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Date	Title-Banner	Media Outlet Pickup	Website/Public Version/ Audience Size*
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>	<p>Detailed Report 55-2</p>	<p>28 4,096,505</p>
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>	<p>Detailed Report 72-64</p>	<p>26 307,975</p>
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>	<p>Detailed Report 11-3</p>	<p>43 165,095</p>
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>	<p>Detailed Report 11-4</p>	<p>32 239,022</p>
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>	<p>Detailed Report 1-0</p>	<p>9 2,001</p>
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>	<p>Detailed Report 152-14</p>	<p>201 1,714,832</p>

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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	46 125,808
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	18 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	164 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	27 77,018

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2021-08-13	<p>Michigan News Connection Expanded Child Tax Credit Boosts Safety Net for MI Families 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 27-23</p>	<p>155 533,731</p>
2021-08-12	<p>Soundbite Services Federal Child Tax Credit Providing Lifeline for GA Families 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 62-0</p>	<p>32 184,323</p>
2021-08-09	<p>Big Sky Connection Child Tax Credit Lifts MT Families Out of Poverty, Backers Say 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 144-65</p>	<p>90 1,123,795</p>
2021-07-23	<p>Arizona News Connection Groups Push Congress to Make Child Tax Credit Permanent 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 8-1</p>	<p>98 96,800</p>
2021-07-23	<p>Arizona News Connection Grupos presionan al Congreso para hacer permanente el Crédito Tributario por Hijo 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 1-1</p>	<p>7</p>

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2021-07-22	<p>Colorado News Connection CO Families Already Benefiting from Advance Child Tax Credit Payments 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 34-12</p>	<p>64 263,233</p>
2021-07-22	<p>Colorado News Connection Familias de Colorado ya se benefician de los pagos del Crédito Tributario Avanzado por Hijo 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 6-6</p>	<p>14 213,802</p>
2021-07-22	<p>Maine News Service ME Parents, Advocates: Make Expanded Child Tax Credit Permanent 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 72-2</p>	<p>53 1,190,774</p>
2021-07-22	<p>New Hampshire News Connection Child Tax Credit Could Bring Thousands of NH Kids Out of Poverty 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 4-1</p>	<p>48 12,611</p>
2021-07-22	<p>West Virginia News Service Child Tax Credit Helping WV Families Pay for Transportation, Food 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 8-1</p>	<p>124 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>	<p>Detailed Report 91-5</p>	<p>75 1,491,751</p>
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>	<p>Detailed Report 1-1</p>	<p>17</p>
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>	<p>Detailed Report 23-11</p>	<p>88 596,917</p>
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>	<p>Detailed Report 14-9</p>	<p>71 377,716</p>
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>	<p>Detailed Report 1-0</p>	<p>23</p>

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2021-03-05	<p>Colorado News Connection Colorado Children's Groups Urge U.S. Senate to Pass COVID Relief 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 75-46</p>	<p>115 832,784</p>
2021-03-05	<p>West Virginia News Service WV Groups: Passage of American Rescue Plan Critical for Recovery 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 7-3</p>	<p>47 17,835</p>
2021-03-04	<p>Maine News Service Advocates for Children, Families Say Mainers Need COVID Relief 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 63-0</p>	<p>65 1,396,730</p>
2021-03-04	<p>New Hampshire News Connection NH Children's Advocates Urge Swift Passage of American Rescue Plan 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 3-0</p>	<p>56 6,054</p>
2021-03-02	<p>Nevada News Service Feds to Allow Some Separated Immigrant Families to Reunite in U.S. 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 73-7</p>	<p>117 1,216,939</p>

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2021-02-23	Virginia News Connection Biden Stimulus Bill Called Key to Preventing Virginia Eviction Crisis 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.	Detailed Report 92-18	141 1,282,525
2020-08-27	North Carolina News Service NC Lawmakers Fail to Bring Relief to Struggling Residents 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.	Detailed Report 90-80	488 1,729,635
2020-08-17	Florida News Connection Hunger Persists for FL Families Under Stalled Stimulus Package 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.	Detailed Report 71-3	138 1,054,521
2020-08-14	Arizona News Connection Census Undercount Could Cost Arizona Jobs, Billions in Funds 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.	Detailed Report 65-1	97 930,804
2020-08-14	North Carolina News Service Census Undercount Could be Disastrous for NC Schools Charlotte, NC – A move to cut short U.S. Census field operations could leave hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians uncounted, 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.	Detailed Report 92-84	373 1,762,235

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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	Arizona News Connection Arizona Poverty Rate Remains Among Nation's Highest 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.	Detailed Report 4-3	390 10,700
2018-10-29	Wisconsin News Connection Study: Poverty Rate Lower, But Many in Wisconsin Still Struggle 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.	Detailed Report 45-43	158 572,120
2018-10-24	Ohio News Connection Despite Dip in Poverty Numbers, 1.5 Million Ohioans Struggle 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.	Detailed Report 15-10	205 371,743
2018-10-22	Keystone State News Connection Report Finds Millions in PA Still in or Close to Poverty 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.	Detailed Report 31-13	269 323,285
2018-10-18	Missouri News Service Snapshot Shows MO Poverty Down, Still High 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.	Detailed Report 70-64	109 418,215

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2018-10-17	<p>Soundbite Services Report: Poverty Rates Steady, But Many in NJ Still in Need 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>	Detailed Report 21-2	26 2,023,921
2017-11-20	<p>Maine News Service Unfortunate Cautionary Tale of Poverty in Maine 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>	Detailed Report 3-2	266 352,000
2017-11-15	<p>New York News Connection Progress Against Poverty in Danger in NY 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>	Detailed Report 60-9	149 3,639,508
2017-11-08	<p>Wisconsin News Connection Poverty in Wisconsin Declining: Good News, Bad News 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>	Detailed Report 38-29	182 527,679
2017-11-06	<p>Missouri News Service Poverty Edges Downward in Missouri, but Progress in Jeopardy 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>	Detailed Report 93-22	127 661,098

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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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