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EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit)

EITC is a refundable federal tax credit that can increase the effective wage of qualifying workers by up to \$2/hour. As many as 40,000 households fail to file for the EITC because they are unaware of the credit, they don't earn enough to be required to file taxes, or because of education or language barriers. It is estimated that between \$60 and \$80 million dollars in federal EITC money is left unclaimed by Utahns alone each year. (Source: Earn it. Keep it. Save it. Brochure printed by United Way, Utah Community Action and other community partners 2009) – Prepared by Marilyn Albertson, Associate Professor of Extension, Family & Consumer Science Agent in Salt Lake County, Utah Marilyn.albertson@usu.edu.

Who Can Get Their Taxes Done for Free - Call 211 to Find out

If you or someone you know is in a low to moderate –income household, you may receive free tax-preparation assistance through the Earn it. Keep it. Save it. Coalition partners statewide in Utah. Local Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites have trained volunteers to help prepare the tax returns. To find out if you are eligible, you can call 211. Eligibility and dollar amounts depend on the household's filing status, income and number of qualifying dependents. Qualifying workers must also be legal residents and have worked full or part-time. Households that qualify for the EITC may also be eligible for the child tax credit and other credits. Assistance is available in a variety of languages. For more information, visit wwe.utahtaxhelp.org or make an appointment to have your taxes done for free by dialing 211 in the state of Utah. They can help you find the VITA location nearest you. (Source: Earn it. Keep it. Save it. Brochure printed by United Way, Utah Community Action and other community partners 2009) - Prepared by Marilyn Albertson, Associate Professor of Extension, Family & Consumer Science Agent in Salt Lake County, Utah Marilyn.albertson@usu.edu.