

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

- If you worked in 2009 - full-time or part-time - you may qualify.
- Even if you don't owe income tax, you can get the credits.

## If You Had Children Living With You for More than Half of 2009:

- For the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), children must be under 19 in 2009. (Full-time students can be under 24; children who are permanently and totally disabled can be any age).
- For the Child Tax Credit (CTC), children must be under 17 in 2009.

## If You Did Not Have Children Living With You:

- You may claim the EITC if you were between the ages of 25 and 64 in 2009.

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

For the EITC, if you have:	Earned income less than*:	Claim an EITC up to:
No children	\$13,440	\$457
1 child	\$35,463	\$3,043
2 children	\$40,295	\$5,028
3 or more children	\$43,279	\$5,657
For the CTC, if you have:	Earned more than:	Claim a CTC up to:
1 or more children	\$8,500	\$1,000 per child

*\*EITC Income limits for married workers are \$5,000 higher*

## What if I'm Not a U.S. Citizen?

### Immigrants who work and meet other guidelines may qualify:

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

## File a Federal Tax Return to Get the EITC and CTC - How to File a Return for FREE!

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites help people fill out tax returns for free.
- The United Way of West Central Connecticut is operating a VITA site in your community. To make an appointment, call (860) 582-9559.

