

# Opportunity Wisconsin: Wisconsin parents discuss American rescue plan with Senator Baldwin

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**MADISON, Wis.**— As Wisconsinites start to see the impact of the American Rescue Plan, [Opportunity Wisconsin](#) and [Citizen Action Wisconsin Northwestern Organizing Cooperative](#) sat down with Senator Tammy Baldwin and Badger State parents on [Facebook LIVE](#) to discuss the historic impact this law will have on children and families across the state.

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“We’ve just passed a measure that could take half of all children currently in poverty out of poverty,” **said Senator Baldwin.** “Why shouldn’t we have this goal every day, pandemic or not? Why should we not have this commitment that every child has every opportunity?” [\[WATCH\]](#)

When asked how additional financial support from the American Rescue Plan would impact her, **Barbara Cerda, a Milwaukee area mother,** responded, “I got my stimulus check this morning, and my first trip was to the gas station to fill up my tank. I had been putting in little bits at a time, and this morning I was able to fill up my tank...Long term, I can pay my rent for six months, I can use that money to fix my car that has been in my garage for the past four months. It means I can buy my children new clothes, we’ve been using our summer clothes.” [\[WATCH\]](#)

The American Rescue Plan cuts child poverty in the United States in half through an expansion of the child tax credit, which will lift over [46,000 Wisconsin children out of poverty.](#) The new child tax credits will deliver up to \$1,600 annually per child to the families of over 1.1 million Badger State children.

[A recent survey from Opportunity Wisconsin and Change Research](#) found broad support from Wisconsinites for the American Rescue Plan, with large bipartisan majorities in favor of many of the bill's provisions.

Opportunity Wisconsin [steering committee](#) member and UW-Eau Claire professor, Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, moderated the conversation. Members of the media wishing to speak with event participants, should email [press@opportunitywisconsin.org](mailto:press@opportunitywisconsin.org) to arrange interviews.