

Earned Income Tax Credit 2010

What is the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program?

The EITC is a federal income tax refund for low or moderate income workers. Often, we associate the EITC as a return for working families; however, individuals who are employed and have a low or moderate income may also be eligible to receive an EITC-based return.

In addition to helping Florida's working families, the EITC has the potential to introduce millions of dollars to Florida's economy at no cost to the State. There are several websites provided by the IRS that offer RWBs, employers, community partners and program participants/employees valuable information, including brochures, posters and other documents related to the EITC program.

- The first website provides both general and specific information related to the [EITC Program](#);
- The [EITC Assistant](#) is a website available to customers related to eligibility requirements. Customers can answer a series of questions to determine if they may be eligible for additional tax return dollars;
- [EITC Forms](#) website offers posters, flyers, brochures and other forms available for download to provide to customers. Many of these documents are available in both English and Spanish;
- [Earned Income Credit \(EIC\) Publication 596](#) is a detailed publication about EIC, eligibility requirements, recommended assistance, disallowances and advanced payments that can be printed and offered in the career centers, offices, at job fairs, etc. The RWB may opt to include this link on the computers in the career center resource rooms. The [EITC Forms](#) website also offers this publication in Spanish.

How can Regional Workforce Board (RWB) staff make people aware of the EITC program?

- Display posters regarding the EITC program and/or the advanced payment program throughout the career centers;
- Include a brochure with the transitional services reminder letter that is sent to Welfare Transition (WT) participants who stop receiving cash assistance due to earned income;
- Provide EITC information to workforce program participants when they become employed;

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- Review EITC opportunities during career center or programmatic orientations;
- Include EITC education and information requirements in program or special project deliverables.
- Become a partner with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program ([VITA](#)). The [VITA](#) program trains volunteers to assist individuals with filing tax returns and applying for relevant tax credits such as the EITC. More information is available at the VITA Website ([VITA](#));
- Invite community partners to share tax information during workshops and job fairs;
- Encourage employers to provide information and documents to all new employees; and/or
- Invite other community partners or tax preparation service partners into the career centers to assist individuals with the tax preparation process.