

2021-22

Progress and Impact

In 2021 and 2022, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) worked persistently, as we have for over 40 years, to advance federal and state policies that bring us closer to a nation where everyone — regardless of income, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, ZIP code, immigration status, or disability status — has what they need to thrive and share in the nation's prosperity.

Our work had impact. In 2021, Congress enacted the historic American Rescue Plan Act, which built on other pandemic relief measures to make the COVID-19 recession the shortest on record and bolster a strong economic recovery. The bill's expanded federal Child Tax Credit was the main driver behind a historic 46 percent decline in child poverty across all racial and ethnic groups from 2020 to 2021 — fresh proof that poverty is a policy choice, not an inevitability. The Rescue Plan, along with COVID relief measures still in place from earlier legislation, continued to help millions of people retain health coverage and support their families in 2022 as well.

In 2022, Congress passed important legislation: The Inflation Reduction Act featured historic climate investments financed by progressive revenues, important health policies, and landmark funding to improve the Internal Revenue Service's customer service and its capacity to ensure that high-wealth households and profitable corporations pay the taxes they legally owe. And the year-end spending legislation Congress enacted included some important advances and investments, including the first new child nutrition program in five decades, which will help stave off the increase in hunger and food insecurity children face in the summer when they are out of school and not receiving school meals.

We worked with scores of state-level organizations and advocates — most notably the 42 organizations that make up the State Priorities Partnership (SPP), but many others as well — on strategies for advancing state policies that promote equity and invest in people and communities, and to make federal programs work better for people in their states. Over these two years, SPP groups in 18 states helped secure expansions of refundable tax credits for individuals and families with modest incomes and 22 states passed legislation that helps immigrants more fully engage in their communities and the economy regardless of their immigration status, among many other accomplishments.

None of the progress and impact detailed in this report would have been possible without the support and partnership of our funders and donors. Thank you for your continued commitment to our mission.



Sharon Parrott, President

BY THE NUMBERS

Our timely analysis, advocacy, deep partnerships with a broad array of groups, and communications work were critical to keeping the interests of people with low incomes or whose communities have been systematically marginalized at the center of federal and state policy debates in 2021-22.

600



public pieces of **original research and analysis** produced

10 times

CBPP experts **testified before Congress**



\$21 million



regranted by CBPP to state groups working to advance equitable state-level policies



11 million

people visited our website



39,000

times our publications or experts were cited by the media

42 groups



in the State Priorities Partnership supported by CBPP staff with intensive investments of time and resources

American Rescue Plan Act Reduced Hardship and Poverty, Bolstered Economy

After having a substantial impact on all the major federal COVID relief bills passed in 2020, CBPP was well-positioned to make the case for additional relief at the beginning of 2021. **We played a leading role in helping secure many of the policies that were ultimately included in the March 2021 American Rescue Plan Act. The Rescue Plan helped millions of people who couldn't afford the basics meet their needs and access health coverage, and included historic fiscal aid to states, localities, tribal nations, and territories to address pandemic-related budget gaps and help the people and businesses hit hardest.** CBPP engaged with federal agencies and state advocates to help shape successful implementation of many elements of the Rescue Plan, as well as relief measures enacted in December 2020.

Along with bolstering the economy and leading to a rapid jobs recovery, other key impacts included:

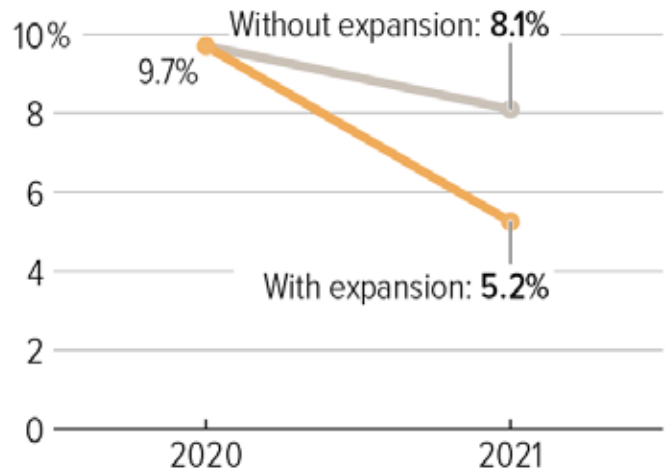
- Poverty rates overall and among children fell to historic lows in large part because of the expanded Child Tax Credit.
- Millions of evictions were prevented through the more than \$50 billion in emergency rental relief provided by the Rescue Plan and prior relief bills.
- Millions of people saw lower health care premiums for Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace coverage, which, along with other administrative steps, helped drive large increases in coverage.

2022 Legislation Creates Permanent Advances for Children, Expands Access to Affordable Health Care, and Makes the Tax Code More Equitable

CBPP and our partners worked for over a year to create momentum around an economic package that would build on the Rescue Plan and further advance economic and health security. The eventual bill, the August 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) was a major accomplishment that will advance health, tax, and climate policy, even if it is smaller in scale than we had hoped.

Child Tax Credit Expansion Drove Child Poverty Sharply Downward in 2021

Child poverty rate



Note: Annual poverty figures use the federal government's Supplemental Poverty Measure.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau figures published September 13, 2022; additional calculations by CBPP

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Thanks to the groundwork laid in the Rescue Plan and the economic package passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in late 2021, and dogged work by CBPP and our partners, the IRA extended important health provisions that will make ACA marketplace coverage more affordable through 2025 – preserving coverage for an estimated 3.1 million people across the country – and reduce the cost of prescription drugs and insulin for people with Medicare. Data showing continued sizable increases in ACA marketplace enrollment for 2023 makes clear how important the expanded premium tax credits are for increasing access to affordable health coverage.

In addition, we played a key role in advancing sound, progressive ways to raise the revenues that were needed to pay for the bill's historic climate investments by increasing taxes on very profitable corporations and scaling back inefficient incentives for companies to buy back their stock. We also worked to secure the \$80 billion in new funding for the Internal Revenue Service to fund key customer service improvements, increased enforcement efforts to ensure that wealthy people and corporations pay the taxes they legally owe, and IT modernization.

CBPP played a lead role in securing important permanent

advances for children in the year-end omnibus appropriations bill. The bill creates a permanent summer food assistance benefit for children and will require all states to provide a full year of uninterrupted coverage to children in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) when they enroll. The legislation also creates a permanent option for states to provide 12 months of postpartum coverage through Medicaid, building on the temporary option created in the Rescue Plan.

CBPP Continues to Press for Child Tax Credit Expansion

Unfortunately, the Rescue Plan’s temporary Child Tax Credit expansion expired at the end of 2021 and, despite CBPP’s and our partners’ robust efforts, it was not extended. **CBPP helped make the case that the Child Tax Credit is a key strategy for reducing poverty among children and bolstering their futures. We also argued that the tax breaks corporate interests were lobbying for should not come ahead of a Child Tax Credit expansion.** While no Child Tax Credit expansion was enacted, the corporate provisions weren’t enacted either. As pressure mounts for the corporate provisions, we are continuing to press hard for a Child Tax Credit expansion in any future tax legislation.

We will keep making the case that the Child Tax Credit works to reduce child poverty — driving home the reality that poverty is a policy choice, not an inevitability.

CBPP’s Work on Executive Actions Pays Off

Over this two-year period, we saw the impact of our work and the work of our partners to advance important executive actions to improve economic and health security, expand opportunity, and ensure that immigrants and their families have meaningful access to the help they need. In some cases, this work began long before the Biden Administration, and in others we responded to key opportunities in the American Rescue Plan. Over the 2021-22 period, the Biden Administration

took executive actions that adopted many of the detailed recommendations, backed by extensive research and analysis, that we provided. For example, the Administration:

- Reevaluated and updated the Thrifty Food Plan — the basis for calculating Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits — leading to a 21 percent increase in maximum SNAP benefits starting in October 2021, amounting to billions of dollars in additional food assistance each year.
- Ended the Trump Administration’s anti-immigrant public charge rule, finalized a new public charge rule, and took a series of steps to clarify policies and address fears among immigrants about accessing public supports.
- Finalized a rule that fixes the ACA’s “family glitch,” a change that will help an estimated 200,000 people across the country who were uninsured gain coverage and reduce premiums for nearly 1 million others.
- Approved a request by Washington State that will allow people who do not have a “lawfully present” immigration status to enroll in ACA marketplace plans with state-funded subsidies.
- Issued key guidance and regulations on Rescue Plan policies, including how state fiscal relief funds could be spent and how emergency rental assistance applications could be streamlined, among others.

CBPP Creates Impact Through Work in States

Thirty years ago, CBPP founded the State Priorities Partnership, a network of high-impact state policy and advocacy groups that now stretches across 40 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, and that we continue to coordinate. **In 2021-22 SPP groups, working in deep collaboration with a broad set of grassroots and community-based partners, advanced robust and more inclusive state Earned Income Tax Credits (EITCs) and Child Tax Credits, reductions in criminal legal fees and fines, higher minimum wages, expanded investments in child care, policies that make health care, tax credits, and jobless benefits more inclusive of immigrants, and more.**

Groups and their partners also were central players in advancing crucial revenue-raising policies including a millionaires’ tax approved by voters in Massachusetts and a first-of-its-kind capital gains tax in Washington State. At the

same time, groups in many states also pushed back valiantly against a wave of drastic tax cuts that would cause long-term harm to key public investments like schools and health care. While several tax cuts passed, in many cases groups were able to reduce the revenue loss and stave off structural changes — like full repeal of income taxes — that would have been devastating to the tax base and difficult to reverse.

CBPP also worked with a broad set of other health, food assistance, and income support advocates around the country to help maximize the effectiveness of federal-state programs like SNAP, Medicaid, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF), and child support.

We recognize that the most powerful agents of change at the state level are those in states themselves, so we work hand-in-glove with state advocates and policy organizations (including SPP groups and others) as well as with state government agencies and officials to drive change. We provide state partners with support, expertise, and technical assistance as they work to make economic security programs — both state-level programs and state-administered federal programs — more inclusive, accessible, and effective for people in their states.

States Improved Key Economic Security Programs in 2021-22

New/Improved State EITC



New/Improved State CTC



Increased TANF Cash Benefits



Increased Child Support to TANF Families**



*Temporary improvement only

**States adopted policies that direct more child support paid by noncustodial parents to their children, rather than withholding collected support to repay the state and federal government for current or previous TANF assistance. This chart only includes 2022 changes for this category as CBPP started tracking this work in late 2021.

Keeping People Connected to Health Insurance After the End of the Public Health Emergency

In 2022, CBPP worked with state advocates and state agencies to navigate “unwinding” the pandemic-era policy that required state Medicaid programs to keep people enrolled in health coverage during the public health emergency.

CBPP provided policy analysis, recommendations, and best practices to help both advocates and agency directors understand the federal rules and guidance related to unwinding and what’s at stake for enrollees, especially those at greatest risk, who are disproportionately people of color. We also offered state-specific technical assistance to ensure that each state’s unwinding process minimizes the coverage loss of eligible enrollees. We provided outreach messages for partners, including enrollment assisters, to use to help impacted people understand how to maintain Medicaid if they are eligible or transition to another source if they are not. And we have provided important input to the Department of Health and Human Services on federal efforts to minimize coverage losses. Our efforts are only intensifying this year, as states have begun renewing eligibility and terminating coverage.

CBPP’s Equity and Inclusion Priorities

With the leadership of CBPP’s new vice president of equity and inclusion, we have stepped up our work to foster equity, inclusion, and belonging within our organization and within our policy and advocacy efforts.

CBPP has revamped our equity and inclusion infrastructure by expanding our Equity and Inclusion Working Group, strengthening the internal support of our affinity groups and their connection to our broader equity goals, and designing intentional learning strategies and training for organizational leaders, managers, and staff to foster mattering and belonging. On the policy front, CBPP continues to expand our use of data to sharpen how we understand and talk about the ways systemic and structural racism, in addition to other forms of marginalization, have created economic inequities and the need for us to adopt strategies and solutions that center justice and create economic well-being for all. Finally, we have embarked on a process of understanding our long-term policy goals within a justice framework.

CBPP Strengthens Organizational Capacity and Focus on Economic Justice with Board and Leadership Appointments



Mayra E. Alvarez

President of The Children’s Partnership, a California child health advocacy organization



Maria Cancian

Dean of the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University



James Jimenez

Executive Director of the New Mexico Pediatric Society and the NMVC Action Fund; former Executive Director of New Mexico Voices for Children



Ai-jen Poo

President of the National Domestic Workers Alliance and Executive Director of Caring Across Generations

Vice President of Equity and Inclusion



In March 2022, CBPP hired Jamie Riley as our first vice president of equity and inclusion. Since he joined CBPP, Riley has been taking stock of where we are in our work to create a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace and promote these qualities in our external work and has set priorities for this work going forward.

LOOKING FORWARD:

CBPP's Role in Today's Challenging Landscape

2023 has ushered in an era of divided federal government, and we are facing both threats and opportunities at the state level. We've navigated this kind of challenging landscape before, and we will use all the levers available to move the nation's policy forward.

As we have done before when faced with challenging political climates, CBPP will work with our partners to mount a strong defense against efforts to degrade economic and health security programs nationally and in states, and we will take full advantage of every opportunity we can find to advance state and federal policies that broaden the path to equity and prosperity for people all over the country.

We will lay the groundwork for policy advances that may not be possible in the near term, but which are critical for the future — shaping the narrative about the country we should strive to be and making sure we are ready for action when the policymaking environment becomes more conducive to positive change.

In the meantime, the decisions states make will be critical to whether families can afford the basics, children can attend good schools, and people have access to the health coverage they need. That's especially true now, with states and localities making enormously consequential decisions not only about their own fiscal policies but also about how to use remaining Rescue Plan resources and new federal investments provided in legislation last year, including historic climate-related resources. We'll help states, localities, tribal nations, and territories make the most of those federal investments by explaining the opportunities available, identifying model uses of those funds, and shaping federal guidance and regulations.

Further, with CBPP's support, the 42 organizations in the State Priorities Partnership — working closely with marginalized communities — will

advance next-generation and community-rooted policy ideas, demonstrating the effectiveness of policies the federal government has not yet embraced. Those groups working in less forward-looking states will expose the human consequences of low-road strategies and work strategically in broad coalitions to shorten the time period before those states are forced to reverse course.

And through our relationship with SPP groups and with hundreds of other state-level advocates who lead work on food assistance, health coverage, income security policies, and housing, we will continue to press for both the sound implementation of critical federal-state programs like Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF and new state investments that can help fill in the large gaps left by inadequate federal policies and funding.

Thanks to your continued support, we will meet the opportunities and challenges that arise as we advance policies that bring us closer to a nation where everyone — regardless of race or identities — has what they need to thrive and share in the nation's prosperity.

Honor Roll of Support - 2022

We are grateful for every gift and grant, large and small, that supports our work to advance federal and state policies to help build a nation where everyone – regardless of income, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, ZIP code, immigration status, or disability status – has the resources they need to thrive and share in the nation’s prosperity.

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