

## Our Mission

The Asset Independence Coalition coordinates resources of public and private institutions to promote the financial independence of low to moderate income residents of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties.

## Opportunities for Volunteers and Partners:

- Tax Preparation
- Tax Preparers
- VITA Site Coordinators
- Financial Education and Asset Building
- Facilitate Workshops
- Marketing and Media / Promotions Community Outreach
- Special Events Coordination
- Volunteer Recruitment
- Financial Support for VITA Sites and Asset Building

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## Asset Independence Coalition Partners:

ACORN  
Capital Area Community Services  
Capital Area United Way  
Capital Region Community Eaton County  
Foundation Comerica Bank  
Fifth Third Bank  
Ingham County  
Internal Revenue Service  
Lasalle Bank  
Mercantile Bank  
Michigan Department of Human Services  
Michigan State University  
National City Bank  
Northwest Initiative  
Option 1 Credit Union  
Power of We Consortium  
Prima Civitas Foundation

## Invest in Promoting Financial Stability for all Families

Millions of dollars in tax refunds go UNCLAIMED because families are unaware that they qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Your investment dollars support the Asset Independence Coalition in providing free tax preparation assistance for families that qualify for the EITC.



## Helping Residents Achieve Self-Sufficiency



Serving the Counties  
Of  
Clinton, Eaton and Ingham

# Call 2-1-1 today!



Schedule an appointment for Free Tax Preparation and ask about other financial services, such as budgeting classes, rent assistance, utility assistance and much more! 1-866-561-2500 (toll free).

## You Earned It! – You Keep It!

Workers can get back some or all of their federal, and for the first time, their state income tax that was taken out of their pay during the year. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable federal, and now state, income tax credit for working families and individuals. The maximum credits this year are \$5,280, with a Michigan credit of up to \$502.80.

## Families and Individuals that Qualify:

Families with one child who earn less than \$33,995 in 2008 (or less than \$36,995 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$2,917.

Families with two or more children who earn less than \$38,646 in 2008 (or less than \$41,646 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$4,824.

Workers without a qualifying child who earn less than \$12,880 in 2008 (or less than \$15,880 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$438.

Child Tax Credit is up to \$1,000 per qualifying child. The Additional Child Tax Earnings Threshold is \$12,050 in 2008.

## How can you claim the EITC?

Free tax preparation sites are available throughout the tri-county area. Volunteer Income Tax assistance (VITA) sites provide IRS trained volunteers to prepare and file tax returns for free. Call 2-1-1 to make an appointment today!

## Documents to bring to the VITA site to have your taxes prepared:

- ▶ Photo ID
- ▶ Social Security cards for you, your spouse, and your dependents
- ▶ Birth dates for all people on the tax return
- ▶ Current year's tax package if you received one
- ▶ Form W-2, W-2G, and 1099-R (wage and earning statements from all employers)
- ▶ Copy of last year's federal and state tax return
- ▶ Routing numbers and Bank account numbers for Direct Deposit of your Refund

## Other documents you may need:

- ▶ Form 1099 – Interest and dividend statements
- ▶ Total amount paid for Child Care and the provider's identifying number

If you are married and filing a joint tax return, both spouses need to sign the required forms