



2024 Tax Credit Expansions for Poverty Relief

Vermont's refundable, anti-poverty tax credits, the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), put money directly into the hands of those who need it most. The credits have already demonstrated a measurable impact on the lives of families in Vermont. Now it's time to make them stronger.

Expand Refundable Anti-Poverty Tax Credits

- Increase the amount of Vermont's EITC from 38 percent to 100 percent of the federal EITC for filers without children and to 55 percent of the federal EITC for filers with children.
- Create a new \$1,000 Foster Care Tax Credit for 18- to 26-year-olds leaving the foster care system.

Broaden Eligibility to Reach Those Left Out

- Work toward expanding tax credits to filers 18 and older (now filers without qualifying children have to be ages 25 to 64 to be eligible for the EITC).
- Extend Vermont's CTC to families with children of any age who have disabilities (now the \$1,000 CTC is only for children under six).

Make the Credits Easily Accessible

- Ensure people receive Vermont's CTC and EITC, regardless of other state debt (exclude credits from tax setoff).
- Identify who isn't receiving Vermont's CTC and EITC by publishing credit uptake data and use findings to create outreach plans.
- Ensure CTC filers without income continue to receive the credit.