

The Kid Angle

Kid-focused news from First Focus on Children

School, money and drugs

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Hey there — A couple of quick notes before we head into the July 4th weekend:

Is school cool? Summer hits its stride with the holiday, but schools around the country are starting to plan their return to full-time, in-person learning. How do the kids in your world feel about that? Have them [share their thoughts on the #DearGrownUps page](#) we created with **Highlights for Children**, and we'll share them with lawmakers.

July 15. Mark it: That's the day **nearly 90% of all families with children** will start receiving a **"new and improved" Child Tax Credit** that delivers up to \$300 per child and distributes it monthly. The only thing that could make this historic increase and monthly distribution better? **Making it permanent.** Without that, the payments end in December. Check out the [more than 250 organizations that have joined First Focus](#) in urging the White House to make permanent the CTC expansion and other improvements to measures that fight child poverty.

Kids need drug money: The country's first opioids case to be decided by a jury — rather than a judge — began this week in New York. One thing that's unlikely to change? The way kids are sidelined. An estimated [2.2 million children](#) have been affected by the nation's opioid crisis, yet they are consistently ignored. First Focus on Children convened a group of experts to develop [12 recommendations for prioritizing](#) — or, at the very least, *including* — children in these settlements. [Find out where kids in your state stand.](#)

Have a safe, happy, holiday weekend!



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