

Every year, working families and individuals in Sacramento and across the nation qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), yet statistics show that roughly 25% of eligible families fail to claim this tax credit. The EITC is a refundable credit for workers struggling to make ends meet in this tight economy. This year, because of changes enacted in the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, qualifying individuals and families could receive a tax credit of up to \$5,666.

Established in 1975, the EITC has been a tool to aid working families and individuals. More than 22.4 million taxpayers received more than \$43.7 billion in EITC on their 2006 federal tax returns. Additionally, those taxpayers whose annual income is less than \$49,000 can get help through a Free Income Tax Preparation service that is being offered throughout Sacramento County.

Qualification Criteria for the Earned Income Tax Credit

Generally, a taxpayer may be able to take credit for tax year 2010 if the taxpayer's earned income and adjusted gross income was less than:

- \$43,352 (\$48,362 married filing jointly) with three or more qualifying children
- \$40,363 (\$45,373 married filing jointly) with two qualifying children
- \$35,535 (\$40,545 married filing jointly) with one qualifying child
- \$13,460 (\$18,470 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children

[Sacramento Coalition for Working Families](#)

The Sacramento Coalition for Working Families is hosting 7 Super Site Workshops for this tax season. Please find the dates and times for these sites below. For more information or to make an appointment, call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment, or visit their website at: <http://www.sacworkingfamilies.org/>

January 29, February 12, & March 5, 2011

Grant High School
1400 Grand Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95838
9am – 3pm

January 30, 2011

Mutual Housing at Lemon Hill
6000 Lemon Hill Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824
9am – 3pm

February 5, 2011

Riverbank Elementary School
1100 Carrie Street
West Sacramento, CA 95605
9am – 3pm

February 6, 2011

George Sim Community Center
6207 Logan Street
Sacramento, CA 95820
9am – 3pm

February 26, 2011

La Familia Counseling Center
5523 34th Street
Sacramento, CA 95823
9am – 3pm

Eligible applicants should bring:

- W-2 Forms for all jobs worked in the year 2009
- Social Security cards for all persons on tax return
- Valid picture ID
- 1099-G form if you received unemployment insurance benefits in 2009
- 1099-INT if you received bank interest in 2009
- Any statements you received from a mortgage company during 2009
- A copy of your 2008 tax return if you have one

Useful links and phone numbers:

Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance

- Click [here](#) for information on the EITC Hotline, or call 916-874-2072

Internal Revenue Service

- Click [here](#) to visit the IRS website, or call 1-800-829-1040

State of California Franchise Tax Board

- Click [here](#) to visit the State's Tax Board site [.](#) or call 1-800-852-5711