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## Mesa Community College hosting a free tax-prep day July 9

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Mesa Community College is hosting a free tax-prep day 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the MCC Downtown Center, 165 N. Centennial Way, Room 110, in Mesa, to help families prepare tax returns necessary to receive advance payments of the child tax credit beginning this July.

The point of contact for the event is Don Jensen, 480-834-2113.

The event is specifically intended to reach families that normally don't file a tax return or haven't yet done so, according to a release.

The Internal Revenue Service is reaching out to non-profit agencies, churches, community groups and others in the Phoenix area urging them to share important information about the need to file a 2020 tax return to receive advance payments of the child tax credit.

The first monthly payments of the expanded and newly advanceable child tax credit from the American Rescue Plan will be made in July. More than 30 million households — covering 88% of children in the U.S. — are slated to begin receiving monthly payments without any additional action other than filing a 2020 tax return. Eligible families will receive a payment of up to \$300 per month for each child under age 6 and up to \$250 per month for each child age 6 to 17.

To file a return at the event, visitors must bring:

- Their current government-issued photo identification;
- Social Security cards for themselves, their spouse (if applicable) and dependents; and
- Any other supporting documents needed to complete their tax return.

Sign language interpreters and foreign language interpreters will be available. Social distancing protocols will be in effect, and people should wear masks if they are not fully vaccinated.

The IRS encourages people to receive payments via direct deposit, which is faster and more secure than other payment methods. People who don't have a bank account should visit the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation website for details on opening an account online. They can also use the FDIC's BankFind tool to locate an FDIC-insured bank.

To learn more about advance CTC payments, go to [IRS.gov/childtaxcredit2021](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021) or see FAQs on the 2021 Child Tax Credit and Advance Child Tax Credit Payments.