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Earned Income Tax Credit

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

The EITC is a federal income tax refund for low to moderate income working individuals and families. Often, we associate the EITC as a return for working families only; however, individuals who are employed and have a low to moderate income may also be eligible to receive an EITC-based return. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website provides valuable information regarding the EITC program including brochures, posters and other documents related to the EITC program. The following are some helpful links:

EITC Program	Provides both general and specific information related to the EITC program.
EITC Assistant	Provides information on eligibility requirements.
EITC Forms	Provides posters, flyers, brochures and other forms available for download. Many are available for download in both English and Spanish.
Earned Income Credit (EIC) Publication 596	A detailed publication about EIC, eligibility requirements, recommended assistance, disallowances and advanced payments.

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;
- Provide EITC information to workforce program participants when they become employed;
- Review EITC opportunities during career center or programmatic orientations;

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- 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.