



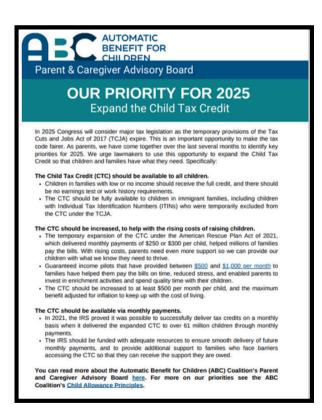
Introduction

The Automatic Benefit for Children (ABC) Coalition's Parent and Caregiver Advisory Board had a busy year of impact and growth in 2024, as it welcomed two new members and stepped up its education of policymakers and the public about how a permanent child allowance can meet the needs of children and families across the United States.

Educating Policymakers and the Public- In 2024, the Parent and Caregiver Advisory Board (PAB) made it a priority to share their principles on a child allowance with lawmakers, as Congress looks toward major tax legislation next year. In June, the PAB partnered with two champions of the Child Tax Credit (CTC), Reps. Rosa DeLauro and Jimmy Gomez, to host a virtual briefing for Congressional staff and advocates about how a CTC expansion can effectively support families, which took place as part of First Focus on Children's annual Children's Week activities. Members of the PAB have been engaging with their representatives to discuss the CTC. In October, Huong Vu and Eboni Brown traveled to Washington, D.C., where they met in person with House and Senate staff to share how an expanded CTC would benefit their families and communities



Influencing Tax Legislation and Policy- This fall, the PAB outlined its priorities for tax legislation in 2025, and submitted a formal comment to the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee Tax Teams calling for a significant expansion of the CTC. This year also marked an important success for the PAB with the launch of DirectFile, the IRS's new free tax filing tool. The PAB has been outspoken about the need for tax credits to be easy to access, and many PAB members had helped test DirectFile as it was being developed to ensure it would work well for the families who could benefit from free tax-filing the most. The IRS announced Direct File will be expanding in 2025. The IRS also recently announced that it will begin allowing families to e-file returns that claim a duplicate dependent in 2025, another administrative priority for the PAB as it will allow disputes to be resolved more quickly and the parents who are caring for children to receive the refunds they are owed.





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Growing Influence and Expertise- The PAB also saw its influence grow in 2024 as reporters turned to PAB members to learn about the impact of expanding the CTC, and PAB members themselves penned op-eds uplifting the value of the CTC. As a result, the perspective and experiences of PAB members are beginning to shape the narrative on the CTC, with quotes and profiles in news outlets from NPR to CBS Evening News to the New York Times!

As the PAB's influence grows, national policy partners are increasingly turning to parent advisory board members as experts on the CTC and leaning on them for guidance and analysis. PAB members were able to regularly participate in valuable training sessions and thought-provoking presentations. These opportunities, made possible through coalition members and other partners throughout 2024, including the Coalition on Human Needs,

RESULTS, First Focus on Children, The Arc, Instituto del Desarrollo de la Juventud. Institute for Policy Studies, Economic Security Project Action. and Futures Without Violence. As PAB members continue to build and strengthen their relationships with these partners, stepping they are into more significant roles within the ABC Coalition. A great example of this is PAB member Kali Daugherty, who has begun co-leading the ABC Coalition's monthly advocacy meetinas.





Eboni Brown & Huong VuAutomatic Benefit for Children Coalition
Parent & Caregiver Advisory Board Members

PAB in News and in Action

APRIL

Joseph Yusuf and Raegen Selden were profiled in an <u>NPR article</u> on the CTC. *Parents are struggling with high prices this year. It may shape how they vote.*

MAY

Chloe Medina and Tia Simmons joined the PAB as the newest members.

Eboni Brown and Kali Daugherty appeared on an episode of <u>The Invisible Americans</u> <u>Podcast</u> to talk about the CTC.

Kali Daugherty presented on a panel at the annual Prevent Child Abuse America Luncheon.

JUNE

Lupe Mendoza, Stephen Palmer, Huong Vu, Eboni Brown, Kali Daugherty, Raegen Seldon, and Joseph Yusuf organized and spoke at a <u>briefing</u> along with Reps. Rosa DeLauro and Jimmy Gomez.

JULY

Tia Simmons wrote an <u>op-ed</u> called *It's Time for a Child Allowance, No Strings Attached on the need for a child allowance.*

SEPTEMBER

Raegen Selden was profiled by <u>CBS Evening News</u> in a story about the CTC. **Stephan Palmer** appeared on the <u>New Neighborhood podcast</u> to talk about parent leadership and the CTC.

OCTOBER

Kali Daugherty was profiled by the <u>New York Times</u> Would an expanded child tax credit be worth it? An article on the CTC.

Huong Vu and Eboni Brown met with staff on the Ways and Means Committee and their representatives' personal offices in a trip to DC.

PAB members submitted a comment to the GOP Tax Teams of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Chloe Medina participated in an Economic Security Town Hall regarding the CTC through Zero to Three https://youtu.be/HL37FH_VnLY?si=HBTvwPSIISm3BggH.

NOVEMBER

Tia Simmons was interviewed by <u>the 19th</u>. Candidates promised a bigger child tax credit. Will that actually happen?

Chloe Medina authored an <u>op-ed</u> on the need to expand the Child Tax Credit. We Need to Invest in Families. Project 2025 Wants the Opposite.

DECEMBER

Joseph Yusuf participated in the Aspen Institute Financial Security Program convening on how person-centered practices can advance financial security.

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2024 Parent and Caregiver Advisory Board Members

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Kaleena Daugherty
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Thank you for your unwavering commitment and tireless work with the Automatic Benefit for Children Coalition.

We are truly grateful for your dedication.



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