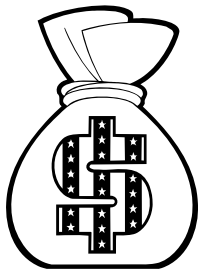


YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY TO GET YOUR TAX REFUND FAST.



FREE HELP IS AVAILABLE!!!



VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

- ALL FEDERAL AND NY STATE RETURNS FILED ELECTRONICALLY
- NO FEES OR COST... THIS SERVICE IS ABSOLUTELY FREE!

What is Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)?

- EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) is a tax credit for people who worked in 2008, but who didn't earn high incomes.
- If you qualify, you could reduce or eliminate your income taxes – or get money back, even if you owe no tax!
- **You may be eligible, even if:**
 - ** you've never paid taxes or had taxes withheld
 - ** you have not earned enough to require filing an income tax return!

Is EITC For Me?

The answer is YES if you have:

Worked full or part time in 2008, between the ages of 25 and 65 and had an income less than:

- \$12,880 (\$15,880 if married filing jointly) for workers with no qualifying children
- \$33,995 (\$36,995 if married filing jointly) for workers with 1 qualifying child*
- \$38,646 (\$41,646 if married filing jointly) for workers with 2 or more qualifying children*

* A "qualifying child" is your son or daughter, stepchild, grandchild, or adopted child that has lived with you for over 6 months. They must be 19 or younger, or under age 24 if a full-time student.

Call 753-5077
for locations,
or to
schedule an
appointment.

What Must I Bring?

2008 income information:

W-2 forms, 1099 forms

Government Photo ID

Social Security Card(s) for:

Yourself, Your Spouse, All Qualifying Children

Income tax mailings you've received.

If applicable:

- Education, child care, and housing expenses
- A copy of last year's income tax returns, if you filed
- Documents to support itemization

DON'T PAY FOR YOUR TAX REFUND... IT'S YOUR MONEY!!!

Volunteers and Volunteer Organizations have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and New York State to offer this free service:

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County
Area Agency on Aging
Cortland Works Career Center
Cortland YWCA
JM Murray Center
United Way of Cortland County
CAPCO