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Tax Credits for Working Families

It's tax time – be sure you get all the credit you're entitled to with the federal Earned Income Credit (EIC) and state Working Family Credit (WFC). These tax credits help Minnesota working families make ends meet. Last year, more than 210,000 Minnesota families received the Earned Income Credit and the Working Family Credit. The average credit for each family was about **\$1,900!**

Who is eligible?

- ◆ Workers who made **less than \$29,201** in 2002 and had **one child** at home.
- ◆ Workers who made **less than \$33,178** in 2002 and had **two or more children** at home.
- ◆ Workers **without children** who made **less than \$11,060** in 2002 and are **25-64 years old**.

You may qualify for the EIC and the WFC even if you don't earn enough to file an income tax return. However, the only way to get this extra money is to file federal and state tax forms. From February through April 15, trained volunteer tax assistants will be available at sites throughout Minnesota to help people complete tax forms – FREE! To find a site near you, call the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Line at **651-297-3724** or **First Call for Help** at **1-800-543-7709**.

Ask about Child Tax Credits, Child and Dependent Care Credits and Education Credits, too!