



## ***The Kid Angle***

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**Champions must continue to push improved Child Tax Credit  
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### **Child poverty to skyrocket in January**

Today marks one year since President Biden took office. As he made clear in yesterday's press conference, the fight continues for his sweeping agenda for children and families, including **the revolutionary improvements to the Child Tax Credit**.

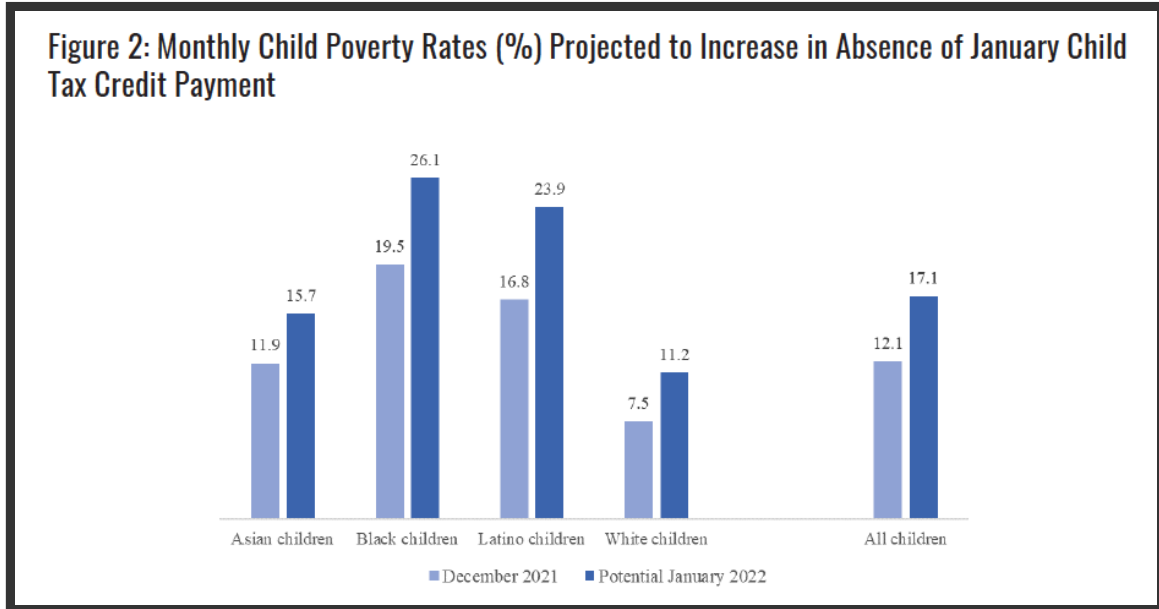
At the heart of the wrangling, vote-counting and talking head parade that has dominated the CTC conversation lo, these many months, lies the real issue: The nearly [4 million children that it kept out of poverty each month](#).

"When the child tax credit payments started reaching the families who needed it most, we had hope that things were getting better," **Amy Jo Hutchison, a West Virginia single mom and economic justice advocate** [wrote in an op-ed this week](#). "We were able to move out of Section 8 housing and into better neighborhoods with better schools, job opportunities and access to transportation. We were able to allow our children to attend formal dances and play on sports teams. We were able to meet co-pays and have braces put on our kids' teeth. We were able to afford child care so we could work. We were able to pay for tutors so our kids could succeed at school."

[The Child Tax Credit single-handedly reduced monthly child poverty by close to 30% in December](#), Columbia's Center for Poverty and Social Policy reports. But without a January check, CPSP forecasts that child poverty will hit

at least 17% in early 2022 — **the highest monthly child poverty rate in more than a year.**

The numbers certainly hit home. But supporters must **continue to champion the improvements to the Child Tax Credit for Amy Jo and her girls — and the 39 million families like hers.**



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