

Agency Online Exchange 9/30/2021: Child tax credit and 25% SNAP benefit increase

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00:22:27 Annissa Zynda (she/her), SHH: Any data/information on what "other"
may include?

00:26:22 Stuart Iseminger: In 2021, how will families receive the CTC?
Especially if they did not file federal income taxes.

00:28:27 Aria Quinn: In connection to Stuart's question - Does the non-filer portal
provide information on when people will receive their payments? And if so, what do
people do when the non-filer portal closes?

00:32:57 Stuart Iseminger: Thank you for this CTC presentation. We'll get the
flyer out. My concern is some of our clients don't have access to the web, change email
addresses, change mailing addresses, phone service interrupted, etc. so the flyer will
help.

00:35:24 Rachel Sosnowchik, SHH: Stuart, I totally misread your question, so
sorry about that! Thanks for clarifying, Lisa!

00:36:33 Lisa Boyd - SHH (she/her): <https://prepareandprosper.org/>

00:38:25 Aria Quinn: Where can we send people for more specialized information and
answers to help them better understand how this program will work and what they need

to do? Are there any specialists currently operating within CDF or any other organization who could guide people through this process from the point of application until the end of the payments?

00:41:42 Aria Quinn: Could we get the link in the chat to the CDF's Advocacy Hub that was previously mentioned?

00:41:58 Rachel Sosnowchik, SHH: <https://www.childrensdefense.org/ctc-advocacy-hub/>

00:42:03 Aria Quinn: Thank you!

00:43:23 Debra Fitzpatrick CDF-MN: Flyer: <https://www.childrensdefense.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/CTC-Non-Filer-Flyer-Sept-2021.pdf>

00:43:25 Rachel Sosnowchik, SHH: Here are resources more geared toward those who may be eligible for the CTC: <https://www.childrensdefense.org/child-tax-credit-resources/>

00:44:16 Debra Fitzpatrick CDF-MN: CTC Resources: <https://www.childrensdefense.org/child-tax-credit-resources/>

00:44:33 Lisa Boyd - SHH (she/her): Debra Fitzpatrick; dfitzpatrick@childrensdefense.org

00:46:08 Alana Ziehl Kandiyohi County Food Shelf: Do you know when Minnesota's max benefit will be going away?

00:49:02 Rachel Sosnowchik, SHH: I'm going to look into that now! Back in June the Minnesota Commissioners of Health and Human Services declared a more limited state public health emergency to ensure Minnesotans on SNAP continued to receive the max benefit amount for as long as there was a federal health emergency in place, so I don't think they'll be phasing out soon, but the state does have to apply every month to extend those benefits.

00:50:24 Rachel Sosnowchik, SHH: As of now, Minnesota has been approved to keep max benefits through September (and those additional benefits are paid out in October). Our team will reach out to DHS to ensure they're going to continue to apply for extensions for as long as possible!

00:52:17 Alana Ziehl Kandiyohi County Food Shelf: When the max benefits in Minnesota do go away that's when I feel the Food Shelf's will be overwhelmed and so busy so it's important for us to know when this will happen to be prepared.

00:56:50 Lisa Boyd - SHH (she/her): And anyone else who has thoughts about what we should do to prepare, please share in the chat or unmute and share your thinking

00:57:12 Lisa Boyd - SHH (she/her): We = food bank, food shelf, meal programs, etc.

00:59:00 Rachel Sosnowchik, SHH: Thanks for having us, Lisa! I'm always happy to talk about advocacy and policy, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or ideas: rsosnowchik@2harvest.org

00:59:24 Alana Ziehl Kandiyohi County Food Shelf: Max SNAP Update and perhaps an update from Hunger Solutions

00:59:46 Aria Quinn: In October could we talk more about the CTC and any updates/problems that have been observed?

01:00:24 Sam Law: Thanks again! If you have any additional questions regarding SNAP feel free to reach out! Sam Law slaw@2harvest.org

01:01:17 Aria Quinn: Thank you!

01:01:18 Greta Lintelman: Yes on the holiday food pack thoughts.

01:01:29 Theresa Halvorson-Lee (DIW): Awesome Thank you!!

01:01:34 Lisa Boyd - SHH (she/her): Food dating

01:01:39 Lisa Boyd - SHH (she/her): Holiday programs and how to source

01:01:42 Stuart Iseminger: Yes, sourcing for holiday foods would be helpful.

01:02:13 M Lewis Renville County FS: yes to holiday foods