



THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

HOW IT PREVENTS VIOLENCE AND SUPPORTS SURVIVORS

SUMMARY

- Comprehensive paid leave
- Extend key tax cuts (CTC and EITC)
- Affordable child care
- Invests in trauma-informed policies and programs
- Invests in mental health services

BACKGROUND

With the American Rescue Plan (ARP), lawmakers made a historic investment in helping the country recover from the devastation the pandemic caused. Developed and championed by the Biden-Harris administration and passed with overwhelming support from Democrats in Congress, the ARP is designed to support families, rebuild our economy, and help those who suffered the most get the resources and supports they need to regain hope and heal.

COVID-19 exposed the toll that systemic racism, sexism and other grave inequities have taken, with communities of color and low-income communities facing particular peril, including higher rates of infection and death, violence, job loss, hunger, homelessness, and more. The ARP is designed to address these systemic problems by investing in violence prevention, reducing poverty, improving access to health insurance and care, and more, so that all families can thrive and share in the prosperity a recovery will bring.

KEY PROVISIONS

To support a just recovery and build back better, the American Rescue Plan will, among other things:

- Increase funding for child abuse prevention and treatment.
- Support home visiting programs, which have a track record of reducing Adverse Childhood Experiences, and emergency assistance to families in need.
- Support programs that prevent youth suicide.
- Reduce child poverty, perhaps by as much as half, through Child and Earned Income Tax Credits.
- Improve maternal health care
- Provide housing and utility assistance to prevent families from facing homelessness.
- Reduce the cost of health insurance premiums purchased through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace and make it easier for states to expand coverage to people who lost jobs in the pandemic.
- Increase funding for elementary and secondary school emergency relief, including funds to address substance abuse and mental health issues.
- Provide extra funds to the Indian Health Service to provide mental health care and substance abuse prevention and treatment.

