

DC EITC Campaign

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SHORT NEWSLETTER VERSION

Working Families Can Boost Their Paychecks By Claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit

People who worked in 2001 and had a low income may be eligible for substantial tax benefits this year. Families with children who earned less than \$32,000 can get up to \$5,000 from the **Earned Income Tax Credit, or EITC**. Workers with no children living who earned less than \$10,700 can get up to \$450.

In addition to the EITC, some working families with children will benefit from the **Child Tax Credit**.

Workers can get a **federal** EITC and child tax credit by filing a federal tax return, even if they owe no income tax. Workers can get a separate **DC EITC** by filing a DC income tax return.

Information on the EITC and where to get **free** tax assistance is available from *Answers, Please!* at 202-463-6211 or the DC income tax assistance line at 202-727-4TAX (4829). EITC outreach fliers can be obtained from the Washington Council of Agencies. Call 202-457-0540.

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