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2024-04-23	<p>Indiana News Service</p> <p>Hoosier mom: Bring back expanded child tax credit</p> <p>Advocates are pushing to expand the Child Tax Credit to help lift millions of children in Indiana and around the nation out of poverty. The assistance was available for families during the pandemic but has since expired and efforts to renew it have stalled in the U.S. Senate. Comments from Candace Baker, Indianapolis mother of four children.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>127-11</p>	<p>552</p> <p>2,207,442</p>
2024-04-15	<p>Big Sky Connection</p> <p>Child Tax Credit would benefit 46,000 MT kids</p> <p>Expanding the Child Tax Credit could lift as many as 46,000 kids out of poverty in Montana, a quarter of them under the age of 6. The measure passed the U.S. House and awaits action in the Senate. Comments from Nathan Stahley (STAY-lee), executive director, Montana Chapter, National Association of Social Workers.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>66-62</p>	<p>556</p> <p>295,966</p>
2024-01-03	<p>Greater Dakota News Service</p> <p>SD poverty-fighting group: Affordable home builders need to step up</p> <p>Groups battling poverty say stable housing is key in helping low-income individuals carve out better outcomes. The leader of a South Dakota office says assistance programs play a role, but he suggests developers can do their part, too. Comments from Shawn Burke, executive director, Western South Dakota Community Action.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>27-19</p>	<p>99</p> <p>225,795</p>
2023-12-18	<p>New Jersey News Service</p> <p>Advocates: WIC funding must be increased to avoid rationing</p> <p>Funding is set to expire Jan. 19 for the nutrition program known as WIC ("wick") for low-income women, infants and children. But even if it is renewed at the previous year's level, groups that fight hunger in New Jersey say it wouldn't be enough. They cite food prices, up 3% over last year, and USDA data showing the most rapid increase in food insecurity since 2008. Comments from Adele LaTourette (LAH-tour-ette), senior director of policy and advocacy, Community FoodBank of New Jersey.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>0-0</p>	<p>49</p>
2023-12-14	<p>Ohio News Connection</p> <p>WIC funding cuts could worsen Ohio maternal, infant health</p> <p>Ohio maternal and child health are at risk under proposed cuts to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, commonly known as WIC ("wick"). Local food banks say they can't absorb the massive need that would be triggered by downsizing the program. Comments from Hope Lane-Gavin, director, nutrition policy and programs, Ohio Association of Foodbanks.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>9-4</p>	<p>206</p> <p>89,831</p>
2023-11-13	<p>California News Service</p> <p>CA advocates criticize proposed cuts to Head Start preschool programs</p> <p>Congress is debating cuts to the Head Start program as part of the next federal budget, which needs to be resolved in order to avoid a government shutdown later this week. Comments by Melanee Cottrill, MBA, CAE, executive director of Head Start California.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>13-6</p>	<p>88</p> <p>439,962</p>

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2023-11-09	<p>New York News Connection</p> <p>Proposed WIC cuts could prove detrimental to NY families</p> <p>The House of Representatives is proposing deep cuts to the WIC program, to the detriment of families in New York and across the U. S. Experts feel these aren't even substantive cuts, adding the program needs more funding, not less. Comments from David Nemiroff, president and CEO, Harmony Health Care Long Island.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>53-9</p>	<p>141</p> <p>1,614,095</p>
2023-11-06	<p>Ohio News Connection</p> <p>Congress proposes slashing funding for Head Start programs</p> <p>Congress is considering a budget proposal that would eliminate access to Head Start programs for more than 3,000 Ohio kids, and around 80,000 children nationwide. Local groups that run Head Start programs in Ohio say the impact would be devastating. Comments from Eva Bloom, director of development for Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>17-9</p>	<p>378</p> <p>335,785</p>
2023-09-28	<p>New Jersey News Service</p> <p>Justice group: Congressional budget cuts will hurt vulnerable New Jerseyans</p> <p>Cuts proposed by hard-line Republicans to the 2024 federal budget could harm thousands of New Jersey families who depend on federal food and education benefits to make ends meet. Comments from Laura Sullivan, director, Economic Justice Program, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>105-0</p>	<p>37</p> <p>1,896,933</p>
2023-09-14	<p>Wisconsin News Connection</p> <p>WI Families Could See 'Double Whammy' From Budget Policies</p> <p>Federal lawmakers are tasked with coming together on a new government spending plan by an Oct. 1 deadline. Advocates for Wisconsin households with children worry that certain proposals would put more strain on those families, especially if they're impacted by state budget decisions. Comments from Daithi (DAH-hee) Wolfe, senior early-education analyst, Kids Forward.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>117-27</p>	<p>200</p> <p>2,516,047</p>
2023-09-05	<p>California News Service</p> <p>CA Anti-Poverty Groups Fight for Higher Food Benefits for Women, Children</p> <p>Congress has until the end of the month to pass appropriations bills or risk a government shutdown. Against that backdrop, anti-hunger advocates are slamming a proposal from conservative Republicans to pare down WIC (Women, Infants and Children) food benefits. Comments from Sarah Diaz, policy and media coordinator, California WIC Association.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>155-4</p>	<p>186</p> <p>3,165,192</p>
2023-08-25	<p>Ohio News Connection</p> <p>Lack of Affordable Housing Could Impede Ohio's Economic Growth</p> <p>In Ohio, rent is higher than in any year on record when adjusted for inflation, and housing experts say the state will face a worsening housing crisis without federal assistance. Comments from Amy Riegel, executive director, Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>18-13</p>	<p>277</p> <p>385,499</p>

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2023-08-23	<p>New York News Connection</p> <p>NY Children Face Severe Impacts of Proposed Head Start Cuts</p> <p>House Republicans have proposed sweeping cuts to education programs like Head Start in the federal appropriations bill. If approved, these cuts could have detrimental impacts on New York children and families. Comments from Larry Marx, CEO, The Children's Agenda; and Kate Breslin, president and CEO, Schuyler (SKY-lur) Center for Analysis and Advocacy.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>58-12</p>	<p>319</p> <p>1,609,535</p>
2023-06-12	<p>Illinois News Connection</p> <p>Increased Work Requirements Mean Fewer SNAP Benefits for Illinoisans</p> <p>Starting in October, several hundred-thousand Illinois SNAP recipients expect to lose their SNAP benefits because they won't have the necessary work hours to qualify anymore. The change is part of pandemic-related budget concessions hammered out in Congress, and groups that work to fight hunger in the state are gearing up for an increase in need. Comments from Steve Erickson, executive director of Feeding Illinois.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>16-12</p>	<p>6137</p> <p>342,897</p>
2023-03-06	<p>Wisconsin News Connection</p> <p>Guidance for SNAP Recipients as Pandemic Boost Ends</p> <p>To help low-income families during the pandemic, the federal government has been providing aid under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. But aid levels are returning to normal, and Wisconsin families are urged to prepare. A national survey indicates the timing isn't great for struggling households. Comments from Matt King, associate director, Wisconsin's Hunger Task Force group; and Ailen Arreaza (EYE-leen ARR-ee-ah-zah), co-director, ParentsTogether.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>48-40</p>	<p>772</p> <p>108,241</p>
2022-12-15	<p>Keystone State News Connection</p> <p>PA Group Urges Congress to Expand Child Tax Credit</p> <p>A Pennsylvania advocacy group wants Congress to prioritize reinstating the expanded child tax credit as part of its end-of-year spending package. The group notes that when the expanded CTC was in place last year, it pulled millions of kids out of poverty with a few hundred dollars a month. In Pennsylvania, 627,000 children lost that benefit when the credit expired. Comments from Marc Stier ("steer"), director, Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>57-4</p>	<p>131</p> <p>937,530</p>
2022-12-15	<p>Virginia News Connection</p> <p>VA Group Calling for Child Tax Credit Revival</p> <p>Advocates are calling on Congress to revive the expanded child tax credit, but there are concerns about whether this is possible and what the alternatives might be. Comments from Emily Griffey, chief policy officer at Voices for Virginia's Children.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>14-7</p>	<p>223</p> <p>157,143</p>
2022-12-14	<p>Utah News Connection</p> <p>Utahns Call on Congress to Expand Child Tax Credit</p> <p>Utah families and advocates are calling on Congress to push for an extension of the Child Tax Credit which expired last year. With high costs of living and economic uncertainty, some believe the Child Tax Credit is needed now more than ever. Comments from Clint Cottam, Executive Director for Community Action Partnership of Utah.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>68-21</p>	<p>149</p> <p>545,612</p>

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2022-12-09	<p>Florida News Connection</p> <p>Florida Groups Add Momentum to Extending Child Tax Credit</p> <p>Tax negotiations are in full swing as lawmakers try to strike a deal on a year-end spending deal that could include a more robust version of the expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC). The monthly payments are used by millions of families in Florida and across the country to pay for necessities including food, rent, educational expenses and child care. Comments from Alyssa Delgado, prosperity coach and manager, Catalyst Miami.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>7-2</p>	<p>295</p> <p>148,568</p>
2022-12-09	<p>Indiana News Service</p> <p>Indiana Child Advocates Demand Action on Renewing Child Tax Credit</p> <p>Children's advocates are urging Congress to restore the 2021 Enhanced Child Tax Credit, a pandemic-era program that made direct payments to families and elevated millions of children out of poverty in Indiana and elsewhere. Comments by Sarah Kumfer (COOM-fur), director of public policy and advocacy, Marion County (Indiana) Commission on Youth.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>18-16</p>	<p>221</p> <p>154,054</p>
2022-12-08	<p>Illinois News Connection</p> <p>Illinois Child Advocates Demand Action on Renewing Child Tax Credit</p> <p>Children's advocates are urging Congress to restore the 2021 Enhanced Child Tax Credit, a pandemic-era program that made direct payments to families and elevated millions of children out of poverty in Illinois and around the nation. Comments by Mitch Lifson, vice-president for public policy, Children's Advocates for Change.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>13-12</p>	<p>249</p> <p>252,319</p>
2022-11-30	<p>Washington News Service</p> <p>No Corporate Tax Cuts without Family Tax Relief, Dems Say</p> <p>As Congress enters negotiations before the end of the year, a group led by U.S. Rep. Pramila Jayapal (pra-MILL-ah JY-ah-pall), D-Wash., says Congress shouldn't pass corporate tax breaks unless it also expands the Child Tax Credit for families. Comments from April Messenger, director of family engagement and advocacy, Washington State Association of Head Start and ECEAP ("E-Cap").</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>21-11</p>	<p>243</p> <p>448,983</p>
2022-11-09	<p>West Virginia News Service</p> <p>As Prices Climb, WV Families Face Hardship without Child Tax Credit</p> <p>Families in West Virginia say they're worried about making ends meet this holiday season without the extra boost from the expanded Child Tax Credit. The expanded Child Tax Credit provided between \$300-\$360 per month per child, until it ended last December. Now, there's a push for Congress to renew it. Comments from Jessica Greenlief, Gilmer county resident and previous CTC recipient.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>13-8</p>	<p>138</p> <p>64,662</p>
2022-11-04	<p>Big Sky Connection</p> <p>As MT Families Struggle, Child Tax Credit Payments Touted as Solution</p> <p>Data has found the expanded Child Tax Credit from 2021 lifted 3.7 million kids out of poverty, including at least 211,000 in Montana. Advocates for those families now are calling on Congress to reinstate that program. Comments from Jackie Semmens, policy analyst, Montana Budget and Policy Center.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>62-61</p>	<p>109</p> <p>273,545</p>

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2022-11-04	<p>Washington News Service</p> <p>Campaign to Reinstate Child Tax Credit Program for WA Families</p> <p>The expanded Child Tax Credit implemented by Congress last year pulled millions of kids out of poverty by paying their parents a few hundred dollars a month. Nearly a year after it expired, there are calls to reinstate it. Comments from Megan Pirie (MEE-gan PEER-ee), parent ambassador, Head Start in eastern Washington.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>13-9</p>	<p>228</p> <p>69,619</p>
2022-11-03	<p>Maine News Service</p> <p>Inflation Relief Payments Not Enough to Help ME Families in Need</p> <p>Most Mainers have now received their inflation relief payments, but advocates for the state's low-income families say Congress needs to renew the expanded Child Tax Credit to help the increasing number facing food and housing insecurity since the credit was allowed to expire. Comments from Kate Harvey, a former teacher and now a stay-at-home mom; and Ann Danforth, economic security policy advocate at Maine Equal Justice.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>5-1</p>	<p>140</p> <p>3,530</p>
2022-11-03	<p>Soundbite Services</p> <p>Studies: Alaska Families Could Benefit if Child Tax Credit is Revived</p> <p>Some of Alaska families are wanting the Child Tax Credit which came to a halt last year to be revived as they say they are still dealing with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent affects of inflation. Comment from Jennifer Taylor, mother and childcare administrator in Fairbanks, Alaska.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>1-0</p>	<p>19</p>
2022-11-02	<p>Soundbite Services</p> <p>More LA Families Face Increased Hunger, Homelessness with Loss of Child Tax Credit</p> <p>With food and utility costs soaring, advocates for low-income households say Congress must renew the Child Tax Credit to help the increasing number of Louisiana families facing hunger and homelessness since the credit was allowed to expire. Comments from Pasquel Nguyen (pass-QUALL Win), mother of 7, family consultant at Capacity Building Center for States.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>214-1</p>	<p>21</p> <p>658,072</p>
2022-10-31	<p>Virginia News Connection</p> <p>VA Families Urge Revival of Child Tax Credit</p> <p>As prices rise with inflation, Virginians are calling on Congress for a renewal of the Child Tax Credit to help struggling families make ends meet. Comments from Melissa Keebaugh, Fairfax County elementary school teacher and member of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>76-11</p>	<p>311</p> <p>1,100,869</p>
2022-10-26	<p>Utah News Connection</p> <p>UT Group Urges Congress to Reinstate Child Tax Credit Payments</p> <p>As part of the federal government's efforts to help families during the pandemic, lawmakers expanded the Child Tax Credit to include direct monthly payments for each child under the age of 17. But when the program ended, millions of children fell back into poverty, and advocates say Congress needs to reinstate the payments. Comments from Gina Cornia, executive director, Utahns Against Hunger.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>78-13</p>	<p>113</p> <p>681,716</p>

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2022-10-25	<p>New Hampshire News Connection</p> <p>A Push to Revive Child Tax Credit for Struggling NH Families</p> <p>With food and energy prices climbing, advocates for low-income families say Congress must renew the Child Tax Credit to help the increasing number of New Hampshire families who've fallen behind since the credit was allowed to expire. Comments from Michael Reinke (RAIN-key), executive director, Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter; and Cary Gladstone, senior director, Granite United Way.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>5-0</p>	<p>347</p> <p>77,971</p>
2022-04-29	<p>Wisconsin News Connection</p> <p>Report: Many WI Renters Struggle to Meet Housing Costs</p> <p>Over the past two years, lawmakers have established several pandemic-responsive housing and social aid programs. But a new report finds those programs have failed to make long-term changes, and Wisconsin's lowest-income renters still are facing a shortage of affordable housing. Comments from Brad Paul, executive director, Wisconsin Community Action Program Association.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>19-11</p>	<p>126</p> <p>69,538</p>
2022-04-19	<p>Greater Dakota News Service</p> <p>From the Midwest to Eastern Europe, Meal Program Helps Ukrainian Refugees</p> <p>Americans are seeing plenty of media messages to donate to programs helping Ukrainians suffering as a result of Russia's invasion. However, choosing a specific way to help might be overwhelming. One Midwest organization says its meal program is an effective way to support those fleeing the war-torn country. Comments from Mike Hoffman, inventory and logistics director, Midwest Food Bank.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>21-12</p>	<p>209</p> <p>356,354</p>
2022-03-18	<p>Soundbite Services</p> <p>'An Unspoken Need': Feds Slash Planned Funding for Diaper Banks</p> <p>The federal government has significantly reduced funding to help diaper banks across the country, including in Louisiana. The federal appropriations bill signed into law by President Joe Biden includes \$10 million for those programs, but that's down from \$200 million in the House version of the measure. Comments from Debbie Hollis, co-director, Basic Necessities.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>1-0</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2,001</p>
2022-03-11	<p>Missouri News Service</p> <p>MO Groups Urge Federal Support for Diaper Banks</p> <p>Congress has until midnight tonight (Friday) to pass an appropriations bill, or another continuing resolution will be needed to prevent a government shutdown. Missouri groups have joined the call for more funding for a variety of federal supports for low-income families, including diaper banks. Comments from Jill Gaikowski (GUY-cow-skee), executive director, Happy Bottoms diaper bank in Kansas City.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>13-7</p>	<p>93</p> <p>277,319</p>

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2022-03-08	<p>Maine News Service</p> <p>ME Groups: Congress Needs to Pass Fully-Funded Appropriations Bill</p> <p>Groups in Maine say a full-year, fully-funded appropriations bill is needed, rather than temporary funding measures with no increases for inflation, the latest set to expire this Friday, March 11th. They're urging increased funding levels for education, mental health and substance-abuse treatment and workforce training, among other things. Comments from Shawn Yardley, CEO, Community Concepts, Inc.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>1-0</p>	55
2022-03-08	<p>Soundbite Services</p> <p>AL Groups to Congress: Pass Full-Year Appropriations Bill</p> <p>Groups in Alabama are urging Congress to pass a full-year, fully funded appropriations bill rather than temporary funding measures with no increases for inflation. They're urging increased funding levels for education, mental health and substance-abuse treatment and workforce training, among other things. Comments from Carol Gundlach (gund-LOCK), senior policy analyst, Alabama Arise.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>1-1</p>	12
2022-03-02	<p>Ohio News Connection</p> <p>Stop the Stopgap: Groups say Ohioans Deserve More Certainty, Dignity</p> <p>Anti-poverty organizations are calling for a fully funded, one-year appropriations bill from Congress in order to ensure federal programs that serve people with low-incomes are not further eroded. Comments from Joree Novotny, director of External Affairs, Ohio Association of Foodbanks.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>133-9</p>	129 1,220,230
2022-02-10	<p>Wisconsin News Connection</p> <p>Experts Mull How to Meet WI's Child-Care Issues</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic amplified long-standing issues in Wisconsin's child-care system. Now, experts are highlighting new ways to rebuild the state's child-care framework for long-term success. Comments from Alejandra Ros Pilarz, assistant professor of social work, University of Wisconsin-Madison; and Anna Markowitz, assistant professor of education and information studies, University of California Los Angeles.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>28-12</p>	77 154,334
2022-02-03	<p>Arkansas News Service</p> <p>Groups Help Erase Medical Debt for 24,000 Arkansans</p> <p>A coalition has erased millions of dollars in medical debt for Arkansans to promote policy changes that would prevent it. Comments from Sarah Kinser, chief program officer, Arkansas Community Foundation; Diane Standaert, senior vice president for policy and advocacy; HOPE Credit Union; and Deborah Weinstein, executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>7-5</p>	117 13,326
2021-12-15	<p>West Virginia News Service</p> <p>End of Child Tax Credit Payments a Worry for WV Families</p> <p>Charleston, WV – The Build Back Better Act being considered by Congress would continue the expansion of Child Tax Credit (CTC) payments, and advocates for West Virginia families say the extra cash is helping them cover basic household expenses. Comments from Jessica Ice, executive director, West Virginians for Affordable Health Care; and Holly Bradley, farmer in Pocahontas County.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>8-1</p>	275 210,963

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2021-11-22	<p>New York News Connection Build Back Better Would Amplify New York's Child Care, Pre-K Investments Albany, NY - New York state has been committed to making universal pre-K accessible to all families. Funding from Build Back Better, if passed, could help make that a reality. Comments from Dede Hill, director of policy, Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy; and Pete Nabozny, policy director, The Children's Agenda.</p>	Detailed Report 55-2	46 4,096,505
2021-11-18	<p>Big Sky Connection Build Back Better to Provide Boost to MT Families, Supporters Say Helena, MT – A number of provisions in the Build Back Better Act are aimed at helping families. Measures include the child tax credit and creating more affordable child care. Comments from Kelly Rosenleaf, executive director, Child Care Resources in Missoula.</p>	Detailed Report 72-64	43 307,975
2021-11-18	<p>Michigan News Connection MI Advocates Call Affordable Housing Key in 'Build Back Better' Detroit, MI – With Michiganders facing economic hardship during the pandemic and with Michigan's ongoing affordable housing crisis, groups say measures in Build Back Better could make a big difference for the people's economic prosperity. Comments from Luke Forrest, executive director, Community Economic Development Association of Michigan.</p>	Detailed Report 12-3	79 165,095
2021-11-18	<p>Oregon News Service Build Back Better Act Could Support Families, Affordable Housing in OR Portland, OR – A number of provisions in the Build Back Better Act are aimed at helping families. Measures include the child tax credit and creating more affordable housing. Comments from Loren Naldoza (he/him), legislative and communications manager, Neighborhood Partnerships in Oregon.</p>	Detailed Report 12-5	52 261,022
2021-11-17	<p>Soundbite Services Build Back Better Would Help Buoy HI Families, Advocates Say Honolulu, HI – President Joe Biden's Build Back Better agenda may receive a vote this week in the U.S. House of Representatives. In Hawaii, groups advocating for children and families say it would help residents bounce back from the pandemic. Comments from Kathleen Algire (AL-guy-urr), director of early learning and health policy at Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks.</p>	Detailed Report 1-0	15 2,001
2021-11-15	<p>Florida News Connection Advocates Call Build Back Better Essential For Environmental Justice Orlando, FL – A U.S. House vote on President Joe Biden's Build Back Better legislation could come as early as this week. Among others, Florida's anti-poverty environmental-justice and children's advocates hope Congress will advance Build Back Better, which they say would provide substantial help to millions of people in Florida. Comments from Maria Revelles state director, Florida CHISPA.</p>	Detailed Report 152-14	255 1,714,832

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2021-11-15	<p>Florida News Connection Defensores dicen que Build Back Better es esencial para la justicia ambiental Orlando, FL - Una votación en la Cámara de Representantes de los Estados Unidos sobre la legislación Build Back Better del presidente Joe Biden podría producirse esta semana. Entre otros, defensores de la justicia ambiental contra la pobreza y defensores de los niños de Florida esperan que el Congreso impulse Build Back Better, el cual dicen brindaría una ayuda sustancial a millones de personas. Comentarios de Maria Revelles director estatal, Florida CHISPA.</p>	Detailed Report 3-3	53 125,808
2021-11-15	<p>Soundbite Services What 'Build Back Better' Could Mean for N.J. Families Trenton, N.J. – The Build Back Better Act may get a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives this week. Some New Jersey advocacy groups see it as a once-in-a-generation investment in children and families. Comments from Renee Koubiadis (KOO-bee-AH-diss), anti-poverty program director at New Jersey Citizen Action.</p>	Detailed Report 133-1	22 1,124,505
2021-09-28	<p>West Virginia News Service "Much At Stake" for West Virginia Families in Biden's Spending Plans Charleston, WV – Advocates say much is on the line for West Virginia families, as lawmakers consider President Joe Biden's spending plans this week. They argue families could benefit from extending the child tax credit, universal pre-K and other proposals outlined in the administration's packages. Comments from Amy Jo Hutchison (no "n"), West Virginia anti-poverty advocate with Rattle the Windows and Fellow at Community Change; and Deborah Weinstein, executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	Detailed Report 122-6	179 1,483,203
2021-08-13	<p>Colorado News Connection Immigration-Reform Vigil at Sen. Hickenlooper's Office Denver, CO – On Thursday, a prayer vigil led by immigrants' rights organizations and supported by faith communities and other allies was held in front of Colorado Sen. John Hickenlooper's Denver office. The groups are asking Colorado's congressional delegation to ensure a pathway to citizenship isn't edged out of a new budget reconciliation bill making its way through Congress. Comments from Laura Peniche (puh-NEE-cheh), hotline manager, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition.</p>	Detailed Report 190-48	158 2,190,391
2021-08-13	<p>Colorado News Connection Vigilia por la Reforma Migratoria en la oficina del Senador Hickenlooper Denver, CO - El jueves, se llevó a cabo una vigilia de oración dirigida por organizaciones de derechos de los migrantes y apoyada por comunidades religiosas y otros aliados frente a la oficina del senador de Colorado John Hickenlooper en Denver. Los grupos están pidiendo a la delegación del Congreso de Colorado que asegure que el camino hacia la ciudadanía salga del nuevo Proyecto de reconciliación presupuestaria que se abre paso en el Congreso. Comentarios de Laura Peniche (puh-NEE-cheh), directora de la línea directa, Coalición por los Derechos de los Inmigrantes de Colorado.</p>	Detailed Report 8-6	28 77,018

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2021-08-13	<p>Michigan News Connection</p> <p>Expanded Child Tax Credit Boosts Safety Net for MI Families</p> <p>Allegan, MI – Michigan families are already benefiting from the 2021 Advance Child Tax Credit payment, as roughly 23% of households report struggling to pay regular bills. Some advocates are pushing to make the monthly payments of up to \$300 a month, per child, permanent. Comments from two spokespersons with Community Action of Allegan County: Esperanza Carrasco-Morales, nutrition and senior services specialist; and Brenda Molendyk (MULL-in-dike), chief financial and operating officer.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>27-23</p>	<p>156</p> <p>533,731</p>
2021-08-12	<p>Soundbite Services</p> <p>Federal Child Tax Credit Providing Lifeline for GA Families</p> <p>Atlanta, GA – The federal Child Tax Credit is putting hundreds of dollars into Georgia families' pockets every month. Groups that advocate for those families say the program appears to be doing what was promised – pulling families out of poverty. Comments from Shanda (SHAN rhymes with "Ann") Neal, organizer for Georgia chapter, 9to5, National Association of Working Women.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>62-0</p>	<p>38</p> <p>184,323</p>
2021-08-09	<p>Big Sky Connection</p> <p>Child Tax Credit Lifts MT Families Out of Poverty, Backers Say</p> <p>Missoula, MT – The federal Child Tax Credit is putting hundreds of dollars into Montana families' pockets every month. Groups that advocate for those families say the program appears to be doing what was promised – pulling families out of poverty. Comments from Haley Morton, a housekeeping manager with three kids who received the child tax credit; and Kelly Rosenleaf, executive director, Child Care Resources in Missoula.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>144-65</p>	<p>91</p> <p>1,123,795</p>
2021-07-23	<p>Arizona News Connection</p> <p>Groups Push Congress to Make Child Tax Credit Permanent</p> <p>Phoenix, AZ – The expanded federal Child Tax Credit is putting extra money in the bank accounts of Arizona families with children, helping pull more than 1.5 million Arizona kids out of poverty. The expansion was passed by Congress in March as part of President Joe Biden's American Rescue Plan. Comments from Ilana (ah-LAY-nuh) Lowery, Arizona director, Common Sense.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>8-1</p>	<p>100</p> <p>96,800</p>
2021-07-23	<p>Arizona News Connection</p> <p>Grupos presionan al Congreso para hacer permanente el Crédito Tributario por Hijo</p> <p>Phoenix, AZ - El Crédito Tributario por Hijo expandido federal está depositando dinero extra en las cuentas bancarias de familias en Arizona con niños, lo que ayuda a sacar a más de 1,5 millones de niños de la pobreza en Arizona. La expansión fue aprobada por el Congreso en marzo como parte del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense del presidente Joe Biden. Comentarios de Ilana (ah-LAY-nuh) Lowery, directora de Common Sense en Arizona.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>1-1</p>	<p>7</p>

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2021-07-22	<p>Colorado News Connection</p> <p>CO Families Already Benefiting from Advance Child Tax Credit Payments</p> <p>Denver, CO – Families in Colorado and across the country are now receiving 2021 Advance Child Tax Credit payments, expanded in the American Rescue Plan. Groups are working to ensure households have the information they need. Comments from Holly Baumkratz (BOM-krutz), parent of two children from Boulder; and Sarah Barnes, manager of special initiatives, Colorado Children's Campaign.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>34-12</p>	<p>64</p> <p>263,233</p>
2021-07-22	<p>Colorado News Connection</p> <p>Familias de Colorado ya se benefician de los pagos del Crédito Tributario Avanzado por Hijo</p> <p>Denver, CO - Familias en Colorado y en todo el país ya están recibiendo pagos del Crédito Tributario Avanzado por Hijo de 2021, ampliado en el Plan de Rescate Estadounidense. Los grupos están trabajando para garantizar que los hogares tengan la información que necesitan. Comentarios de Holly Baumkratz (BOM-krutz), madre de dos niños de Boulder; y Sarah Barnes, directora de iniciativas especiales de Colorado Children's Campaign.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>6-6</p>	<p>14</p> <p>213,802</p>
2021-07-22	<p>Maine News Service</p> <p>ME Parents, Advocates: Make Expanded Child Tax Credit Permanent</p> <p>Augusta, ME – The 2021 Advance Child Tax Credit payments are making their way into Maine families' pockets. If made permanent, the expansion could reduce child poverty by more than 40% nationwide, and around 45% in Maine. Comments from Melissa Hackett, communications and policy associate, Maine's Children Alliance.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>72-2</p>	<p>62</p> <p>1,190,774</p>
2021-07-22	<p>New Hampshire News Connection</p> <p>Child Tax Credit Could Bring Thousands of NH Kids Out of Poverty</p> <p>Manchester, NH – Advance Child Tax Credit payments already are making a difference for New Hampshire families, and groups are working to make sure all families know how and when they access the funds. Comments from Carrie Martin Duran, single mom of three from Manchester; and Christina D'Allesandro (deh-luh-SAN-dro), New Hampshire campaign director, MomsRising Together and MomsRising Education Fund.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>4-1</p>	<p>49</p> <p>12,611</p>
2021-07-22	<p>West Virginia News Service</p> <p>Child Tax Credit Helping WV Families Pay for Transportation, Food</p> <p>Wheeling, WV - The Biden administration's Child Tax Credit began hitting bank accounts last week, and advocates say while the temporary benefits will boost families' economic stability, they will only have a long-term positive impact if made permanent. Comments from Stormy Johnson, Preston County resident and mother of three children; and Amy Jo Hutchinson, anti-poverty advocate and fellow, Center for Community Change.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>8-1</p>	<p>141</p> <p>55,325</p>

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2021-07-21	<p>Virginia News Connection Child Tax Credit Expansion Seen as Major Boost for Virginia Families Loudoun County, VA – Experts say nearly 1.6 million Virginia kids will benefit from the expanded Child Tax Credit payments, which began showing up in bank accounts last week. A year and a half after the pandemic began, Virginia families, especially Latino families, say the money is a welcome and much-needed relief. Comments from Vilma Hernandez-Morales, Loudoun County resident; and Jennifer Lassiter Smith, director, INMED Partnerships for Children, Loudoun County.</p>	Detailed Report 91-5	85 1,491,751
2021-07-21	<p>Virginia News Connection Expansión de crédito tributario por hijos es un impulso mayor para familias de Virginia Condado de Loudoun, VA - Expertos aseguran que casi 1.6 millones de niños en Virginia se beneficiarán de los pagos ampliados del Crédito Tributario por Hijos, los cuales comenzaron a aparecer en las cuentas bancarias la semana pasada. Un año y medio después de que comenzara la pandemia, las familias de Virginia especialmente las familias latinas, dicen que el dinero es un alivio bienvenido y muy necesario. Comentarios de Vilma Hernandez-Morales, residente del condado de Loudoun; y Jennifer Lassiter Smith, directora de INMED Partnerships for Children, condado de Loudoun.</p>	Detailed Report 1-1	19
2021-07-15	<p>Wisconsin News Connection Budget Stabilizer: Child Tax Credit Payments Arrive for WI Families Madison, WI - Starting today (7/15), eligible Wisconsin families could start receiving their monthly federal payments from the expanded Child Tax Credit. The move is seen as a way to help individuals escape poverty, with some advocates saying it especially will give working families much-needed security. Comments from Meghan Roh (roe), program director, Opportunity Wisconsin.</p>	Detailed Report 23-11	89 596,917
2021-05-25	<p>Iowa News Service Housing First Movement Expands in Iowa Iowa City, IA - Iowa City has been at the forefront of the "housing first" approach making its way to the state. The idea centers around permanent housing being used as a starting point to help someone break free from chronic homelessness. A group behind local efforts is planning its second such facility. Comments from Christine Ralston, director of development, Shelter House.</p>	Detailed Report 14-9	93 377,716
2021-03-05	<p>Arizona News Connection Arizona Families Counting on Passage of COVID Relief Plan Phoenix, AZ – Advocates for Arizona children and families say there's a critical need for federal COVID relief. The U.S. House has passed the American Rescue Plan, a \$1.9 trillion package, but its future is being debated in the Senate. Comments from Tomas Robles (toh-MOSS RO-bless), co-chair, Living United for Change in Arizona (LUCHA, "LOO-chah"), and Deborah Weinstein (WINE-stine), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	Detailed Report 1-0	25

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2021-03-05	<p>Colorado News Connection</p> <p>Colorado Children's Groups Urge U.S. Senate to Pass COVID Relief</p> <p>Denver, CO – Advocates for Colorado children and families are pressing lawmakers in Congress to pass the Biden administration's \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan. Opponents argue the price tag is too high, and say it contains provisions not directly related to COVID-19. Comments from Stephanie Perez-Carrillo (ka-REE-yo), policy and partnerships manager, Colorado Children's Campaign; and Deborah Weinstein ('stine'), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>75-46</p>	<p>117</p> <p>832,784</p>
2021-03-05	<p>West Virginia News Service</p> <p>WV Groups: Passage of American Rescue Plan Critical for Recovery</p> <p>Charleston, WV – As the U.S. Senate debates President Joe Biden's COVID relief bill, advocates for West Virginia families are urging lawmakers to pass the \$1.9 trillion package. They say West Virginians were struggling before the pandemic and now, extended unemployment benefits and nutrition assistance are even more crucial for recovery. Comments from Amy Jo Hutchinson, organizer, Our Future West Virginia; and Deborah Weinstein (WINE-stine), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>7-3</p>	<p>49</p> <p>17,835</p>
2021-03-04	<p>Maine News Service</p> <p>Advocates for Children, Families Say Mainers Need COVID Relief</p> <p>Augusta, ME – Advocates for Maine children and families say there's a critical need for federal COVID relief. The U.S. House has passed the American Rescue Plan, a \$1.9 trillion package, but its future is being debated in the Senate. Comments from Deborah Weinstein ('stine'), executive director, Coalition for Human Needs; and Stephanie Eglinton, executive director, Maine Children's Alliance.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>63-0</p>	<p>65</p> <p>1,396,730</p>
2021-03-04	<p>New Hampshire News Connection</p> <p>NH Children's Advocates Urge Swift Passage of American Rescue Plan</p> <p>Concord, NH – Advocates for New Hampshire children and families say there's a critical need for federal COVID relief. The U.S. House has passed the American Rescue Plan, a \$1.9 trillion package, but its future is being debated in the Senate. Comments from Deborah Weinstein ('stine'), executive director, Coalition for Human Needs; and MaryLou Beaver, director, The Children's Place and Parent Education Center of Waypoint in Concord.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>3-0</p>	<p>57</p> <p>6,054</p>
2021-03-02	<p>Nevada News Service</p> <p>Feds to Allow Some Separated Immigrant Families to Reunite in U.S.</p> <p>Carson City, NV – Immigrants' rights advocates are praising the Biden administration's announcement on Monday that families who have been separated at the border in the past can reunite here in the U-S while they pursue their immigration cases. Comments from Deborah Weinstein (WINE-stine), executive director of the Coalition on Human Needs; and Cecilia (SESS-ee-uh) Alvarado, Nevada state director for Mi Familia Vota (me fam-EEL-ee-yuh VOTE-uh).</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>73-7</p>	<p>119</p> <p>1,216,939</p>

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2021-02-23	<p>Virginia News Connection</p> <p>Biden Stimulus Bill Called Key to Preventing Virginia Eviction Crisis</p> <p>Richmond, VA – As Virginians continue to bear the economic burdens of the pandemic, housing groups in the state say it's critical that Congress pass President Joe Biden's American Rescue Plan before more families sink into poverty. The bill would provide Virginians with key support for emergency rental assistance. Comments from Brian Koziol (CO-zee-ole), executive director, Virginia Housing Alliance; and Deborah Weinstein, executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>92-18</p>	<p>141</p> <p>1,282,525</p>
2020-08-27	<p>North Carolina News Service</p> <p>NC Lawmakers Fail to Bring Relief to Struggling Residents</p> <p>Raleigh, NC – Hunger, eviction and unemployment are on the rise in North Carolina, and advocates are urging lawmakers to take swift action to help buffer residents from the widespread impacts of COVID-19. Comments from Lindsay Saunders, board member, RESULTS.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>90-80</p>	<p>488</p> <p>1,729,635</p>
2020-08-17	<p>Florida News Connection</p> <p>Hunger Persists for FL Families Under Stalled Stimulus Package</p> <p>Tallahassee, FL – The U.S. Senate is being urged to move fast on a relief package that will help Floridians on the brink of hunger and homelessness due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It's estimated that about half of Florida's households include someone who lost employment income in recent months. Comments from Trudy Novicki, president/CEO, Florida Impact to End Hunger; and Deborah Weinstein (wine-stine), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>71-3</p>	<p>138</p> <p>1,054,521</p>
2020-08-14	<p>Arizona News Connection</p> <p>Census Undercount Could Cost Arizona Jobs, Billions in Funds</p> <p>Tucson, AZ – There is much at stake if President Donald Trump's early deadline for the 2020 Census count results in a significant undercount of Arizonans. The Coalition on Human Needs says it could cost Arizona over \$20 billion in federal funds, hamper critical social programs, and even mean one less seat in Congress. Comments from Deborah Weinstein (wine-STYNE), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>65-1</p>	<p>97</p> <p>930,804</p>
2020-08-14	<p>North Carolina News Service</p> <p>Census Undercount Could be Disastrous for NC Schools</p> <p>Charlotte, NC – A move to cut short U.S. Census field operations could leave hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians uncouned, and result in a loss of billions of dollars the state needs for education, healthcare, and transportation. Comments from Deborah Weinstein (wine-styne), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs; and Lindy Studds, member of the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>92-84</p>	<p>373</p> <p>1,762,235</p>

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2020-08-14	<p>Texas News Service</p> <p>Census Undercount Puts Billions of Dollars at Stake for Texas</p> <p>Austin, TX – The U.S. Census Bureau has begun its in-person non-response followups ahead of the newly imposed deadline of Sept. 30. But Texas is considered a hard-to-count state, and the earlier completion deadline announced by the Trump administration last week could make the once-a-decade household count still more difficult. Comments from Deborah Weinstein (wine-styne), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>17-9</p>	<p>104</p> <p>123,614</p>
2020-08-13	<p>Florida News Connection</p> <p>Shorter Census Deadline Could Put Florida Funding at Risk</p> <p>Tallahassee, FL – The Trump administration has moved the deadline up for the U.S. Census Bureau's counting operations, leaving less than two months to reach the roughly two in five Floridians who have yet to respond, as well as millions more people nationwide. Comments from Deborah Weinstein (WINE-styne), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>57-2</p>	<p>31</p> <p>926,232</p>
2020-08-13	<p>Maine News Service</p> <p>Maine's Census Response Rate Among Lowest</p> <p>Augusta, ME – Maine is among the five states with the lowest census response rates this year. This has big consequences for federal funding, including public education. Comments by Deborah Weinstein (WINE-STINE), executive director of the Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>2-1</p>	<p>64</p> <p>4,600</p>
2020-08-13	<p>West Virginia News Service</p> <p>West Virginians to Bear Brunt if Census Count Deadline Isn't Extended</p> <p>Charleston, WV – After the Trump administration shortened the deadline last week for the U.S. census count, family advocates in West Virginia say underserved communities in the state will be hit hard if the deadline isn't extended in the next pandemic relief bill. Census statistics are used to fund programs including SNAP benefits, Medicaid and education, and it's important that everyone be counted to receive adequate funding. Comments from Deborah Weinstein (wine-STINE), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>4-1</p>	<p>72</p> <p>16,510</p>
2020-08-03	<p>Prairie News Service</p> <p>ND Groups Push Congress to Move Faster on Pandemic Relief Bill</p> <p>Bismarck, ND – Social service advocates in North Dakota are pushing Congress to quickly approve emergency assistance for people hit hard by the pandemic. The state's Native American population living outside reservations is experiencing especially high rates of unemployment and evictions and may need federal funding to survive. Comments from Cheryl Ann Kary, executive director, Sacred Pipe Resource Center; and Deborah Weinstein (WINE-stine), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>33-23</p>	<p>133</p> <p>286,305</p>

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2020-07-29	Utah News Connection Pandemic Brings Food Insecurity to More Utah Families Salt Lake City, UT – As Utah families struggle with the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis, the end of enhanced federal unemployment benefits is expected to bring an increase in food insecurity to the state. Comments from Gina Cornia, executive director, Utahns Against Hunger; and Deborah Weinstein (wine-stine), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.	Detailed Report 62-9	267 812,436
2020-07-27	California News Service Advocates: Many CA Families Face Ruin; Senate Urged to Act Sacramento, CA – The national eviction moratorium and federal emergency unemployment payments are about to run out, so advocates are pressing the U.S. Senate to pass a new relief bill. Comments from Gabriella Barbosa, policy director at the Children's Partnership; and Deborah Weinstein (wine-stine), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.	Detailed Report 81-12	129 2,126,360
2020-07-20	Missouri News Service Dire Times Could Worsen for Missouri Families on the Brink Jefferson City, MO – The U.S. Senate is being urged to move fast on a relief package that will help Missourians on the brink of hunger and homelessness due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It's estimated that more than 40% of Missouri households include someone who lost employment income in recent months. Comments from Jeannette Mott Oxford, director of policy and organizing, Empower Missouri. (pronouns: ze, zir, zirs); and Deborah Weinstein (wine-stine), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.	Detailed Report 53-1	169 1,013,794
2020-01-09	Wisconsin News Connection Federal Refugee Policy Creates Tension in the Midwest Madison, WI -- Back in September, President Donald Trump issued an order calling on state and local governments to make a firm decision on whether they would continue to accept refugees. While many responded by stating they would welcome more refugees, some counties across the upper Midwest have had tense debates on the issue. Comments from Richelle Friedman, director of public policy for the Coalition on Human Needs.	Detailed Report 17-11	92 226,318
2019-12-05	Wisconsin News Connection WI Among States with SNAP Waiver Targeted by Trump Administration Madison, WI – The Trump administration says it has finalized efforts to tighten work requirements under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The changes center around a waiver that states can seek to avoid enforcing the requirements in areas with high unemployment. Wisconsin is among the states that has a partial waiver. Comments from Deborah Weinstein (WINE-stine), executive director of the Coalition on Human Needs.	Detailed Report 21-16	99 141,821

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2018-10-29	<p>Arizona News Connection</p> <p>Arizona Poverty Rate Remains Among Nation's Highest</p> <p>Phoenix, AZ – Around 15 percent of Arizonans are living in poverty, and the rate is even higher among children and people of color, according to the Arizona Poverty Snapshot, out today (10/29) from Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition and the Coalition on Human Needs. Comments from Shannon Schell, executive director, Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition, and Deborah Weinstein (wine-STYNE), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>4-3</p>	<p>390</p> <p>10,700</p>
2018-10-29	<p>Wisconsin News Connection</p> <p>Study: Poverty Rate Lower, But Many in Wisconsin Still Struggle</p> <p>Madison, WI – The poverty rate fell slightly between 2016 and 2017 in the Badger State, but the Wisconsin Poverty Snapshot shows more than 2 million Wisconsinites still live in or near poverty. The fact sheet, released this week, points up the need for improved social policies to help low-income working families. Comments from Astar (A-star) Herndon, state director of 9-to-5 Wisconsin; and Deborah Weinstein (wine-STYNE), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>45-43</p>	<p>158</p> <p>572,120</p>
2018-10-24	<p>Ohio News Connection</p> <p>Despite Dip in Poverty Numbers, 1.5 Million Ohioans Struggle</p> <p>Columbus, OH – The poverty rate fell slightly between 2016 and 2017 in Ohio, but a new Ohio Poverty Snapshot shows 1.5 million people still live in poverty. The data released this week indicates better policies are needed to support low-income working families. Comments from Erin Ryan, managing director, Ohio Women's Health Network; and Deborah Weinstein (wine-STYNE), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>15-10</p>	<p>205</p> <p>371,743</p>
2018-10-22	<p>Keystone State News Connection</p> <p>Report Finds Millions in PA Still in or Close to Poverty</p> <p>Harrisburg, PA – A new report shows a very small decline in Pennsylvania's overall poverty rate, but many working families still struggle to make ends meet. Comments by the Rev. Sandy Strauss, Co-chair, Coalition for Low-income Pennsylvanians, and Deborah Weinstein (wine-STYNE), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>31-13</p>	<p>269</p> <p>323,285</p>
2018-10-18	<p>Missouri News Service</p> <p>Snapshot Shows MO Poverty Down, Still High</p> <p>St. Louis, MO – A newly released snapshot of poverty in the state shows poverty down in Missouri ("14 percent in 2016 to 13.4 percent last year"), but with 795,000 folks in the state still living below the poverty line. Comments by Jeanette Mott Oxford, executive director of Empower Missouri; and Deborah Weinstein (wine-STYNE), executive director of Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>70-64</p>	<p>109</p> <p>418,215</p>

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2018-10-17	<p>Soundbite Services</p> <p>Report: Poverty Rates Steady, But Many in NJ Still in Need</p> <p>Trenton, NJ – A new report finds the poverty rate in New Jersey was about the same between 2016 and 2017, with more than 880,000 people statewide living in low-income households. People of color and children continue to have higher poverty rates than the rest of the population. Comments from Renee Koubiadis (KOO-be-odd-is), executive director, Anti-Poverty Network of New Jersey; and Deborah Weinstein (wine-STYNE), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>21-2</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2,023,921</p>
2017-11-20	<p>Maine News Service</p> <p>Unfortunate Cautionary Tale of Poverty in Maine</p> <p>Augusta, ME – Poverty rates are down nationally in recent years, but Maine is not following the trends. A new report cautions that proposals pending in Congress and promoted by the Trump administration threaten to push even more people into poverty. Comments from Joby Thoyalil, policy analyst, Maine Equal Justice Partners; and Deborah Weinstein, executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>3-2</p>	<p>266</p> <p>352,000</p>
2017-11-15	<p>New York News Connection</p> <p>Progress Against Poverty in Danger in NY</p> <p>Albany, NY – A new report shows poverty in the state of New York has declined but is still above pre-recession levels, and threatened cuts in Congress could erase the gains that have been made. Comments by Karen Scharff, executive director of Citizen Action of New York; and Deborah Weinstein (WINE-stine), executive director of the Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>60-9</p>	<p>149</p> <p>3,639,508</p>
2017-11-08	<p>Wisconsin News Connection</p> <p>Poverty in Wisconsin Declining: Good News, Bad News</p> <p>Milwaukee, WI – A report released today (Wednesday) from the Coalition on Human Needs and 9 To 5 Wisconsin shows poverty rates edging downward. But poverty in Wisconsin remains higher than it was before the Great Recession, and there are threats to the programs that have helped bring poverty down. Comments from Linda Garcia Barnard, national operations director, 9 to 5 Wisconsin; Deborah Weinstein (WINE-stine), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>38-29</p>	<p>182</p> <p>527,679</p>
2017-11-06	<p>Missouri News Service</p> <p>Poverty Edges Downward in Missouri, but Progress in Jeopardy</p> <p>Jefferson City, MO – An improving economy combined with assistance programs have reduced the poverty rate in Missouri, according to an annual report on the state of poverty in the state, but the gains could be short-lived. Comments from Jeanette Mott Oxford, executive director, Empower Missouri.</p>	<p>Detailed Report</p> <p>93-22</p>	<p>127</p> <p>661,098</p>

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2017-11-01	Arizona News Connection Poverty Improves Slightly in AZ, But Needed Programs Threatened Phoenix, AZ – A new report from the Coalition on Human Needs and the Arizona Community Action Association says while poverty declined by 1 percent in the state from 2015-16, the gains are threatened by massive federal cuts proposed for safety-net programs. Comments by Deborah Weinstein (WINE-stine), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs; and Cynthia Zwick, executive director, Arizona Community Action Association.	Detailed Report 6-1	183 23,450
2017-10-30	Ohio News Connection Federal Plans Could Reverse Ohio's Progress on Poverty Columbus, OH – Poverty is declining and economic opportunities are rising in Ohio, according to a report released today (Monday) by the Coalition on Human Needs and the Ohio Association of Foodbanks. However, the findings note that the very programs that have made that progress possible could be cut under federal proposals. Comments from Joree Novotny, director of communication, Ohio Association of Foodbanks; and Deborah Weinstein (stine) executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.	Detailed Report 13-10	211 119,027
2017-10-23	Keystone State News Connection Report Shows Progress Against Poverty in PA, But Threats Ahead Harrisburg, PA – A report from the Coalition on Human Needs (CHN) and the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania (CAAP) shows that poverty in the state is finally approaching levels from before the Great Recession, but budget cuts threatened by President Trump and Congressional Republicans would undo that progress. Comments by Susan Moore, CEO of CAAP; and Deborah Weinstein, executive director of CHN.	Detailed Report 45-34	147 358,921
2017-10-16	West Virginia News Service U.S. Poverty Rate Down, Unchanged in WV Charleston, WV – New research says West Virginia isn't seeing the same reductions in poverty as other parts of the country. Comments by Deborah Weinstein (WINE-stine; rhymes with 'line'), executive director, Coalition on Human Needs (CHN); and Sean (Shawn) O'Leary, senior policy analyst, West Virginia Center on Budget & Policy.	Detailed Report 7-3	170 10,910
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