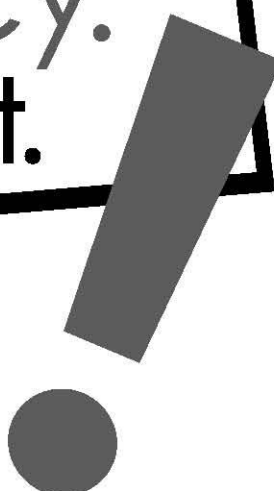


Your Money.
You Earned It.

**Now
 Claim It**



**Are You Caring for a Child of a
 Relative in Prison?**

**As Much As \$5,751 – or More
 – Could Be Waiting for You!**

File a Tax Return
 to Claim the Tax
 Benefits You Earned

with the

**Earned Income Credit
 and Child Tax Credit**



**These tax credits can provide much needed
 financial support for you and your family!**

For More Information:

Did you work in 2011, have children
 living with you, and earn less than
 about \$46,000?

You could qualify!
 You can get FREE tax help.
 Call the IRS at **1-800-829-1040** to learn
 more.





**✓ The Earned Income Credit and the Child Tax Credit:
You Could Owe Less in Taxes and Even Get Cash Back from the IRS!**

- If you worked in 2011 – full time or part time – you may qualify.
- Even if you don't owe income tax you can get the credits.

✓ Did You Have Children Living With You for More than Half of 2011?

- **For the EIC & CTC** - a qualifying child includes: sons, daughters, grandchildren, adopted children and foster children. Also, brothers, sisters, and step siblings – as well as descendants of these relatives – can also be claimed.
- The child must have lived with you for *more* than six months in total during 2011. (The six months do not have to be continuous.)
- **For the EIC** - the child must be under 19 in 2011. (Full-time students can be under 24; children who are permanently and totally disabled can be any age.)
- **For the CTC** - the child must be under 17 in 2011.

✓ How Much Can I Earn? How Large a Tax Credit Can I Get?

For the EIC, if you have:	Earned income less than:	Claim an EIC up to:
1 qualifying child	\$36,052	\$3,094
2 qualifying children	\$40,964	\$5,112
3 or more qualifying children	\$43,998	\$5,751
For the CTC, if you have:	Earned more than:	Claim a CTC up to:
1 or more children	\$3,000	\$1,000 per child

*EIC income limits for married workers are \$5,080 higher!
Married workers MUST file a joint tax return to claim the EIC.*

✓ What if I'm Not a U.S. Citizen?

Immigrants who work and meet other guidelines may qualify.

- **For the EIC:** worker, spouse and any child claimed needs a valid Social Security Number.
- **For the CTC:** a Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) is needed.

✓ File a Federal Tax Return to Get the EIC and CTC: Get Free Help!!!

- VITA — Volunteer Income Tax Assistance — helps people fill out tax returns for free.
- Trained community groups operate VITA. **For a site near you, call 1-800-906-9887.**

✓ Can I Get These Tax Credits and Keep Other Public Benefits?

EIC and CTC refunds won't count as income when you apply or renew benefits like food stamps (now called SNAP), SSI, Medicaid, cash assistance, or public housing. Refunds that are saved do not count against these and other federally-funded benefit program resource/asset limits for 12 months after the refund is received.