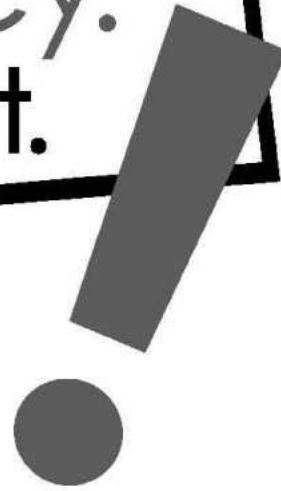




Your Money.
You Earned It.

**Now
 Claim It**



Were you recently released from prison?

You May Qualify For As Much As \$464 – Or More If You Have Children – in tax Refunds!

File a Tax Return
 to Claim the Tax
 Benefits You Earned

with the

**Earned Income Credit
 and Child Tax Credit**



These tax credits can help boost your income while you establish long-term employment and financial stability.

For More Information:

If you worked in 2011 and earned less than about \$13,400,

You could qualify!

You can get FREE tax help.

Workers raising children for most of 2011 may qualify for a larger refund.

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 earned income in 2011, you may qualify. Earnings while in prison do not count. Earnings from work in 2011 prior to or after incarceration count as earned income.
- Even if you don't owe income tax you can claim the EIC.

✓ What if I Have a Child?

- A qualifying child to claim the EIC includes: sons, daughters, grandchildren, adopted children and foster children. Also, brothers, sisters, and step siblings – as well as descendants of these relatives – can be claimed.
- If a qualifying child lived with you for more than half the year (time spent in prison does not count), you may be able to claim the child for the EIC and Child tax Credit. (If married, you can file a joint return with your spouse to claim the EIC.)
- **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 Child Tax Credit** - the child must be under 17 in 2011.

✓ If You Did Not Have Children Living With You for More than Half of 2011:

- You may claim the EIC if you were between ages 25 and 64 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:
No qualifying children	\$13,660	\$464
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.