

National Tax Credit Outreach Campaign

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

For nearly 20 years, the Campaign, which includes community organizations, employers, social service programs and government agencies, has promoted the Earned Income Credit (EIC), the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and free tax filing assistance for low- and moderate-income workers. Each year millions of eligible workers risk missing out on these important federal tax benefits because they do not know they qualify, do not know how to claim the credits or do not know where to find free tax filing assistance.

- If someone has worked in 2007, had children living with them and earned less than about \$38,000, or did not have children living with them and earned less than \$13,000 one can qualify.
- The *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities* website provides resources for outreach efforts that can ensure that eligible workers can receive the tax credits they've earned <http://www.cbpp.org/eic2008/> as well as additional information on other tax credits.
- The center can also be reached by email or phone: eickit@cbpp.org 202-408-1080.
- Additional resources including flyers in various languages are available on the website under "*Outreach Tools*". <http://www.cbpp.org/eic2008/outreach-tools.htm>
- Click here to find out an estimate of how much one can expect from the EIC. <http://www.cbpp.org/eic2007/calculator/eicchoose.htm>
- If in 2007 one earned under about \$40,000, one can **get free tax filing** help through the IRS-sponsored VITA or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. Both programs can provide fast electronic tax filing. Community volunteers receive IRS-approved training to assist individuals with tax returns. Some VITA sites can help one open a back account if one does not have one. Call IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to find the nearest VITA location and its days and hours of operation.

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