

## New Opinion Piece Explores Benefits of a Permanent Child Tax Credit

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Last week, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan (ARP), which includes a temporary expansion of the Child Tax Credit. This expansion provides a cash benefit to many families with dependent children and has the potential to pull millions of children out of poverty—but just for one year.

PolicyLab Policy Analyst [Tyler DeRubio, MPA](#), and Improvement Advisor for the Population Health Innovation Program and the Division of Social Work at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia [Leigh Wilson-Hall, MSW, LSW](#), recently wrote an opinion piece for the Philadelphia Inquirer on how expanding the Child Tax Credit could significantly improve the health and well-being of children and families in Philadelphia, particularly if Congress makes it permanent. The authors also note that as pediatric health systems look for sustainable and effective ways to [address families' social needs](#), public policies such as this are a necessary component of efforts to help reduce child poverty and the impact of health disparities.

Be sure to read the Philadelphia Inquirer [opinion piece](#) to learn more about the potential benefits for countless communities.