In 2021, Congress temporarily expanded the federal Child Tax Credit, ensuring families with children got the cash they needed to afford the rising costs of raising kids. That expansion resulted in child poverty being cut nearly in half in 2021. The federal expansion made it clear just how impactful cash is to help families meet their basic needs.

**Child tax credits work**

46%
The amount the federal child tax credit reduced childhood poverty.

**Oregon Kids’ Credit can advance equity**

Creating an Oregon Kids’ Credit (a refundable state tax credit) would be an effective and efficient way to deliver resources to the families facing the greatest barriers. Such a policy would also advance equity, as research indicates child tax credits can disproportionately benefit Black, Indigenous, and other families of color.