

An Important Message from Senator Mazie K. Hirono:

American Rescue Plan Support for Children and Families



Senator Hirono meets with students and parents at the Annual Jaguar Jog at Aina Haina Elementary School in October 2019.

How Can We Help?

Visit my website to see the latest information about the American Rescue Plan and other programs that can help Hawaii. If you want to contact my office, please reach out via any of the methods below.

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American Rescue Plan Offers Support for Hawaii Families



Paid Leave

The ARP includes funding to provide paid leave for those who need family and medical leave, and for those who don't feel safe returning to work. Consult with your employer to determine if these paid leave options are available to you.



Housing Assistance

There are many new programs that provide funding for mortgage, rental, and utility assistance. If you have questions, please visit my website to find resources and learn more about these programs.



Childcare

Congress made available \$40 billion for childcare programs, including support to help ensure that families have access to quality, affordable childcare. Funding will be provided to help prevent further closures and ensure that childcare centers are safe.



Tax Credits

For your 2021 taxes, the American Rescue Plan expands:

- the Child Tax Credit to \$3,000 for kids 6-17, and \$3,600 for keiki under 6,
- the Earned Income Tax Credit, to help 69,000 low-income workers in Hawaii, and
- the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, so families can afford childcare.



Direct Payments and Unemployment Insurance

All Hawaii residents who earn less than \$80,000 (\$160,000 per couple) should receive direct payments of up to \$1,400 (\$2,800 per couple). Increased and expanded unemployment benefits are available to those out of work or those who feel unsafe returning to work.



Food Assistance

An additional \$12 billion has been provided to help individuals and families in Hawaii access food through nutrition programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (Pandemic EBT), and senior nutrition programs.

More details about the support available from the American Rescue Plan can be found on my website. If you want to learn more, please visit www.hirono.senate.gov for the latest information.