE FINANCIAL STABILITY**
with John Burton Advocates for Youth

FEB. 3
12:30PM

**INSTAGRAM LIVE: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN TAX
CREDITS & HEALTH OUTCOMES**
with Center for Financial Empowerment

FEB. 4
12:30PM

FACEBOOK LIVE PANEL: HELPING CA FAMILIES MOVE UP
with Controller Betty Yee, Treasurer Fiona Ma, Senator Susan Rubio,
Golden State Opportunity, Latino Community Foundation,
United Way of the Wine Country – *and others!*