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Child Tax Credit

(For Individuals Sent Here From the Instructions for Forms 1040, 1040A, and 8812)

For use in preparing

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Before You Begin

You should check your tax return instructions to see if you need this publication.

Purpose

The purpose of this publication is:

- 1) To figure the child tax credit you claim on Form 1040, line 48, or Form 1040A, line 31, and
- 2) To figure the amount of taxable earned income you enter on line 4 of Form 8812, *Additional Child Tax Credit.*

The child tax credit is explained in the instructions for Form 1040 and Form 1040A. You cannot claim the child tax credit on Form 1040EZ.

This publication is intended for individuals sent here by the instructions to Forms 1040, 1040A, and 8812. Although anyone can choose to use this publication to figure their credit, most individuals can use the simpler worksheet in their tax form instructions.

This publication also includes a detailed example of a taxpayer who figures the child tax credit and the additional child tax credit.

How To Use This Publication

If you were sent here from your Form 1040 or Form 1040A instructions. Go to page 3 of this publication and complete the *Child Tax Credit Worksheet*.

If you were sent here from your Form 8812 instructions. Go to page 7 of this publication and complete the 1040 Filers – Taxable Earned Income Worksheet.

If you have not read your Form 1040 or Form 1040A instructions. Pick up your Form 1040 or Form 1040A instructions and complete the following steps.

- 1) Go to the instructions for line 48 of Form 1040 or line 31 of Form 1040A.
- 2) Answer the Questions.
- 3) **Form 1040.** If you answered "Yes" to question 1, 2, or 3, go to page 3 of this publication and complete the *Child Tax Credit Worksheet*.

Form 1040A. If you answered "Yes" to question 1 or 2, go to page 3 of this publication and complete the *Child Tax Credit Worksheet*.

Taxable Earned Income

You will need to figure your taxable earned income using one of the worksheets in this publication if you are completing the *Line 11 Worksheet* (page 5) or Form 8812. Form

1040 filers, use the worksheet on page 7 to figure your taxable earned income. Form 1040A filers, use the worksheet on page 8.

Additional Child Tax Credit

This credit is for certain individuals who get less than the full amount of the child tax credit. The additional child tax credit may give you a refund even if you do not owe any tax.

Form 8812. You must file Form 8812 to take the additional child tax credit. To see if you qualify to take this additional credit, read your Form 1040 instructions for lines 48 and 63 or your Form 1040A instructions for lines 31 and 40. A filled-in copy of Form 8812 is shown later. Form 8812 can also be found in the Form 1040 and Form 1040A instruction packages.

Important Changes

Child tax credit increased. The maximum child tax credit for each qualifying child is increased to \$600 for 2001.

Additional child tax credit expanded. The qualifications for claiming the additional child tax credit have been expanded to include qualifying individuals with fewer than three children. The additional child tax credit may give you a refund even if you do not owe any tax. See *Additional Child Tax Credit*, earlier, for more information.

Important Reminders

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Child Tax Credit Wo	rksheet	Keep for Your Records
Before you begin:	If you are a Form 1040 filer, you will need the following √ Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income √ Form 2555-EZ, Foreign Earned Income Exclusion √ Form 4563, Exclusion of Income for Bona Fide Residue.	
Part 1	Number of qualifying children: × \$600	0. Enter the result. 1
2.	Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 34, or Form 1040A, line 20.	
3.	 1040 Filers. Enter the total of any— Exclusion of income from Puerto Rico, and Amounts from Form 2555, lines 43 and 48; Form 2555-EZ, line 18; and Form 4563, line 15. 1040A Filers. Enter -0 	
4.	Add lines 2 and 3. Enter the total.	
5.	Enter the amount shown below for your filing status. • Married filing jointly - \$110,000 • Single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) - \$75,000 • Married filing separately - \$55,000	
6.	Is the amount on line 4 more than the amount on line 5? No. Leave line 6 blank. Enter -0- on line 7. Yes. Subtract line 5 from line 4. If the result is not a multiple of \$1,000, increase it to the next multiple of \$1,000 (for example, increase \$425 to \$1,000, increase \$1,025 to \$2,000, etc.).	
7.	Multiply the amount on line 6 by 5% (.05). Enter the result.	7
8.	Is the amount on line 1 more than the amount on line 7? No. STOP You cannot take the child tax credit on Form 1040, line	ne 48,

or Form 1040A, line 31. You also cannot take the additional child

tax credit on Form 1040, line 63, or Form 1040A, line 40. Complete the rest of your Form 1040 or 1040A.

Yes. Subtract line 7 from line 1. Enter the result.

Go to Part 2 on the next page.

Part 2

9. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 42, or Form 1040A, line 26.

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10. Add the amounts from—

<u>Form 1040</u>	or	<u>Form 1040A</u>			
Line 43				_	
Line 44		Line 27		+	
Line 45		Line 28		+	
Line 46		Line 29		+	
Line 47		Line 30		+	
		Enter the total	ı1. [10	

- 11. Are you claiming any of the following credits?
 - Adoption credit, Form 8839
 - Mortgage interest credit, Form 8396
 - District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit, Form 8859

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☐ **Yes.** Complete the *Line 11 Worksheet* on the next page to figure the amount to enter here.

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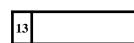
12. Subtract line 11 from line 9. Enter the result.

13. Is the amount on line 8 of this worksheet more than the amount on line 12?

No.	Enter	the	amount	from	line	8.

Yes. Enter the amount from line 12. See the **TIP** below.

This is your child tax credit.



Enter this amount on Form 1040, line 48, or Form 1040A, line 31.



You may be able to take the **additional child tax credit** on Form 1040, line 63, **or** Form 1040A, line 40, only if you answered "Yes" on line 13.

- First, complete your Form 1040 through line 62, or Form 1040A through line 39b.
- Then, use Form 8812 to figure any additional child tax credit.

Before you begin:

 $\sqrt{}$ Complete the *Taxable Earned Income Worksheet* on page 7 or 8 that applies to you.





Use this worksheet only if you answered "Yes" on line 11 of the Child Tax Credit Worksheet on page 4.

	1.	Enter the amount from line 8 of the Child Tax Credit Worksheet on page 3.	1
	2.	Enter your taxable earned income from the worksheet on page 7 or 8 that applies to you.	
	3.	Is the amount on line 2 more than \$10,000? No. Leave line 3 blank, enter -0- on line 4, and go to line 5. Yes. Subtract \$10,000 from the amount on line 2. Enter the result.	-] -
	4.	Multiply the amount on line 3 by 10% (.10) and enter the result.	4
	5.	Is the amount on line 1 of the <i>Child Tax Credit Worksheet</i> on page 3 \$1,800 or more?	-
		No. If line 4 above is zero, stop. Do not complete the rest of this worksheet. Instead, go back to the <i>Child Tax Credit Worksheet</i> on page 4 and do the following. Enter the amount from line 10 on line 11 and complete lines 12 and 13. Otherwise, leave lines 6 through 9 blank, enter -0- on line 10, and go to line 11 on the next page.	I
		☐ Yes. If line 4 above is equal to or more than line 1 above, leave lines 6 through 9 blank, enter -0- on line 10, and go to line 11 on the next page. Otherwise, see 1040 Filers and 1040A Filers on page 6 and then go to line 6.	_
If married filing jointly, include your spouse's amounts with yours when completing lines 6	6.	Enter the total of the following amounts from Form(s) W-2: • Social security taxes from box 4, and • Medicare taxes from box 6. Railroad employees, see the bottom of page 6.	
and 7.	7.	1040 Filers. Enter the total of any— ■ Amounts from Form 1040, lines 27 and 54, and ■ Uncollected social security and Medicare or RRTA taxes shown in box 12 of your Form(s) W-2 with codes A, B, M, and N. 1040A Filers. Enter -0	
	8. A	Add lines 6 and 7. Enter the total.	
	9.	1040 Filers. Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 61a and 62. 1040A Filers. Enter the total of any— • Amount from Form 1040A, line 39a, and • Excess social security and RRTA taxes withheld that you entered to the left of Form 1040A, line 41.	
	10.	Subtract line 9 from line 8. If the result is zero or less, enter -0 <i>Go to line 11 on the next page.</i>	10

11.	Enter the larger of line 4 or line 10.	11
12.	Is the amount on line 11 of this worksheet more than the amount on line 1?	_
	□ No. Subtract line 11 from line 1. Enter the result.	12
	Yes. Enter -0	
	Next, figure the amount of any of the following credits that you are claiming. Use the amount from line 12 above when you are asked to enter the amount from Form 1040, line 48, or Form 1040A, line 31.	
	Adoption credit, Form 8839	
	 Mortgage interest credit, Form 8396 	
	District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit, Form 8859	
	Then, go to line 13.	
13.	Enter the total of the amounts from—	_
	• Form 8839, line 14, and	
	Form 8396, line 11, andForm 8859, line 11.	13
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14.	Enter the amount from line 10 of the Child Tax Credit Worksheet on page 4.	14
15.	Add lines 13 and 14. Enter the total.	15
		Enter this amount on line 11 of the Child Tax Credit Worksheet on page 4.
	1040 Filers. Complete lines 54, 61a, 61b, and 62 of your return if they apply 1040A Filers. Complete lines 39a and 39b of your return if they apply to you spouse if filing jointly, had more than one employer for 2001 and total wages figure any excess social security and railroad retirement (RRTA) taxes withhel instructions for Form 1040A, line 41.	I. If you, or your of over \$59,700,
	Railroad Employees. Include the following taxes in the total on line 6 of the	Line 11 Worksheet.
	 √ Tier 1 tax withheld from your pay. This tax should be shown in box 14 of your Form(s) W-2 and identified as "Tier 1 tax." 	
	$\sqrt{\ }$ If you were an employee representative, 50% of the total Tier 1 tax and Tier 1 Medicare tax you paid for 2001.	

1040 Filers - Taxable Earned Income Worksheet





Before you begin:								
 ✓ Use this worksheet only if you were sent here from the <i>Line 11 Worksheet</i> on page 5 of this publication or line 4 of Form 8812, <i>Additional Child Tax Credit</i>. ✓ Disregard community property laws when figuring the amounts to enter on this worksheet. ✓ If married filing jointly, include your spouse's amounts with yours when completing this worksheet. 								
1. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 7	1.							
Next , if you are filing Schedule C, C-EZ, F, or SE, or you received a Schedule K-1 (Form 1065 or Form 1065-B), go to line 2a. Otherwise, skip lines 2a through 2e and go to line 3.								
2. a. Enter any statutory employee income reported on line 1 of Schedule C or C-EZ	2a							
b. Enter any net profit or (loss) from Schedule C, line 31; Schedule C-EZ, line 3; Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), line 15a (other than farming); and Schedule K-1 (Form 1065-B), box 9.* Reduce this amount by any unreimbursed nonfarm partnership expenses you deducted on Schedule E. Do not include any statutory employee income or any other amounts exempt from self-employment tax. Options and commodities dealers must add any gain or subtract any loss (in the normal course of dealing in or trading section 1256 contracts) from section 1256 contracts or related property	2b							
c. Enter any net farm profit or (loss) from Schedule F, line 36, and from farm partnerships, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), line 15a.* Reduce this amount by any unreimbursed farm partnership expenses you deducted on Schedule E. Do not include any amounts exempt from self-employment tax								
d. If you used the farm optional method to figure net earnings from self-employment, enter the amount from Schedule SE, Section B, line 15. Otherwise, skip this line and enter on line 2e the amount from line 2c								
e. If line 2c is a profit, enter the smaller of line 2c or line 2d. If line 2c is a (loss), enter the (loss) from line 2c.	2e							
3. Add lines 1, 2a, 2b, and 2e. If zero or less, stop. Do not complete the rest of this worksheet. Instead, enter -0- on line 2 of the <i>Line 11 Worksheet</i> on page 5 or line 4 of Form 8812, whichever applies	3							
4. Enter any amount included on line 1 that is:								
a. A scholarship or fellowship grant not reported on Form W-2								
b. For work done while an inmate in a penal institution (enter "PRI" and this amount on the dotted line next to line 7 of Form 1040)								
 A pension or annuity from a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or a section 457 plan (enter "DFC" and this amount on the dotted line next to line 7 of Form 1040). This amount may be shown in box 11 of your Form W-2. If you received such an amount but box 11 is blank, contact your employer for the amount received as a pension or annuity. 4c. 								
5. a. Enter any amount included on line 3 that is also included on Form 2555, line 41, or Form 2555-EZ, line 18. Do not include any amount that is also included on line 4a, 4b, or 4c above								
 b. Enter the amount, if any, from Form 2555, line 42, that is also deducted on Schedule C, C-EZ, or F, or included on Schedule E in partnership net income or (loss)								
c. Subtract line 5b from line 5a								
6. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 27								
7. Add lines 4a through 4c, 5c, and 6	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							
8. Subtract line 7 from line 3	8							
 If you were sent here from the Line 11 Worksheet on page 5, enter this amount on line 2 of that worksheet. 								
 If you were sent here from Form 8812, enter this amount on line 4 of that form. 								
*If you have any Schedule K-1 amounts and you are not required to file Schedule SE, complete the appropriate line(s) of Schedule SE, Section A. Put your name and social security number on Schedule SE and attach it to yo	ur							

1040A Filers - Taxable Earned Income Worksheet





Before you begin:						
 ✓ Use this worksheet only if you were sent here from the <i>Line 11 Worksheet</i> on page 5 of this publication. ✓ Disregard community property laws when figuring the amounts to enter on this worksheet. 						
1. Enter the amount from Form 1040A, line 7						
 a. A scholarship or fellowship grant not reported on Form W-2						
 c. A pension or annuity from a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or a section 457 plan (enter "DFC" and this amount next to line 7 of Form 1040A). This amount may be shown in box 11 of your Form W-2. If you received such an amount but box 11 is blank, contact your employer for the amount received as a pension or annuity						
3. Add lines 2a through 2c						
4. Subtract line 3 from line 1. Enter the result here and on line 2 of the Line 11 Worksheet on page 5 4.	_					

Detailed Example

Steve and Gretchen Leaf have 4 children who are all qualifying children for the child tax credit. Steve and Gretchen's adjusted gross income (AGI) (Form 1040, line 34) is \$112,000. This amount represents Steve's salary and is considered taxable earned income. They will file a joint return. Assume that their tax (Form 1040, line 42) is \$2,000.

Steve and Gretchen have the 2001 Form 1040 tax package and instructions. They want to see if they qualify for the child tax credit, so they follow the steps for line 48 in the instructions.

Step 1. In Step 1 of those instructions Steve and Gretchen determine all four children qualify for the child tax credit.

Step 2. The Leafs check the box in column (4) of line 6c on Form 1040 for each child.

Step 3. In Step 3 the Leafs find out they must use Publication 972 to figure their child tax credit because their AGI is more than \$110,000. When they read Publication 972, they find out they must complete the *Child Tax Credit Worksheet* which begins on page 3.

Completing the Child Tax Credit Worksheet. Steve and Gretchen fill out the worksheet (shown here) to find out how much child tax credit they can claim.

- 1) Steve and Gretchen enter the number of qualifying children (4) and multiply 4 by \$600 and enter the result (\$2,400) in the box for line 1.
- 2) They enter their AGI (\$112,000) in the box for line 2.
- 3) They enter -0- in the box for line 3 since they did not exclude any income from Puerto Rico or any income on Form 2555, Form 2555–EZ, or Form 4563.
- 4) They add \$112,000 and \$0 and enter the result (\$112,000) in the box for line 4.
- 5) They enter \$110,000 in the box for line 5 since they will file a joint return.
- 6) They check the "Yes" box in line 6 since the amount on line 4 (\$112,000) is more than the amount on line 5 (\$110,000). They subtract line 5 (\$110,000) from line 4 (\$112,000) and enter the result (\$2,000) in the box for line 6.
- 7) They multiply the amount on line 6 (\$2,000) by 5% (.05) and enter the result (\$100) in the box for line 7.
- 8) They check the "Yes" box in line 8 since the amount on line 1 (\$2,400) is more than the amount on line 7 (\$100). They subtract line 7 (\$100) from line 1 (\$2,400) and enter the result (\$2,300) in the box for line 8.
- 9) They enter the amount from line 42 of their Form 1040 (\$2,000) in the box for line 9.

- 10) Steve and Gretchen did not have any of the credits on lines 43, 44, 45, 46, or 47 of Form 1040, so they enter -0- in the box for line 10.
- 11) They check the "No" box on line 11 because they are not claiming any of the credits shown on line 11.

 They enter -0- in the box for line 11.
- 12) They subtract the amount on line 11 (\$0) from the amount on line 9 (\$2,000) and enter the result (\$2,000) in the box for line 12.
- 13) They check the "Yes" box in line 13 since the amount on line 8 (\$2,300) is more than the amount on line 12 (\$2,000). They enter the amount from line 12 (\$2,000) in the box for line 13. Their child tax credit is \$2,000. They enter \$2,000 on line 48 of their Form 1040.

Steve and Gretchen read the *TIP* in the worksheet and find that they may be able to take the additional child tax credit because they checked the "Yes" box in line 13.

Steve and Gretchen complete their Form 1040 through line 62 and use Form 8812 to see if they can claim the additional child tax credit.

Completing Form 8812.

- 1) They enter the amount from line 8 of their *Child Tax Credit Worksheet* (\$2,300) on line 1.
- 2) They enter the amount from line 13 of their *Child Tax Credit Worksheet* (\$2,000) on line 2.
- 3) Steve and Gretchen subtract the amount on line 2 (\$2,000) from the amount on line 1 (\$2,300) and enter the result (\$300) on line 3.
- 4) They read the instructions on the back of the form and answer "No" to each of the four questions. They enter the amount from line 7 of their Form 1040 (\$112,000) on line 4.
- 5) Since the amount on line 4 (\$112,000) is more than \$10,000, they check the "Yes" box and subtract \$10,000 from the amount on line 4 (\$112,000) and enter the result (\$102,000) on line 5.
- 6) They multiply the amount on line 5 (\$102,000) by 10% (.10) and enter the result (\$10,200) on line 6. Next, they are asked if they have three or more qualifying children. Steve and Gretchen check the "Yes" box. Since line 6 (\$10,200) is more than line 3 (\$300), they skip *Part II* and enter the amount from line 3 (\$300) on line 13. This \$300 is their additional child tax credit. They also enter this amount on line 63 of their Form 1040.

Steve and Gretchen will get a child tax credit of \$2,000 and an additional child tax credit of \$300 for the year.

Before you begin:

If you are a Form 1040 filer, you will need the following forms if you are filing them.



- Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income
- √ Form 2555-EZ, Foreign Earned Income Exclusion
- √ Form 4563, Exclusion of Income for Bona Fide Residents of American Samoa

Part 1

Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 34, or Form 1040A, line 20.	2 112,00	00	
• Exclusion of income from Puerto Rico, and • Amounts from Form 2555, lines 43 and 48; Form 2555-EZ, line 18; and Form 4563, line 15.	3	0	
1040A Filers. Enter -0			
Add lines 2 and 3. Enter the total.	4 112,00	00	
Enter the amount shown below for your filing status. • Married filing jointly - \$110,000 • Single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) - \$75,000 • Married filing separately - \$55,000	5 110,00	00	
Is the amount on line 4 more than the amount on line 5?			
Wes. Subtract line 5 from line 4. If the result is not a multiple of \$1,000, increase it to the next multiple of \$1,000 (for example, increase \$425 to \$1,000, increase \$1,025 to \$2,000, etc.).	6 2,00	00	
Multiply the amount on line 6 by 5% (.05). Enter the result.		7	100

You cannot take the child tax credit on Form 1040, line 48, or Form 1040A, line 31. You also cannot take the additional child tax credit on Form 1040, line 63, or Form 1040A, line 40. Complete the rest of your Form 1040 or 1040A.

✓ **Yes.** Subtract line 7 from line 1. Enter the result. *Go to Part 2 on the next page.*

8 2,300

Child Tax Credit Worksheet—Continued from page 3

Part 2

9. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 42, or Form 1040A, line 26.

9 2,000

10. Add the amounts from—

<u>Form 1040</u>	or	<u>Form 1040A</u>		
Line 43				<u> </u>
Line 44		Line 27	+	0
Line 45		Line 28	+	0
Line 46		Line 29	+	0
Line 47		Line 30	+	0
Line 17		Eme 30		
		Enter the to	tal. 10	0

- 11. Are you claiming any of the following credits?
 - Adoption credit, Form 8839
 - Mortgage interest credit, Form 8396
 - District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit, Form 8859
 - \square **No.** Enter the amount from line 10.
 - ☐ **Yes.** Complete the *Line 11 Worksheet* on the next page to figure the amount to enter here.

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12. Subtract line 11 from line 9. Enter the result.

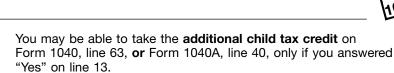
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- 13. Is the amount on line 8 of this worksheet more than the amount on line 12?
 - \square **No.** Enter the amount from line 8.
 - Yes. Enter the amount from line 12. See the **TIP** below.

This is your child tax credit.



Enter this amount on Form 1040, line 48, or Form 1040A, line 31.





- First, complete your Form 1040 through line 62, or Form 1040A through line 39b.
- Then, use Form 8812 to figure any additional child tax credit.

Form **8812**

Additional Child Tax Credit

Steve and Gretchen Leaf



OMB No. 1545-1620

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name(s) shown on return

Complete and attach to Form 1040 or Form 1040A.

Sequence No. 47
Your social security number

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All Filers Part I Enter the amount from line 1 of your Child Tax Credit Worksheet on page 38 of the Form 1040 instructions or page 37 of the Form 1040A instructions. If you used Pub. 972, enter the amount from line 8 of the 2,300 2,000 Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 48, or Form 1040A, line 31 300 Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero, stop; you cannot take this credit 112,000 Enter your total taxable earned income. See the instructions on back Is the amount on line 4 more than \$10,000? No. Leave line 5 blank and enter -0- on line 6. 102,000 **Yes.** Subtract \$10.000 from the amount on line 4. Enter the result 10,200 Multiply the amount on line 5 by 10% (.10) and enter the result Next. Do you have three or more qualifying children? No. If line 6 is zero, stop; you cannot take this credit. Otherwise, skip Part II and enter the smaller of line 3 or line 6 on line 13. Yes. If line 6 is equal to or more than line 3, skip Part II and enter the amount from line 3 on line 13. Otherwise, go to line 7. Part II Certain Filers Who Have Three or More Qualifying Children Enter the total of the withheld social security and Medicare taxes from Form(s) W-2, boxes 4 and 6. If married filing jointly, include your spouse's amounts 7 with yours. If you worked for a railroad, see the instructions on back **1040 filers:** Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 27 and 54, plus any uncollected social security and 8 Medicare or RRTA taxes included on line 58. 1040A filers: Enter -0-. 9 Add lines 7 and 8 10 **1040 filers:** Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 61a and 62. 1040A filers: Enter the total of the amount from Form 1040A, line 39a, plus any excess social security and RRTA taxes 10 withheld that you entered to the left of line 41 (see the instructions on back). 11 Subtract line 10 from line 9. If zero or less, enter -0- . 12 Enter the **larger** of line 6 or line 11 here **Next,** enter the **smaller** of line 3 or line 12 on line 13. Part III Your Additional Child Tax Credit 300 13 This is your additional child tax credit . . . Enter this amount on Form 1040, line 63, or Form 1040A, line 40.

How To Get Tax Help

You can get help with unresolved tax issues, order free publications and forms, ask tax questions, and get more information from the IRS in several ways. By selecting the method that is best for you, you will have quick and easy access to tax help.

Contacting your Taxpayer Advocate. If you have attempted to deal with an IRS problem unsuccessfully, you should contact your Taxpayer Advocate.

The Taxpayer Advocate represents your interests and concerns within the IRS by protecting your rights and resolving problems that have not been fixed through normal channels. While Taxpayer Advocates cannot change the tax law or make a technical tax decision, they can clear up problems that resulted from previous contacts and ensure that your case is given a complete and impartial review.

To contact your Taxpayer Advocate:

- Call the Taxpayer Advocate at 1-877-777-4778.
- Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.
- Call, write, or fax the Taxpayer Advocate office in your area.
- Call 1-800-829-4059 if you are a TTY/TDD user.

For more information, see Publication 1546, *The Tax-payer Advocate Service of the IRS.*

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