



Devon Welfare Rights Unit  
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## Children, work, childcare, money... Are YOU getting the help you are entitled to?

### **In paid work of 16 hours or more?**

You might be entitled to tax credits, including help with the cost of childcare. The amount of tax credit will depend on your income and other circumstances. Have you checked recently?

### **Thinking about a job?**

If you are not in paid work, or are working fewer than 16 hours, it can be difficult to know how much better off you might be if you started work or increased your hours. We can help.

### **Independent and impartial—**

Devon Welfare Rights Unit has many years' experience of benefit take-up work. As part of Citizens Advice it is both independent and impartial, specializing in all aspects of social security legislation and practice. Its staff can offer telephone or face to face information, advice and assistance with questions like

- **What am I entitled to?**
- **How do I make a claim?**
- **Can I get help with forms?**
- **Disputes and appeals**

**THIS SERVICE IS AVAILABLE ONLY TO FAMILIES-  
REFERRED THROUGH THE 2gether PILOT**



**BRINGING UP CHILDREN?  
WORKING, OR WANTING TO  
WORK?**

**2gether Pilot  
help with  
benefits and tax  
credits**

**FOR FAMILIES REFERRED BY  
CHILDREN'S CENTRES IN  
DEVON**



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## 2gether Pilot

Devon County Council with  
Devon Welfare Rights Unit  
**Spring 2010**

Many families do not receive their full entitlement to benefits and tax credits.

Devon County Council is committed to helping families in Devon to receive the financial support to which they are entitled.

Did you know that if you are working 16 hours or more you may be eligible for help with the cost of childcare?

**Devon Welfare Rights Unit** can help you with more detailed information about this and any other benefit or tax credit questions you may have. The Unit is part of Citizens Advice, funded by Devon County Council to provide a specialist service to families referred by Children's Centres in Devon through the **2gether Pilot** until the end of March 2010.

TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A SPECIALIST WELFARE RIGHTS ADVISER PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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## TAX CREDITS – the basics

### CHILD TAX CREDIT

- Child Tax Credit provides financial support if you are bringing up children, whether you are working or not. The amount of Child Tax Credit depends on your income, the number of children you are responsible for and other circumstances. Child Tax Credit can be paid for children and young people up to 20 in some circumstances.
- Extra Child Tax Credit can be paid if a child or young person is registered blind or receives Disability Living Allowance, and while a baby is under one year old

### WORKING TAX CREDIT

- Working Tax Credit is available to people who work at least 16 hours a week if they are:
  - Responsible for one or more children OR
  - A disabled worker OR
  - Over 50 and returning to paid work in certain circumstances
- Otherwise, you must be working at least 30 hours a week
- If you qualify for Working Tax Credit and pay for registered childcare you may be able to get up to £140 a week towards your childcare costs for one child or up to £240 a week for 2 or more children in childcare

**2gether Pilot**—benefits & tax credit advice  
*Referral to Devon Welfare Rights Unit*

Referred by:

Name:

Children's Centre:

Date:


*Please contact the following who has requested a referral for free benefits and tax credits advice:*

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Mobile:

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**2gether Pilot?**

YES

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Notes:

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Please return this slip to:

**DEVON WELFARE RIGHTS UNIT  
QUINTANA GATE  
BARTHOLOMEW STREET EAST  
EXETER EX4 3BH**

**Or by email to**

[dwru@citizensadvice.org.uk](mailto:dwru@citizensadvice.org.uk)

