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# PARTNER ENGAGEMENT



Education



Leadership  
Development



Advocacy

# MONTANA CHILD TAX CREDIT BILLS



HB 249  
Representative Ed Stafman

This bill would have created a fully refundable tax which would have provided a credit for families with children older than 5. In addition, the credit could be claimed even if the claimant had no taxable income.

HB 268  
Representative Josh Kassmier



This bill would have created a credit for children 5 or younger, required proof of earned income, and a valid social security number for each child claimed.

# 2024

Prepare for the upcoming legislative session by collecting stories about the impact of programs like Medicaid, Best Beginnings, and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

# 2025

Invest in the programs that help working Montanans and their families most. In addition to fortifying social safety net programs, creating tax fairness through a circuit breaker for property taxes, and limit the number of one time tax refunds that do little most Montana families.

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# OPPORTUNITIES IN 2025

### Expand Best Beginnings

Make HB 648's changes permanent and continue to expand eligibility so that more working families have access to affordable childcare.

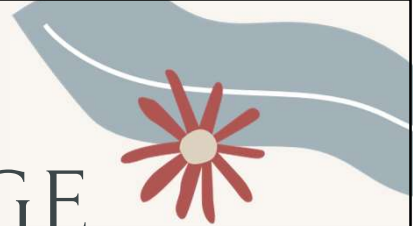
### Invest in Montana Families

Dedicate surplus funds to tax credits like a child tax credit, the Earned Income Tax Credit, or a property tax circuit breaker.

### Lift the Medicaid Sunset

Make Medicaid Expansion permanent, and protect the substantial impact the program has had for both communities and individuals.

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# WAYS TO ENGAGE



## Story Collection

Identify families, providers, or individuals who have been directly affected by a policy. Help them submit their story to a committee or testify!



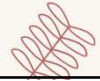
## Meet your legislators

Host one of the area legislators to highlight how well a program is going, or where there is room for improvement.



## Vote

Or, encourage your friend to run! We all have one. Make sure that your values are represented by voting in November.



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# TELL YOUR STORY

When we speak we are afraid our words will not be heard or welcomed. But when we are silent, we are still afraid. So it is better to speak." – Audre Lorde

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