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**Earned Income Tax
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**Promoting Economic
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What is the Earned Income Tax Credit & Who is Eligible?

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) benefit is an anti-poverty tool that brings well deserved earnings to the lower income workers in the Mid-South and throughout the country.

The EITC is a refundable Federal tax credit for low to moderate income workers. To qualify, a taxpayer must meet certain rules and file a tax return, even if the taxpayer doesn't owe any tax or didn't earn enough money to require filing a return. If the taxpayer qualifies and claims the credit, they could pay less federal tax, no tax, or even get a tax refund.

United Way's EITC program has helped thousands of families and individuals from falling prey to predatory lenders. With the help of volunteers and partner organizations, this program has helped make a difference in the lives of many across the Mid-South.

What is the United Way Earned Income Tax Credit Alliance (EITCA)?

The United Way, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service formed a coalition of local businesses, non profit agencies, members of the faith-based community, government and the public sector called the United Way EITCA.

The mission of the EITCA is to increase awareness of the earned income tax credit and to promote financial literacy and asset building.

The EITCA coordinates the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program which provides FREE income tax return preparation and electronic filing for low to moderate tax filers.

This partnership has helped thousands file quality tax returns receiving all of the credits they deserve. Tax filers save hundreds of dollars in preparation and filing fees.

In addition, at the VITA sites tax filers receive information about economic self sufficiency and asset building programs

Why is Free Tax Preparation Important?

Most families that apply for the EITC pay someone to complete their tax forms. Paying for tax preparation takes away from the value of the EITC. The use of tax preparation services and "fast cash" refund anticipation loans is concentrated among lower income families and neighborhoods. A typical recipient of the EITC benefit pays between \$200 and \$500 for tax preparation, electronic filing and "rapid refund" loans if they are not using our free service.

Benefits of Claiming EITC

The EITC program helps lift thousands of Mid-South families out of poverty each year. This tax credit, when managed properly, allows individuals and families to build assets and provides savings.

Free Tax Preparation & E-Filing



Financial Literacy



Asset Building

