

Direct Cash Transfers

Mini-Webinar Series

Maximizing Impact of Direct Cash Transfers to Young People: Navigating Interactions with Tax Obligations, Public Benefits, and Other Financial Assistance



Tax Implications of Direct Cash Transfers

Jacqueline Laínez Flanagan

January 28, 2022 - 11:00am CT

For a young person experiencing housing instability, filing taxes can pose a significant challenge. Join our expert to gain a deeper understanding of how a direct cash transfer might impact a young person's taxes, and what steps can be taken to mitigate harm in this process.

The Impact of Direct Cash Transfers on Medicaid Eligibility

Stefanie (Polacheck) Arbutina & Liz Buck

February 24, 2022 - 1pm CT (Joint Webinar)

Young people at risk of homelessness and those currently experiencing homelessness have increased health risks and often have difficulty accessing safe and affirming healthcare. Join our experts as they explore the impact of direct cash transfers on Medicaid eligibility, young people's access to health care resources, and considerations for populations at risk of disproportionate outcomes.

The Impact of Direct Cash Transfers on Cash Assistance, Food Assistance, and Related Programs among Youth Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness

Suma Setty & Seth Hartig

February 24, 2022 - 1pm CT (Joint Webinar)

Young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness often must navigate the complex web of federal, state, and local cash assistance, food assistance, and related programs across the U.S. Join our experts as they illuminate the specific ways a direct cash transfer might interact with these benefits, and the possible routes to protecting vital supports and reducing harm.

Direct Cash Transfers for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth: Pell Grant Implications

Daniel T. Barkowitz

March 8, 2022 - 11am CT

For many young people experiencing homelessness, post-secondary education presents a critical opportunity for long-term stability, but navigating financial aid in all its varied forms can be a daunting task. Join our expert to learn more about the impact of direct cash transfers on post-secondary financial aid.

Federal Rental Assistance and Direct Cash Transfers

Ann Oliva & Sonya Acosta

March 31, 2022 - 11am CT

Youth and young adults experiencing homelessness are faced with the challenge of navigating federal rental assistance programs as a means of securing safe and stable housing. Join us to learn how direct cash transfers impact young people's eligibility for housing assistance programs.

About the Experts



Jacqueline Laínez Flanagan

Jacqueline Laínez Flanagan is a Visiting Associate Professor at American University Washington College of Law, teaching State and Local Taxation, and serving as Acting Director of the Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic. Professor Laínez Flanagan is a faculty member at the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law, where she founded the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic and teaches Contracts and Federal Personal Income Tax.



Stefanie (Polacheck) Arbutina

Stefanie Arbutina, MSW, MPP, is a senior program officer at the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) on the Child Health Quality team. In this role, she provides technical assistance and programmatic support for child health projects, including the Advancing Child Welfare and Medicaid Alignment project and the Foster Care Quality Improvement Technical Assistance project.



Liz Buck

Liz Buck, MPA, is a senior program officer at the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS). In this role, she supports the Advancing Child Health Transformation initiative, where she works with pediatric practices, child health experts, family representatives, payers, and cross-system partners to accelerate change and improve children's health.



Suma Setty

Suma Setty is a Senior Research Associate at the National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) housed at the Bank Street Graduate School of Education. She has a background in community organizing, policy advocacy, and public health. She is an expert on paid family and medical leave, qualitative methods, and the interaction of public benefits.



Seth Hartig

Seth Hartig is a Senior Research Associate and Project Director at the National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) as part of the Family Economic Security team. His work focuses on state and local variation in public benefit systems, benefit cliffs, interactions between eligibility rules, and the gap between families' economic needs and available supports.



Daniel T. Barkowitz

Daniel T. Barkowitz is Assistant Vice President of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs at Valencia College, a position he has held since July of 2017. Daniel has served over 30 years in institutions of higher education. Previous roles include Director of Financial Aid at MIT, Dean of Financial Aid / Associate Dean of Student Affairs for Columbia College and Columbia Engineering at Columbia University in the City of New York.



Ann Oliva

Ann Oliva is Vice President of the Housing team at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Prior to joining the Center, she was the Senior Policy Advisor at the Corporation for Supportive Housing. From 2007 to 2017 Oliva was a career federal official at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), most recently overseeing the Department's multi-billion-dollar homelessness and HIV/AIDS housing portfolio as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.



Sonya Acosta

Sonya Acosta is a policy analyst with the housing policy team at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Her work focuses on improving and expanding federal rental assistance programs to reduce housing hardship and advance economic and racial justice. She previously worked at the National Low Income Housing Coalition and several fair housing organizations in the Chicago area and is an AmeriCorps alum.