

## Struggling to make ends meet?



Did you know the new stimulus bill offers to help lift families out of tough times, including anyone with lower incomes, homelessness, or other tough situations.? The key to accessing this money is for families to file their taxes. This will make them eligible not only for the most recent stimulus check (worth more than more than \$4,000 for a family of three), but also a monthly, per child allowance of \$250-\$300 through December.

The most critical work that can be done is helping families file their federal tax forms - particularly if they make so little that they do not need to file taxes and if they have never filed taxes before. This can be done for free for anyone making less than \$72,000 using the IRS site that has partnered with a number of tax preparation software companies. If clients do not have a bank account, they can use a prepaid debit card to have money sent to them directly. (This is particularly helpful if they also do not have a stable address).

The link to IRS free tax filing is:

https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free

• Information on tracking stimulus payments can be found here:

https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment