

*Linking Anti-Hunger
Organizations to Free Tax
Preparation*

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Mission: The Center for Economic Progress (the Center) increases economic opportunities for low-income families, children, and individuals by improving access to public, private, and non-profit programs and services. Through advocacy, direct service, outreach, and training, the Center challenges barriers facing its constituency, thus promoting economic empowerment and encouraging self-sufficiency.

Outreach and education on benefits and programs for working people: The Center conducts a city and statewide outreach campaign that seeks to build awareness and understanding of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), the largest anti-poverty program in the country, lifting over 4.9 million people out of poverty each year. The Center also promotes awareness of other tax credits and benefits, including WIC, Food Stamps, etc. In addition to its broad-based outreach efforts, it conducts neighborhood-specific outreach activities by partnering with an array of community-based institutions, including faith-based organizations, social service organizations, neighborhood groups, civic groups, and employers.

Anti-Hunger and EITC

At first mention, the relationship between the anti-hunger movement and the EITC may not be apparent. But, the EITC is an anti-hunger issue. The relationship exists based on the idea that families who receive for Food Stamps or require emergency food assistance most likely qualify to receive the EITC.

A USDA report based on 2000 Census Bureau surveys show that over 36.3 million Americans are food insecure. For a variety of reasons, more and more low-income families and individuals seek food through emergency food providers such as food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters. These reasons may include the stigma associated with collecting Food Stamps or recent welfare reform legislation that makes remaining on public assistance more difficult. A 2001 study by the Economic Research Service followed Illinois Food Stamp recipients who left the program in 1997. The study found that within two years, one-quarter of those who left the program became food insecure, with either moderate or severe hunger. In 2003, requests for food assistance in Chicago increased by around 13% compared to the previous year¹. A growing number of individuals seeking food assistance are working and have children. Employed parents with young children are now the fastest-growing group at emergency food programs.²

The EITC gives workers the opportunity to purchase food and cover the costs of other necessary expenses. The average EITC refund in 2004 for Chicagoans was \$1,920. That is a substantial amount for families facing food insecurity or hunger. Unfortunately, many working families and individuals who qualify for the EITC do not take advantage of the credit. It is estimated that between 15-20% of American workers eligible for the EITC do not file for it³. Those workers who receive Food Stamps but don't claim the EITC are missing out on the combination of an extremely powerful anti-hunger tool. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a family of two receiving Food Stamps with one member working full-time at minimum wage does not reach the federal poverty line unless they receive the EITC. As the largest federal anti-poverty program, the EITC serves as a more long-term solution to eradicating hunger and food insecurity by boosting the incomes of poor people.

¹ U.S. Conference of Mayors, Hunger and Homelessness 2003

² Hunger Connection, 2004

³ Brookings Institute: Metropolitan Policy, 2004

The Center's role in the Anti-Hunger Movement

Illinois is home to a large number of hunger-related organizations and agencies whose work significantly relates to the Center in assisting families reach economic self-sufficiency. Though the Center for Economic Progress is not a direct emergency food provider, it plays an important role in the anti-hunger movement. Through various programs, outreach and support, the Center works to fight hunger by linking food assistance with free tax preparation.

The Tax Counseling Project

Through the Tax Counseling Project (TCP), the Center's volunteers help working families and individuals claim the EITC and other tax credits. Since its inception in 1994, TCP has grown into one of the country's largest community-based free tax preparation organizations. In 2004, over 22,000 returns were filed at TCP sites. As a result, \$30.4 million was returned to working families. In 2005, 33 sites will be located throughout the state, including 16 in Chicago. The Center will also be hosting centrally located one-day *Tax Blasts* for an additional 300-500 families unable to access the other sites.

Tax credits for working families are necessary because they reduce the tax burden on the poor, make work more attractive, supplement wages, and encourage asset building. The EITC can boost the incomes of working families by up to 35%. Unfortunately, millions of dollars in EITC go unclaimed each year either because workers are unaware it exists or incorrectly assume they are ineligible. Many workers who do claim the EITC often lose around 10% of their return by paying to have their taxes prepared¹. More than half of all EITC recipients purchase a Refund Anticipation Loan (RAL) to receive their credit.² TCP allows workers to feel like their hard work pays by helping them collect the entire refund they are entitled to.

Each year the Center collaborates with the City and State for an EITC awareness campaign. TCP and the Tax Assistance Program (TAP) join forces with the City for Mayor Daley's EITC outreach initiative. Flyers are published describing the qualifications for the EITC with a number that callers can use to receive information about tax sites. Five million copies are distributed throughout the city. Flyers are mailed to employers, posted on CTA trains and included in the weekly circulars of two large grocery chains. The City teams up with utility companies to include flyers with the utility bills they mail out to their clients. Every student in Chicago Public Schools receives EITC information with their report card. Working through the school system is a significant outreach effort since children are extremely vulnerable to food insecurity and hunger. The Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank, reports that 36.7% of the clients who rely on the 600 emergency food programs they service are

¹ National Consumer Law Center: National RAL Platform, 2004

² National Consumer Law Center/Consumer Federation of America RAL Report 2005

children under age 18¹. The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) also works in partnership with TCP and TAP to promote free tax assistance. A flyer listing TCP and TAP site locations is distributed to one million clients who receive benefits from programs administered by IDHS including Food Stamps and the Emergency Food Program. Flyers are also posted in IDHS offices.

Benefits for Working Families

Many working families must choose between which necessities to pay for such as food, rent or medical care. To inform clients about resources that can help them make ends meet, the Center has created the Benefits for Working Families resource guide (See Appendix 2). Each year the Center updates and distributes this publication to every worker getting their taxes prepared at a TCP site. The guide includes tax help and information about several public benefits programs such as Food Stamps, WIC and Head Start.

Attached to every resource guide is the Client Intake Sheet (See page 30), which clients must complete before having their taxes prepared. Center volunteers use the Intake Sheet to gather information needed to prepare their tax returns. The form also gathers information on what public benefits clients may be eligible for. Clients can refer to the Benefits for Working Families booklet to learn more about programs they are interested in.

Complimentary Services

Various tax sites offer complimentary services to inform clients about financial or public benefit programs available to them. RealBenefits™ Illinois is a web-based screening tool that is available at a number of tax sites. The software screens low-income families for eligibility in programs such as Food Stamps, WIC, EITC and health programs like KidCare. RealBenefits™ is often used at anti-hunger organizations and other social service organizations where people seek help. For clients interested or eligible for Food Stamps, paper copies of the application are also available at every site.

Having a bank account is a step in the right direction to obtaining economic self-sufficiency. The Center realizes that many low-wage earners may have to rely on cashing their EITC refunds at check cashing outlets because they do not have bank accounts. Check cashing outlets have many drawbacks for workers who claim the EITC. First, the fees they attach reduce the size of the EITC workers are entitled to. Check cashing outlets are also not as safe or reliable as having a bank account. The Center works with several banks to help low-income families open bank accounts with low to no-minimum fees. Bank representatives are present at tax sites to help clients set up new accounts. With a bank account, clients can have their tax refund directly deposited which means they receive their refund sooner.

¹ Greater Chicago Food Depository as presented in America's Second Harvest: Hunger Report 2001

Immigrant workers, especially those who are undocumented, are also at risk of facing food insecurity. The Midwest Tax Clinic (MTC), a program of the Center for Economic Progress assists clients in obtaining Individual Tax Payer Identification Numbers (ITINs). The ITIN is a 9-digit number available to workers who need to file a return but are ineligible to have a Social Security Number. Certain non-residents, resident aliens, their spouses and their dependents can apply for an ITIN. Workers with ITINs qualify for some tax credits. Several sites have representatives from MTC to help qualified clients apply for ITINs.

Hunger in Illinois and Chicago

Illinois

People living in Poverty: 10.2%¹
Children living in Poverty: 15.8%²

Food Insecurity (1999-2001)³
Food Insecure (with or without hunger): 9.2 %
Food Insecure (with hunger): 2.7%

Over 1 million people in Illinois participate in the Food Stamp program⁴.

Chicago

People living in Poverty: 20%⁵

Every year, over 300,000 people utilize emergency food programs served by the Greater Chicago Food Depository. 31.7% of these households have at least one adult who is working.⁶

35% of people requesting emergency food assistance are children.⁷

¹ U.S. Census Bureau, 2000

² US Census Bureau. Current Population Survey, 2002

³ Food Research and Action Council, 2003

⁴ Illinois Department of Human Services, 2004

⁵ U.S. Census Bureau: 2001 Supplemental Survey

⁶ Greater Chicago Food Depository as presented in America's Second Harvest: Hunger Report 2001

⁷ U.S. Conference of Mayors: Hunger and Homelessness 2001

Anti-Hunger Organizations and EITC Outreach

Community Outreach

Specifically targeting anti-hunger organizations was a new venture for the Center. In September, the Outreach Associate identified several key anti-hunger organizations in Chicago and surrounding areas. These agencies included food pantries, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters. All organizations were affiliated with some anti-hunger network. Working through networks provided greater access to a larger volume of organizations and potential clients. Because of the large number of food assistance programs in the area, the majority of organizations selected were located in or near tax site locations. Special attention was paid to anti-hunger organizations in new tax sites.

Oral outreach presentations were made explaining the EITC and its importance in the anti-hunger fight. The qualifications for the EITC were described as well as other tax credits for low-wage earners. Additional follow-up visits were occasionally required. Each agency was added to the mailing distribution list to receive flyers in January with locations of tax sites. Every organization received the Center's 2004 statistical guide as well as publications describing other services provided by the Center.

The anti-hunger organizations visited varied in size and in the number of staff. Many organizations depended almost exclusively on volunteer participation. Food pantries in particular were usually staffed by one person and located in a church or other religious organization. The hours of operation also varied depending on the type of organization. Soup kitchens and shelters tended to operate daily while pantries were usually opened weekly or a few times a month.

Establishing Relationships with Anti-Hunger Organizations

The Outreach staff met with a number emergency food leaders to learn more about the anti-hunger movement in Chicago and Illinois. The providers offered tremendous insight into the needs of their clients. Although the understanding of tax credits varied amongst every person, they were all very receptive and eager to share the information discussed with their clients. They all understood the tremendous impact the credit could have in boosting the incomes of their clients. They often referred Outreach staff to other organizations and agreed to post tax site information in their offices for clients to view. The emergency food providers and the Center's staff shared ideas on the best approaches to outreach. A description of the different outreach methods used to link the EITC to anti-hunger organizations is available on page 15.

Because of the interaction with emergency food providers, the Outreach staff was able to tailor presentations to better suit the respective audience. For instance, many organizations that served large Latino populations tended to be interested in ITIN information, so more time was dedicated to addressing this issue.

Through discussions with anti-hunger leaders, it became evident that the families and individuals who utilized emergency food assistance were as diverse as the Center's clients. To better serve these clients, the Outreach Associate developed an Anti-Hunger Outreach fact sheet (See attached) specifically for anti-hunger organizations as well as a PowerPoint presentation designed to educate anti-hunger organizations about the EITC. (See Appendix 3)

Anti-Hunger Organization Fact Sheet

Organization name: _____

Community: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Type of Organization (pantry, foodbank, soup kitchen, etc): _____

Hours of Operation (daily, weekly, monthly): _____

Type of Clientele Served (seniors, women, etc): _____

Number of Clients Served: _____

Food Suppliers: _____

Network affiliations: _____

Per cent of clientele eligible for EITC: _____

Suggested method of EITC outreach to clients: _____

Media Options (newsletters, bulletins, radio, etc.): _____

Follow Up: _____

Local Anti-Hunger Resources

America's Second Harvest

35 E. Wacker Dr., #2000

Chicago, IL 60601

(800) 771-2303

www.secondharvest.org

Mission: To create a hunger free America

America's Second Harvest is the largest anti-hunger relief organization in the nation. The organization obtains and distributes food and other products through a network of over 200 food banks and food rescue organizations across the country. A2H also advocates for hunger policies and works to raise public awareness about U.S. hunger. A toll free number is provided to refer callers in need to local emergency food providers.

Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation

4345 W. Division St.

Chicago, IL 60051

(773) 252-3663

www.antihunger.org

Mission: The Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation is dedicated to alleviating hunger in metropolitan Chicago through the distribution of quality food, education, training and advocacy.

Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation distributes food and other items when available to 200 member agency emergency food providers in Chicago. Training institute offers Food Handling and Sanitation Certification for emergency food providers, and the Oliver's Kitchen program provides culinary instruction to low-income or homeless participants.

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless (CCH)

1325 South Wabash, Suite 205

Chicago, IL 60605

(800) 940-1119

www.chicagohomeless.org

Mission: The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) organizes and advocates to prevent and end homelessness based on our belief that housing is a human right in a just society.

CCH initiates and participates in several local, state and national campaigns related to affordable housing and other homeless issues.

Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD)

4100 W. Ann Lurie Place

Chicago, IL 60632

(773) 247-3663

www.chicagosfoodbank.org

Mission: Providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community.

The GCFD is Chicago's food bank and local affiliate of America's Second Harvest. The organization supplies food to over 600 member agencies throughout Chicago and Cook County. Over 300,000 people rely on the food provided by the GCFD, and in fiscal year 2003-2004, over 40 million pounds of food was distributed.¹ The organization provides training through Chicago's Community Kitchens, a 12-week culinary institute designed to prepare unemployed or low-wage adults to have careers in the food service industry. The GCFD is comprised of nine regionally based networks that meet monthly.

Illinois Department of Human Services: The Emergency Food Program

401 South Clinton Street
Chicago, IL 60607
(800) 843-6154
www.dhs.state.il.us

Purpose: The Emergency Food Distribution Program is a Federal program, administered by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), that helps supplement the diets of low-income needy people by providing food at no cost.

The Illinois Department of Human Services works with the states' food banks to distribute food to emergency food providers across the state. Services are available to Illinois residents only.

Illinois Food Bank Association (IFBA)

www.illinoisfoodbanks.org

Mission: To educate the public about the purpose of Second Harvest food banks serving Illinois counties and the role of food banks in addressing hunger.

IFBA is comprised of Illinois' 9 food banks that serve every county in the state. Each food bank is located in a different region of the state. (See attached list)

Illinois Hunger Coalition

205 W. Monroe, 3rd Fl.
Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 629-9580
(800) 359-2163 Hunger Hotline
<http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/~INC/hunger/hunger.htm>

Mission: The Illinois Hunger Coalition (IHC) is a statewide membership organization that works to alleviate hunger through education, networking, advocacy and empowerment activities. Projects are designed and resources are pursued to achieve progress towards the implementation of the mission.

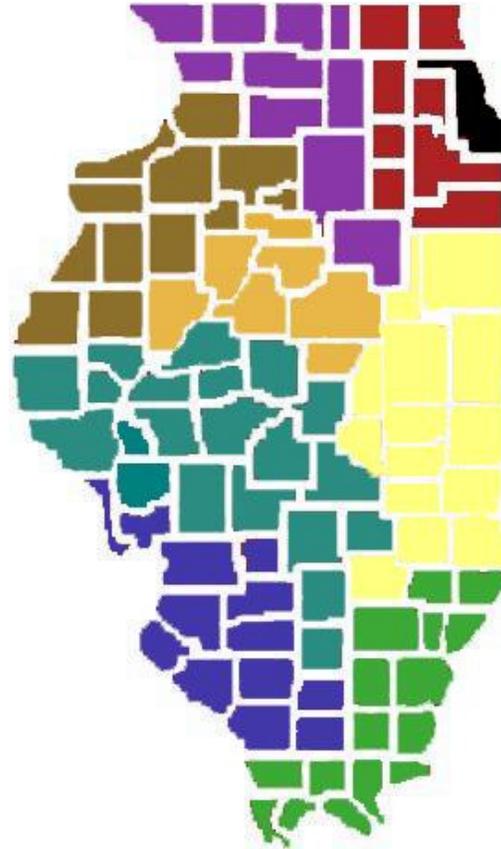
IHC advocates for hunger issues and provides pre-screening for Food Stamps. IHC hosts meetings for the Anti-Hunger Action committee, a network comprised of emergency food providers working to eradicate hunger in Illinois. The committee meets every second Friday at the IHC offices. IHC provides the Hunger Hotline, a toll

¹ America's Second Harvest

free number, where callers can receive information about public assistance programs and be directed to local emergency food providers.

Illinois Food Bank Association

- Hunger Connection
- Northern Illinois Food Bank
- Greater Chicago Food Depository
- Eastern Illinois Food Bank
- Peoria Area Food Bank
- Tri-State Food Bank
- St. Louis Area Food Bank
- Central Illinois Food Bank
- River Bend Food Bank



Illinois Food Bank Association					
Food Bank	Address	City, State, Zip	Phone	Fax	Counties Served
Central Illinois Food Bank	2000 E. Moffat	Springfield, IL 62791	(217) 522-4022	(217) 522-6418	20
Eastern Illinois Food Bank	2405 North Shore Drive	Urbana, IL 61802	(217) 328-3663	(217) 328-3670	14
Hunger Connection	320 South Avon Street	Rockford, IL 61102	(815) 961-7283	(815) 961-0036	10
Greater Chicago Food Depository	400 West Ann Lurie Place	Chicago, IL 60632	(773) 247-3663	(773) 247-4232	1
Northern Illinois Food Bank	600 Industrial Drive	St. Charles, IL 60174	(630) 443-6910	(630) 443-6916	8
Peoria Area Food Bank	721 W. McBean St.	Peoria, IL 61605	(309) 671-3906	(309) 671-3925	8
River Bend Food Bank	309 12th St.	Moline, IL 61265	(309) 764-7434	(309) 764-9388	11
St. Louis Area Food Bank	5959 St. Louis Ave.	St. Louis, MO 63210	(314) 423-6100	(314) 423-1866	12
Tri-State Food Bank	801 E. Michigan St.	Evansville, IN 47711	(812) 425-0775	(812) 425-0776	16

Outreach Opportunities

Community Canvassing

In October, the Center's staff collaborated with Bank One volunteers for a community canvassing event in two tax site locations: Logan Square and the Loop. Flyers listing locations for free tax preparation and the Center's other services were distributed to businesses and other organizations in these two locations. Business owners were asked to post flyers in areas where patrons could view them. Although the focus was not anti-hunger organizations specifically, a similar effort could be made to target only emergency food providers.

Community Events

Several community organizations host events targeting families and individuals who are food insecure or hungry. These events may be monthly or annual meetings, and many are open to the public. Emergency food providers typically belong to a larger network of ant-hunger organizations that have scheduled meetings. Community events provide a great vehicle to outreach to a larger audience. In November, the Center's Outreach Associate and Volunteer Recruitment Assistant attended the St. Vincent De Paul Center's Annual Fall Luncheon for the Homeless. A table was set up for the Center staff to promote and answer questions regarding free tax preparation services. Over 400 people were in attendance and the Center's staff distributed approximately 200 flyers.

Holiday Bag Stuffing

During the Holiday Season, many anti-hunger organizations distribute food baskets to clients. Flyers promoting the Center's free tax preparations services can be included in these baskets. Depending on the size of the organization, there is potential to reach hundreds or thousands of families that qualify to receive the EITC. In December, the Outreach Associate collaborated with the St. Kevin Food Pantry and McKinley Family Services both located in South Chicago for their annual bag-stuffing events. Flyers stating the locations of tax sites were distributed to approximately 200 families in the South Chicago area.

Mass Mailing

In January, the Outreach Department participated in the annual mass mailing that went out to community organizations and elected officials across the state. This year the mailing included anti-hunger organizations. The Outreach Associate compiled a list of over 500 emergency food providers in the state. The list was divided by organizations located in tax sites and organizations outside of tax sites. (See Appendix 1 for list of organizations by tax site). As a result of the mass mailing, anti-hunger organizations across the state received information about free tax preparation in their area as well as services available to them through the Center. The materials in the mailing included:

- A cover letter written specifically for anti-hunger organizations
- Site specific flyer-lists the nearest locations for free tax preparation. A colored copy was enclosed for posting along with a white copy for faxing and copying.

- Tax Site-lists all tax site locations in Chicago or Downstate
- EITC flyer-explains what the EITC is and who is eligible for the credit
- RAL flyer- encourages taxpayers to avoid RALs
- ITIN flyer-explains what an ITIN is and who is eligible to apply

All flyers distributed included Spanish translations. (See page 18 for mass mailing materials).

Newsletters

Many anti-hunger organizations, primarily food banks, distribute newsletters either internally to member agencies or to the public. The member agencies then disseminate information provided in the newsletter to their clients. This is a great way to promote locations for free tax preparation because of the volume of families or individuals who may receive the newsletter. For instance, the Greater Chicago Food Depository included an article about the TCP in its electronic internal newsletter that it distributes to its 600 member agencies. The Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation also included an article in its quarterly newsletter.

Outreach Presentations

Oral Presentations are a great way to establish relationships with anti-hunger organizations because the communication is one-on-one. This is much more personable than sending written information or speaking over the phone. The representatives and potential clients are also more likely to ask questions and share concerns when the interaction is live. Prior knowledge about the organization makes it possible to tailor the presentation to better suit the audience.

Outreach staff described the connection between anti-hunger and the EITC, and explained how the credits work. For many organizations, the best method of outreach was to meet with staff and have them disseminate information to their clients. Others encouraged having the Center's staff speak directly to clients. Many anti-hunger leaders suggested that direct client outreach be done at the beginning of the year because W2s would be received by then. All of the organizations visited agreed to post flyers in their offices in areas frequented by clients.

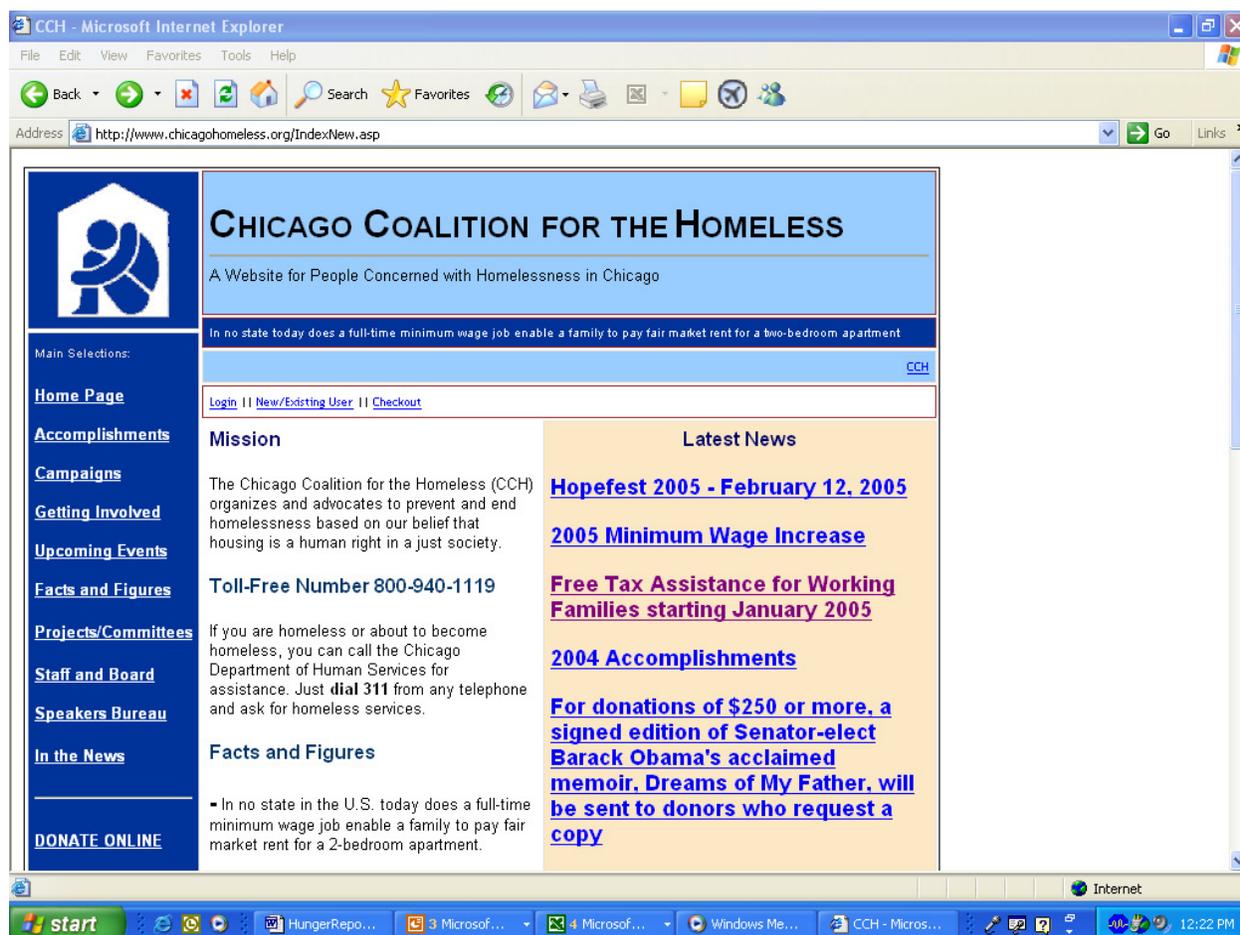
Outreach presentations also proved to be an excellent recruitment opportunity. A number of food providers requested to know how their staff could get involved in the TCP. On several occasions, the Volunteer Assistant accompanied the Outreach staff to recruit volunteer tax preparers.

Web Sites

Posting links to the Center's website on anti-hunger organization sites is another way to promote the EITC. These sites are visited by a large number of community members concerned with hunger and poverty as well as people seeking help. In December, a link to the Center's Press Release was posted on the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

home page. The Center's number was provided for callers to inquire about tax site information. (See attached).

A link providing information about the Tax Counseling Project was posted on the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless Website in December, 2004





January 14, 2005

Dear Emergency Food Provider:

This is to ask for your assistance in getting the word out about free tax preparation services which will be offered in your community this year from January 29 - April 15, 2005. Free tax preparation can be the link to vital income supplements, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, which can help to decrease the likelihood that your clients will face hunger.

The Tax Counseling Project is one of the nation's largest community-based programs providing free tax preparation and tax counseling for low-income working families and individuals. Last year, the Project's 945 volunteers prepared 22,723 federal income tax returns at 29 sites in Illinois. The Project brought back over \$30 million in federal refunds to working families, primarily through the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

As the largest federal anti-poverty program in the country, the Earned Income Tax Credit works to eradicate hunger and food insecurity by lifting millions of families above the poverty line.

The Tax Counseling Project serves families with income under \$36,000, and individuals with incomes under \$15,000. Enclosed are materials explaining the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, and listing the locations for free tax preparation services. We have enclosed color copies for posting and a white copy for faxing and copying purposes. Also enclosed is one flyer encouraging taxpayers to avoid Refund Anticipation Loans (or "Rapid Refunds") and another with information on Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs).

Please feel free to make copies of these materials and distribute them to your constituents. For an electronic copy (PDF) of any of these materials (or if you have any other questions), please feel free to contact Heather Robb at hrobb@centerforprogress.org. We appreciate your willingness to provide these valuable services to working families in your community.

Sincerely,

Tax Counseling Project Director

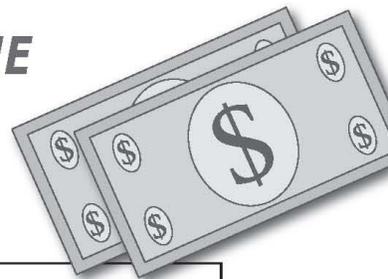
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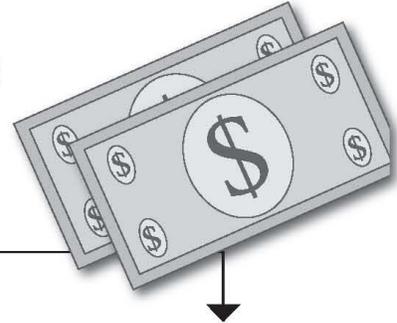
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Basic Cost for Paper Return

Federal Form 1040	
State Form 1040	
Federal W-2 Form (includes 2; add'l are extra)	
Earned Income Tax Credit	
TOTAL	\$120.00

PLUS

Refund Anticipation Loan (RAL)

RAL Application Fee	30.00
Finance & Other Bank Fees	120.00
TOTAL COST	\$270.00



*Prices averaged from H&R Block and midpoints of Jackson Hewitt for Head of Household filer w/2 kids, \$2,100 refund.

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USTED
PUEDE
COMPRAR
CON \$270
DOLARES?**

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Costo Básico de Re-embolso por Correo

Forma Federal 1040	
Forma Estatal 1040	
Forma Federal W2 (incluye 2, adicionales son extra)	
Forma de Crédito Ganado de Impuesto sobre la Renta	
TOTAL	\$120.00

MAS

Préstamo de Re-embolso Anticipado (RAL)

Cargo por el Préstamo Anticipado de Re-embolso	30.00
Cargo del banco y otros cobros financieros	120.00
COSTO TOTAL	\$270.00



*Precios de promedio de H&R Block y puntos intermediarios de Jackson Hewett por declarar como Cabecera de Familia con 2 niños, re-embolso de \$2,100.

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Don't have a Social Security number to file your taxes?

Then request an ITIN

The ITIN, or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, is a number given to persons who need to file a tax return, but are not eligible for a Social Security Number (SSN). The ITIN is *NOT* a Social Security Number. It does not allow a person to get Social Security benefits, the Earned Income Tax Credit, or to work legally in the United States.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The ITIN is for certain non-residents, resident aliens, their spouses, and their dependents. If you do not have a Social Security Number, you can apply for an ITIN for yourself, your spouse and dependents in the United States and also for those dependents (like your spouse, children, parents, brothers and sisters) living in Mexico or Canada.



HOW DO I APPLY FOR AN ITIN?

You must demonstrate the need for an ITIN by having a tax reporting requirement such as a tax return or a new or existing interest bearing account in your name. To apply, complete IRS Form W-7, along with a tax return (Form 1040) or provide proof of ownership of an interest bearing account, and submit it with acceptable identification documents. Original documents are preferred. Notarized or certified copies may also be acceptable. Expired documents are not acceptable. In most cases, two different identification documents are required. A valid passport is the only document that may be used alone.

These are some examples of acceptable identification documents:



- Passport (may be used alone)
- Matricula consular
- Birth certificate
- An identity card issued by a U.S. state or government authority
- Foreign military identity card
- Foreign driver's license
- Foreign voters' registration card
- School records



WHERE CAN I APPLY FOR AN ITIN?

You can apply for an ITIN at no cost at your local Internal Revenue Service office. To find the location of the nearest office, call 1-800-829-1040. The Midwest Tax Clinic at the Center for Economic Progress can also provide an application and information. Please call the Clinic at (312) 630-0284 to find out more.



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¿No cuenta con un número del Seguro Social para declarar sus impuestos?

Entonces solicite un ITIN

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¿QUIÉN LO PUEDE SOLICITAR?

El ITIN es para ciertas personas no-residentes, residentes extranjeros, sus cónyuges y sus dependientes. Si no tienen un número del Seguro Social, puede solicitar un ITIN para usted, su cónyuge, y para sus dependientes dentro de los Estados Unidos, así como para sus dependientes que vivan en México o en Canadá, como su cónyuge, sus hijos, padres, y hermanos.



¿CÓMO SOLICITO UN ITIN?

Debe comprobar la necesidad de un ITIN por el requerimiento de declarar sus impuestos, o por abrir o tener ya una cuenta de ahorros a su nombre. Para obtener un ITIN, necesita llenar un formulario W-7 de la IRS y presentarlo acompañado de su declaración de impuestos (Formulario 1040) o de un comprobante de que tenga usted una cuenta bancaria de ahorros produciendo intereses, y también deberá presentar documentos de identificación aceptables. Se prefieren documentos originales. Copias notariadas o certificadas también podrán ser aceptables. No se aceptan documentos con fecha vencida. En la mayoría de los casos, se requieren dos documentos de identificación diferentes. El único documento que podrá usarse sólo es un pasaporte válido.

Éstos son algunos ejemplos de documentos de identificación aceptables:



- Pasaporte (podrá usarse sólo)
- Matrícula consular
- Actas de nacimiento
- Cédula de identidad emitida por una agencia del gobierno federal o estatal de los Estados Unidos
- Cartilla militar del extranjero
- Licencia de conducir del extranjero
- Cédula de registro electoral del extranjero
- Documentos académicos



¿DÓNDE PUEDO SOLICITAR UN ITIN?

Usted puede solicitar un ITIN, sin costo alguno, en su oficina local del Servicio de Impuestos Internos (IRS). Para encontrar la oficina más cercana a usted, llame al 800-829-1040. La Midwest Tax Clinic del Center for Economic Progress también le puede proporcionar una solicitud y mayor información. Llame a la Clínica al (312) 630-0284 para mayor información.



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BACK OF THE YARDS

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BRONZEVILLE

ShoreBank Bronzeville
3401 S. King Drive
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Saturdays, 10am - 1pm

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2570 S. Blue Island Avenue
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ROGERS PARK

Trilogy
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Wednesdays, 5:30 - 8pm
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Southeast Chicago Development
Commission Job Resource Ctr.
2938 E. 91st Street
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UPTOWN

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WEST HAVEN

Suder Elementary School
2022 W. Washington
Saturdays, 10am - 1pm

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BLOOMINGTON

Bloomington Housing Authority
104 E. Wood Street
Tues & Thurs, 5:30 - 7:30pm
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Bloomington Public Library

205 E. Olive Street
Wed., 6-8pm (Feb 2-Apr 6 only)

CHAMPAIGN

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HARVEY

Harvey Public Library District
15441 Turlington Avenue
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JOLIET

Joliet Public Library
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MARION

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Saturdays, 10am - 1pm

MOLINE

Illinois Employment Training Ctr.
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Normal Senior Center
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Thursdays, 1pm - 3pm

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206 W. College Avenue
Mondays, 6pm - 8pm

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Carver Community Center
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CLIENT INTAKE SHEET

Tax Counseling Project



YOUR INFORMATION:

 First Name M.I. Last Name Social Security Number / ITIN

SPOUSE INFORMATION:

 First Name M.I. Last Name (if different) Social Security Number / ITIN

ADDRESS:

 Street Apt City State Zip

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Telephone Numbers:

	YOU	SPOUSE	OCCUPATION	
Daytime	_____	_____	_____	_____
Evening	_____	_____	Your Occupation	# Jobs in 2004

Date of Birth:

Age:

_____	_____	_____	Spouse Occupation	# Jobs in 2004
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MARITAL STATUS:

Single Married Divorced Widowed Married, living separate since (when) _____

FAMILY INFORMATION - Do not include yourself or your spouse. Please list everyone who lived in your home during 2004. Also list anyone who did not live with you that you supported.					
Name	Age as of 12/31/04	Birthday	Social Security Number/ITIN	Relationship	Months lived with you in 2004

- | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Can your parents or someone else claim you or your spouse as a dependent? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Did you or anyone in your family have income in 2004 that was not reported on a W-2? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Did you or anyone in your family attend college or vocational school in 2004? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Did you pay for child care in 2004? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Did you receive Social Security payments in 2004? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Did you receive unemployment payments in 2004? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do you own your home? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Have you received a letter from the IRS? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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GENERAL INFORMATION: (Please circle the appropriate answer)

(1) **What is your ethnicity?** AA-African American AS-Asian/Pacific Islander CA-Caucasian
 LA-Latino NA-Native American OT-Other 99-

(2) **Do you have a bank account?** CH-Checking SA-Savings BO-Both, Checking and Savings
 NB-No, but would like one NO-Not Interested DQ-No, Don't qualify OS-Opened at Site 99-
Do you want to use Direct Deposit to get a faster refund? Yes No

(3) **What is your native language?** EN-English SP-Spanish RS-Russian CH-Chinese
 PO-Polish OT-Other 99-

(4) **How did you have your taxes done last year?** 1-Here 2-Another free place like this
 3-Did my own 4-Family or Friend (free) 5-Paid someone and received an instant refund
 6-Paid someone without instant refund 7-Did not file 99-

(5) **How did you hear about this place?**
 1-Filed here last year 2-Heard an ad 3-Flyer/Newspaper 4-Walked by
 5-Friend/Family Member 6-Someone else told me 9-Not sure 99-

(6) **Did you receive food stamps, TANF, or Medicaid in 2003?**
 1-Yes 2-Don't recall 3-No, but would like to apply 4-No, and not interested 99-

The information contained in this client intake sheet is true and correct. I understand that the Center for Economic Progress will retain this information for tax preparation purposes. I realize that the Center will also use this information to improve tax assistance services to me, speed preparation of tax returns, and offer other services. Personal information is not shared with or sold to any other organization or company. Contact the Center for Economic Progress for a copy of our Privacy Policy or to request the Project not use your information.

Client Signature: _____ Date: _____

DISPOSITION AND CHECKLIST: *(This section is completed by a Tax Counseling Project volunteer.)*

- (7) **Client would be appropriate for an interview, media contact, or photo.** 1-Yes 2-No 3-Don't use info
- Run and Print Diagnostics.
 - Comments entered in client diary on TaxWise.
 - Copy of W-2s and 1099s in file.
 - Social Security Numbers, bank account and address verified.
 - Two Signed 8453 E-File signature authorizations in file.
 - Direct Deposit and Client Information verified.

PRINT Volunteer Name: _____ Date: _____

THIS INTAKE SHEET AND TAX RETURN HAS BEEN REVIEWED FOR COMPLETENESS AND ACCURACY:

Site Manager: _____ Date: _____

Make sure this section is complete. Site manager should sign and date the form before the client leaves.

Appendix 1

Emergency Food Providers By Tax Site: Chicago

Food Provider	Address	City, State	Zip	Foodbank
Auburn Gresham				
Baptist Church Without Spot Pantry	9322 S. Halsted	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
Beverly Hills SDA Church Pantry	9356 S. Justine	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
Commonwealth Community Church PY	140 W. 81st St.	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
Faith Pentecostal Holiness PY	8044 S. Racine	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
Family Cares Mission PY	7859 S. Ashland	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
First Church of Love & Faith PY	2147 W. 79th St.	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
Greater Mt. Hebron MB Church PY	8000 S. Wood	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
Masonic Food Cellar	705 W. 79th St.	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
New Joy Divine PY	7836 South Union Ave.	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
Oakdale Covenant Church PY	9440 S. Vincennes	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
Progressive Beulah Pentecostal S.K.	1301 W. 87th St.	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
Rock of Love MBC PY	7628 S. Ashland	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
St. Elizabeth Catholic Worker PY	8025 S. Honore	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
St. James A.M.E. Church PY	9255 S. Perry	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
St. Sabina Parish PY	1120 W. 79th St.	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
Victory Apostolic Faith Church PY	8053 S. May	Chicago, IL	60620	GCFFD
Back of the Yards				
Central American Martyrs S.K.	5045 S. Laflin	Chicago, IL	60609	GCFFD
Christ Temple COC PY	5252 S. Ashland	Chicago, IL	60609	GCFFD
Fairfield Baptist Church PY	1449 W. 51st St.	Chicago, IL	60609	GCFFD
Fellowship MBC Church PY	45th Place & Princeton Ave.	Chicago, IL	60609	GCFFD
Firman Community Services PY	4644 S. Dearborn	Chicago, IL	60609	GCFFD
For Your Consciousness PY	1923 W. 51st St.	Chicago, IL	60609	GCFFD
Greatest Harvest MBC PY	5121 S. State St.	Chicago, IL	60609	GCFFD
Holy Cross I.H.M. PY	4600 S. Honore	Chicago, IL	60609	GCFFD
Innerecity Muslim Action Ntwk PY	5301 S. Justine	Chicago, IL	60609	GCFFD
New Life SDA Community Services PY	5001 S. Hermitage	Chicago, IL	60609	GCFFD
St. Maurice Church PY	3615 S. Hoyne	Chicago, IL	60609	GCFFD
Union Ave AMC PY	4356 South Union Ave.	Chicago, IL	60609	GCFFD
Wentworth Gardens PY	262 W. Pershing	Chicago, IL	60609	GCFFD

Bronzeville

6th Grace Presbyterian Church PY	600 E. 35th St.	Chicago, IL	60616	GCFD
Henry Booth House-Dearbom PY	2328 S. Dearborn	Chicago, IL	60616	GCFD
Latin American Youth Center PY	731 W. 17th St.	Chicago, IL	60616	GCFD
Providence of God S.K.	717 W. 18th St.	Chicago, IL	60616	GCFD
Quinn Chapel Church PY	2401 S. Wabash	Chicago, IL	60616	GCFD
St. James Church PY	2907 S. Wabash	Chicago, IL	60616	GCFD
Humboldt Park				
God's Helping Hand PY	5820 W. Chicago	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
Healing Temple COGIC #1 PY	4941 W. Chicago Ave.	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
Humboldt Park Food PY	1116 N. Kedzie	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
North Austin Lutheran PY	1500 N. Mason	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
Our Lady Help of Christ:SVDP PY	832 N. LeClaire	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
Our Lady of the Angels PY	3808 W. Iowa	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
Pine Avenue United Church PY	1015 North Pine Avenue	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
Ruby Memorial AME PY	1005 N. Pulaski	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
Lawndale				
Holy Temple Community Church PY	4508 W. Harrison	Chicago, IL	60624	GCFD
House of Prayer C.O.G.I.C. PY	3551 W. Roosevelt Rd.	Chicago, IL	60624	GCFD
Independence SDA Community PY	3808 W. Polk St.	Chicago, IL	60624	GCFD
Monroe Church of Christ PY	3300 W. Monroe	Chicago, IL	60624	GCFD
New Morning Star MBC PY	206-208 S. Hamlin	Chicago, IL	60624	GCFD
Presentation Covenant Food PY	734 S. Springfield	Chicago, IL	60624	GCFD
St. Rest #2 M.B.C. PY	700 S. Pulaski	Chicago, IL	60624	GCFD
Sunlight of The Spirit PY	312 N. Kedzie	Chicago, IL	60624	GCFD
United Baptist Church PY	4220 W. Roosevelt Rd.	Chicago, IL	60624	GCFD
Urban Family and Community Center PY	4241 W. Washington Blvd.	Chicago, IL	60624	GCFD
Logan Square				
Armitage Baptist Food PY	2505 N. Kedzie Blvd.	Chicago, IL	60647	GCFD
Celestial Vision Food Pantry	3023 W. Fullerton Ave.	Chicago, IL	60647	GCFD
Divine Helping Hand Pantry	800 N. Kedzie	Chicago, IL	60647	GCFD
Elijah's Pantry	2649 N. Francisco	Chicago, IL	60647	GCFD
Humboldt Park: Social Svcs. PY	2120 N. Mozart	Chicago, IL	60647	GCFD
Humboldt Park: Social Svcs. S.K.	2122 N. Mozart	Chicago, IL	60647	GCFD
Marina Fontanez PY	1710 N. Central Park	Chicago, IL	60647	GCFD
Our Lady of Grace Parish PY	2455 N. Hamlin	Chicago, IL	60647	GCFD
San Lucas Food PY	2914 W. North Ave.	Chicago, IL	60647	GCFD

Soldiers of the Cross PY 3247 W. North Ave. Chicago, IL 60647 GCFD
 St. John UC Church PY 2442 W. Moffat Chicago, IL 60647 GCFD
 St. Sylvester Parish PY 2157 N. Humoldt Ave Chicago, IL 60647 GCFD

Pilsen

Great Hope Family Center PY 2622 W. Cermak Rd. Chicago, IL 60608 GCFD
 Great Hope Family Center S.K. 2622 W. Cermak Rd. Chicago, IL 60608 GCFD
 Great Hope Family Center Shelter 2622 W. Cermak Rd. Chicago, IL 60608 GCFD
 Pilsen Little Village PY 2635 W. 23rd St. Chicago, IL 60608 GCFD
 St. Adalbert Food PY 1650 W. 17th St. Chicago, IL 60608 GCFD
 St. Pius Parish PY 1919 S. Ashland Chicago, IL 60608 GCFD
 St. Pius Parish Soup Kitchen 1919 S. Ashland Chicago, IL 60608 GCFD
 St. Procopius Church PY 1641 S. Allport St. Chicago, IL 60608 GCFD

Rogers Park

Good News Community Kitchen 7649 N. Paulina Chicago, IL 60626 GCFD
 Haitian American Immigrant PY 7101 N. Glenwood Ave. Chicago, IL 60626 GCFD
 Howard Area Community Center PY 7648 N. Paulina Chicago, IL 60626 GCFD
 St. Ignatius Parish PY 6559 N. Glenwood Ave. Chicago, IL 60626 GCFD
 United Church of Rogers Park S.K. 1545 W. Morse Ave. Chicago, IL 60626 GCFD

South Chicago

Centro Comunitario Juan Diego 8812 South Commercial Chicago, IL 60617 GCFD
 Chicago DHS, Southeast 30129 East 93rd St. Chicago, IL 60617 GCFD
 Church of Annunciata PY 11128 South Avenue G Chicago, IL 60617 GCFD
 Greater Chicago Food Depository 4529 South Tripp Ave. Chicago, IL 60609 GCFD
 Mother and Child Nutrition Program 7320 South Yale Chicago, IL 60621 GCFD
 Our Lady Gate of Heaven PY 2338 East 99th St. Chicago, IL 60617 GCFD
 Southeast Emergency Food Pantry 2938 East 91st St. Chicago, IL 60617 GCFD
 St. Kevin Food PY 10509 South Torrence Chicago, IL 60617 GCFD
 St. Vincent DePaul Pantry 9390 South Kreiter Chicago, IL 60617 GCFD
 St. Vincent DePaul Pantry, St. Florian Church 13145 S. Houston Chicago, IL 60633 GCFD
 St. Vincent DePaul Pantry, St. Francis DeSales Church 102nd St. & Ewing Ave. Chicago, IL 60617 GCFD
 Trinity Resurrection United 9046 South Mackinaw Chicago, IL 60617 GCFD
 WIC Office 2938 East 89th St. Chicago, IL 60617 GCFD
 WIC Store 8959 South Commercial Ave. Chicago, IL 60617 GCFD

Uptown

All Saints Episcopal PY	1757 W. Wilson	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
All Saints Episcopal SK	1757 W. Wilson	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
American Indian Center PY	1630 W. Wilson	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
Breakthrough Urban Min. PY	5249 N. Ashland	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
Breakthrough Urban Min. S.K.	5249-B N. Ashland Ave.	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
Breakthrough Urban Min. Shelter	5251 N. Ashland	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
Chicago Uptown Uptown Ministries PY	4720 N. Sheridan	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
Cornerstone Outreach PY	4626 N. Clifton	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
Cornerstone Outreach S.K.	4626 N. Clifton	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
Cornerstone Outreach SH	4626 N. Clifton	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
New Seed PY	4716 N. Malden	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
Our Lady of Lourdes S.K.	4641 N. Ashland	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
R.E.S.T. Men's Shelter	941 W. Lawrence	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
R.E.S.T. Women's Shelter	1011 W. Wilson	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
Salvation Army:Uptown PY	1025 W. Sunnyside	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
Salvation Army:Uptown SK	1025 W. Sunnyside	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
St. Thomas of Canterbury PY	4827 N. Kenmore	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
St. Thomas of Canterbury S.K.	4827 N. Kenmore	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
The Preston Bradley Center PY	941 W. Lawrence	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
TSA:Emergency Lodge Shelter	800 W. Lawrence	Chicago, IL	60640	GCFD
West Garfield Park				
Holy Temple Community Church PY	4508 W. Harrison	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
House of Prayer C.O.G.I.C. PY	3551 W. Roosevelt Rd.	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
Independence SDA Community PY	3808 W. Polk St.	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
Monroe Church of Christ PY	3300 W. Monroe	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
New Morning Star MBC PY	206-208 S. Hamlin	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
Presentation Covenant PY	734 S. Springfield	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
St. Rest #2 M.B.C. PY	700 S. Pulaski	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
Sunlight of the Spirit PY	312 N. Kedzie	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
United Baptist Church PY	4220 W. Roosevelt Rd.	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD
Urban Family and Community Center PY	4241 W. Washington Blvd.	Chicago, IL	60651	GCFD

West Haven

Cathedral Shelter of Chicago PY 1668 W. Ogden Chicago, IL 60612 GCFFD
Catholic Charities: Jackson PY 3129 W. Jackson Chicago, IL 60612 GCFFD
Fillmore Christian House Prr. PY 2918 W. Fillmore Chicago, IL 60612 GCFFD
First Baptist Congregational PY 1613 W. Washington Blvd. Chicago, IL 60612 GCFFD
Greater Holy Temple C.O.G.I.C. PY 246 N. California Chicago, IL 60612 GCFFD
Holy Family Notre Dame PY 1029 S. May St. Chicago, IL 60612 GCFFD
Marillac House Food PY 212 S. Francisco Chicago, IL 60612 GCFFD
Mt. Sinai MBC Food PY 2841 W. Washington Blvd Chicago, IL 60612 GCFFD
Onward Huse Food PY 600 N. Leavitt Chicago, IL 60612 GCFFD
Precious Blood Parish PY 2411 W. Congress Pkwy. Chicago, IL 60612 GCFFD
TSA:Midwest Corps PY 20 S. Campbell Chicago, IL 60612 GCFFD
Walls Memorial PY 200 S. Sacramento Chicago, IL 60612 GCFFD
Walls Memorial S.K. 200 S. Sacramento Chicago, IL 60612 GCFFD

Woodlawn

First Presbyterian:Kimbark PY 6400 S. Kimbark Chicago, IL 60637 GCFFD
First Presbyterian:Kimbark S.K. 6400 S. Kimbark Chicago, IL 60637 GCFFD
Hyde Park Kenwood Interfaith PY 5600 S. Woodlawn Chicago, IL 60637 GCFFD
LCFS Refugee Settlement PY 6127 S. University Chicago, IL 60637 GCFFD
Martin Temple Community Ftn. PY 6930 S. Cottage Grove Ave. Chicago, IL 60637 GCFFD
Parkway Garden Christian Church PY 6600 S. King Dr. Chicago, IL 60637 GCFFD
Project Care PY 710 E. 62nd St. Chicago, IL 60637 GCFFD
Shiloh SDA Dorcas Society PY 7000 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60637 GCFFD
St. Gelasius Church PY 6415 S. Woodlawn Chicago, IL 60637 GCFFD
St. Phillip Lutheran Church PY 6232 S. Eberhart Chicago, IL 60637 GCFFD
St. Phillip Neir Service Center PY 2132 E. 72nd St. Chicago, IL 60637 GCFFD

Emergency Food Providers By Tax Site: Northern Illinois

Food Provider	Address	City, State	Zip	Foodbank
Elgin				
1st Congregational UCC S.K.	256 E. Chicago St.	Elgin, IL	60120	Northern Illinois Foodbank
1st United Methodist SK-Elgin	216 E. Highland Ave.	Elgin, IL	60120	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Bethesda Church of God	454 Hickory Pl.	Elgin, IL	60120	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Centro De Informacion Pantry	28 N. Grove Ave.	Elgin, IL	60120	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Community Cristis Center	37 S. Geneva	Elgin, IL	60120	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Hand in Hand Pantry	5 N. Geneva St.	Elgin, IL	60120	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Templo Calvario Food Pantry	270 E. Chicago St.	Elgin, IL	60120	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Templo Calvario Soup Kitchen	270 E. Chicago St.	Elgin, IL	60120	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Two Rivers Head Start Pantry	620 Wing St.	Elgin, IL	60123	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Wayside Center Pantry	441 Dundee Ave.	Elgin, IL	60120	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Zion Evangelical Lutheran S.K.	330 S. Griswold	Elgin, IL	60123	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Harvey				
Bethel Gospel Tabernacle PY	15100 S. Page	Harvey, IL	60426	GCFFD
Millenium Ministries PY	15300 S. Marshfield	Harvey, IL	60426	GCFFD
New Covenant COGIC PY	14838 S. Page	Harvey, IL	60426	GCFFD
New Mount Olive Christian Help PY	15643 Wood St.	Harvey, IL	60426	GCFFD
New Shining Light COGIC PY	15400 Lincoln Ave.	Harvey, IL	60426	GCFFD
Restoration Ministries PY	253 E. 159th St.	Harvey, IL	60426	GCFFD
Restoration Ministries-Harvey House Shelter	259 E. 159th St.	Harvey, IL	60426	GCFFD
St. Susanna Family Shelter	14926 S. Honore	Harvey, IL	60426	GCFFD
Thornton Township Food PY	167 E. 154th St.	Harvey, IL	60426	GCFFD

Joliet

Blessing Bench Pantry	416 Benton	Joliet, IL	60432 Northern Illinois Foodbank
CFM Lamb's Fold Women's Center Shelter	153 S. Ottawa St.	Joliet, IL	60436 Northern Illinois Foodbank
Life Line Food Pantry	503 S. Water St.	Joliet, IL	60436 Northern Illinois Foodbank
Morning Star Mission S.K.	350 E. Washington St.	Joliet, IL	60433 Northern Illinois Foodbank
Mt. Zion Lift Him Up Ministries Pantry	351 N. Ottawa	Joliet, IL	60434 Northern Illinois Foodbank
Sacred Heart-Family Table SK	337 S. Ottawa St.	Joliet, IL	60436 Northern Illinois Foodbank
Second Baptist Blessing Table S.K.	156 S. Joliet St.	Joliet, IL	60436 Northern Illinois Foodbank
Second Baptist Food Pantry	156 S. Joliet St.	Joliet, IL	60436 Northern Illinois Foodbank
Shepard's Table Daybreak S.K.	611 E. Cass St.	Joliet, IL	60436 Northern Illinois Foodbank
Spanish Center, Inc. FP	309 N. Eastern Ave.	Joliet, IL	60432 Northern Illinois Foodbank
St. John The Baptist FP	260 Division St.	Joliet, IL	60435 Northern Illinois Foodbank
The Salvation Army Food Pantry	200 Third Ave.	Joliet, IL	60433 Northern Illinois Foodbank
Warren Sharp Comm Ctr. Pantry	454 S. Joliet St.	Joliet, IL	60436 Northern Illinois Foodbank

Rockford

Allen Chapel S.K.	206 S. Winnebago St.	Rockford, IL	61102 Hunger Connection
Christ the Carpenter PY	1100 S. Winnebago St.	Rockford, IL	61102 Hunger Connection
Christian Union PY	1705 Kilburn Ave.	Rockford, IL	61101 Hunger Connection
Collier Gardens PY	2901 Searles Ave.	Rockford, IL	61101 Hunger Connection
Cornucopia PY	402 Market St.	Rockford, IL	61107 Hunger Connection
Emmanuel Lutheran PY	920 3rd Ave.	Rockford, IL	61104 Hunger Connection
Gentle Shepherd PY	2905 Bildahl St.	Rockford, IL	61109 Hunger Connection
Living Word Ministries PY	2411 W. State St.	Rockford, IL	61102 Hunger Connection
Meld Trinity House S.K.	620 Kishwaukee St.	Rockford, IL	61104 Hunger Connection
Rock River Valley Kenrock Satellite PY	3218 11th St.	Rockford, IL	61109 Hunger Connection
Rock River Valley PY	1080 Elm St.	Rockford, IL	61102 Hunger Connection
Rock River Valley Satellite PY	1100 Broadway	Rockford, IL	61102 Hunger Connection
Salvation Army Citadel S.K.	210 N. Kilburn St.	Rockford, IL	61104 Hunger Connection
Shelter Care Ministries S.K.	412 N. Church St.	Rockford, IL	61101 Hunger Connection
St. Elizabeths PY	1505 S. Main St.	Rockford, IL	61103 Hunger Connection
St. Elizabeths S.K.	1505 S. Main St.	Rockford, IL	61102 Hunger Connection
W.A.V.E. S.K.	317 S. Church St.	Rockford, IL	61102 Hunger Connection
West Side S.K.	3617 Delaware St.	Rockford, IL	61101 Hunger Connection
Zion Lutheran PY	618 S. 5th St.	Rockford, IL	61102 Hunger Connection

Waukegan

A Safe Place	P.O. Box 1067	Waukegan, IL	60079	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Boys & Girls Club of Lake CO.	724 S. Genessee St.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
C.O.O.L. Food Pantry	127 W. Water St.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Care Cupboard of CC	671 S. Lewis Ave.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Catholic Charities Laek Co. FP	671 S. Lewis Ave.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Christian Faith Fellowship	1730 Washington, Suite A1	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Christian Fellowship Church FP	621 Belvidere St.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Community Christian Church FP	1400 Yorkhouse Rd.	Waukegan, IL	60087	Northern Illinois Foodbank
First United Methodist S.K.	128 N. MLK JR. Ave.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Greater Faith Church FP	565 Powell Ave.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Happy Day Nursery School	540 McAlister Ave.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Holy Family Bread Basket	407 Tiffany Dr.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Holy Family Food Pantry	914 8th St.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Holy Family Food Pantry-West	1521 Lloyd Ave.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Holy Family Parish Outreach Center	509 M.L.K. Ave.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Lake Co Comm Action FP	106 S. Sheridan Rd.	Waukegan, IL	60079	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Lake Co Comm Action Partnership	P.O. Box 9059	Waukegan, IL	60079	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Liberty Temple Food Pantry	711 Eight St.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Mt. Moriah Christian Center FP	524 10th St.	Waukegan, IL	60064	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Mt. Sinai Baptist Church	513 Lincoln Ave.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
North Shore Church Christ S.K.	326 Julian St.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Peace of God Outreach	589 Old Sokie Rd.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Shiloh Baptist Church	800 S. Genessee St.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
St. Anastasia Food Pantry	624 Douglas Ave.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
St. Patrick Catholic Church	28 Burton St.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
The Salvation Army Lake Co. FP	850 S. Greenbay Rd.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
The Salvation Army-Waukegan S.K.	506 S. Sheridan Rd.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
The Staben Center	424 S. Ave.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Waukegan Baptist Bible Church	1500 Sunset Ave.	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank
Waukegan Hispanic SDA Church	1300 N. Ave	Waukegan, IL	60085	Northern Illinois Foodbank

Emergency Food Providers By Tax Site: Downstate

Food Provider	Address	City, State	Zip	Foodbank
Alton				
Christ Food Pantry	213 E. 6th St.	Alton, IL	62002	St. Louis Area Foodbank
River Bend	4870 Humbert Rd.	Alton, IL	62002	St. Louis Area Foodbank
Salvation Army Food Pantry	524 Alby St.	Alton, IL	62002	St. Louis Area Foodbank
Salvation Army Food Shelter	524 Alby St.	Alton, IL	62002	St. Louis Area Foodbank
Bloomington				
Clare House	703 E. Washington	Bloomington, IL	61701	Peoria Area Foodbank
Holy Trinity St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry	711 N. Main	Bloomington, IL	61701	Peoria Area Foodbank
Home Sweet Home Mission FP	303 E. Oakland	Bloomington, IL	61701	Peoria Area Foodbank
Home Sweet Home Mission S.K.	303 E. Oakland	Bloomington, IL	61701	Peoria Area Foodbank
Loaves & Fishes	527 W. Jackson	Bloomington, IL	61701	Peoria Area Foodbank
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Food Pantry	801 W. Market St.	Bloomington, IL	61701	Peoria Area Foodbank
Salvation Army Food Pantry	611 W. Washington	Bloomington, IL	61701	Peoria Area Foodbank
Western Avenue Center	600 N. Western Ave.	Bloomington, IL	61701	Peoria Area Foodbank
Normal				
Bread of Life Food Pantry	800 E. Vernon	Normal, IL	61761	Peoria Area Foodbank
Center of Hope FP	116 N. Cottage	Normal, IL	61761	Peoria Area Foodbank
East View Christian Church FP	1500 N. Airport Rd.	Normal, IL	61761	Peoria Area Foodbank
Champaign				
Center for Women in Transition S.K.	508 E. Church	Champaign, IL	61820	Eastern Illinois Foodbank
Grace Lutheran Church S.K.	313 S. Prospect Ave.	Champaign, IL	61820	Eastern Illinois Foodbank
Liberty Temple Church Pantry	1218 Holiday Dr.	Champaign, IL	61821	Eastern Illinois Foodbank
Old Landmark COGIC Food Pantry	2009 W. William	Champaign, IL	61821	Eastern Illinois Foodbank
Salvation Army-Champaign Pantry	125 E. University	Champaign, IL	61824	Eastern Illinois Foodbank
St. Jude's Catholic S.K.	317 S. Randolph	Champaign, IL	61820	Eastern Illinois Foodbank
TIMES Center Shelter	70 E. Washington	Champaign, IL	61820	Eastern Illinois Foodbank
Decatur				
Ambassadors for Christ Food Pantry	1705 N. Maple	Decatur, IL	62523	Central Illinois Foodbank
Catholic Charities Food Pantry	401 N. MLK Dr.	Decatur, IL	62523	Central Illinois Foodbank
Good Samaritan S.K.	543 N. Water	Decatur, IL	62523	Central Illinois Foodbank
Grace House Shelter	851 E. Cantrell St.	Decatur, IL	62521	Central Illinois Foodbank
Moundford Food Pantry	1803 E. Mund Rd.	Decatur, IL	62524	Central Illinois Foodbank
Northeast Community Fund	825 N. Water	Decatur, IL	62523	Central Illinois Foodbank
Salvation Army-Decatur Food Pantry	229 W. Main	Decatur, IL	62523	Central Illinois Foodbank

East St. Louis			
East St. Louis Township Food Pantry	6755 State St.	East St. Louis, IL	62201 St. Louis Area Foodbank
Haynes Miracle	823 Pennsylvania	East St. Louis, IL	62203 St. Louis Area Foodbank
Holy Angels Shelter	1410 N. 37th	East St. Louis, IL	62204 St. Louis Area Foodbank
Salvation Army	616 N. 16th	East St. Louis, IL	62203 St. Louis Area Foodbank
St. Vincent DePaul S.K.	3718 State St.	East St. Louis, IL	62203 St. Louis Area Foodbank
Marion			
Marion Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry	103 E. Calvert St.	Marion, IL	62959 St. Louis Area Foodbank
Marion Ministerial Alliance S.K.	103 E. Calvert St.	Marion, IL	62959 St. Louis Area Foodbank
Salvation Army-Marion Food Pantry	104 S. Van Buren	Marion, IL	62959 St. Louis Area Foodbank
Moline			
Christian Friendliness Assoc. Food Pantry	3928 12th Ave.	Moline, IL	61265 River Bend Foodbank
Gaines Chapel Watertown Food Pantry	311 19th St.	East Moline, IL	61244 River Bend Foodbank
St. John's Luther Food Pantry	1450 30th Ave.	East Moline, IL	61244 River Bend Foodbank
St. Mary's Food Pantry	412 10th St.	Moline, IL	61365 River Bend Foodbank
Peoria			
Carver Center FP	710 W. Third	Peoria, IL	61605 Peoria Area Foodbank
Catholic Social Service FP	1406 Antoinette	Peoria, IL	61604 Peoria Area Foodbank
City of Refuge FP	2201 SW Adams	Peoria, IL	61602 Peoria Area Foodbank
First United Methodist S.K.	116 Perry	Peoria, IL	61603 Peoria Area Foodbank
Neighborhood Ministries Food Pantry	3201 NE Madison	Peoria, IL	61603 Peoria Area Foodbank
Neighborhood Ministries S.K.	3201 NE Madison	Peoria, IL	61603 Peoria Area Foodbank
Peoria Outreach Center FP	837 W. Main	Peoria, IL	61606 Peoria Area Foodbank
Peoria Outreach Center S.K.	837 W. Main	Peoria, IL	61606 Peoria Area Foodbank
Salvation Army Family Services FP	414 NE Jefferson	Peoria, IL	61655 Peoria Area Foodbank
Salvation Army Family Services S.K.	414 NE Jefferson	Peoria, IL	61655 Peoria Area Foodbank
South Side Office of Concern FP	1316 SW Adams	Peoria, IL	61602 Peoria Area Foodbank
Springfield			
Episcopal Food Pantry	611 E. Jackson	Springfield, IL	62701 Central Illinois Foodbank
Fifth Street Renaissance Shelter	518 N. 5th St.	Springfield, IL	62702 Central Illinois Foodbank
Helping Hands of Springfield Shelter	200 S. 11th St.	Springfield, IL	62703 Central Illinois Foodbank
Salvation Army-Springfield Food Pantry	530 N. 6th St.	Springfield, IL	62703 Central Illinois Foodbank
St. John's Breadline S.K.	430 N. 5th St.	Springfield, IL	62703 Central Illinois Foodbank
St. Martin DePorres Center Food Pantry	1725 S. Grand Ave. East	Springfield, IL	62702 Central Illinois Foodbank

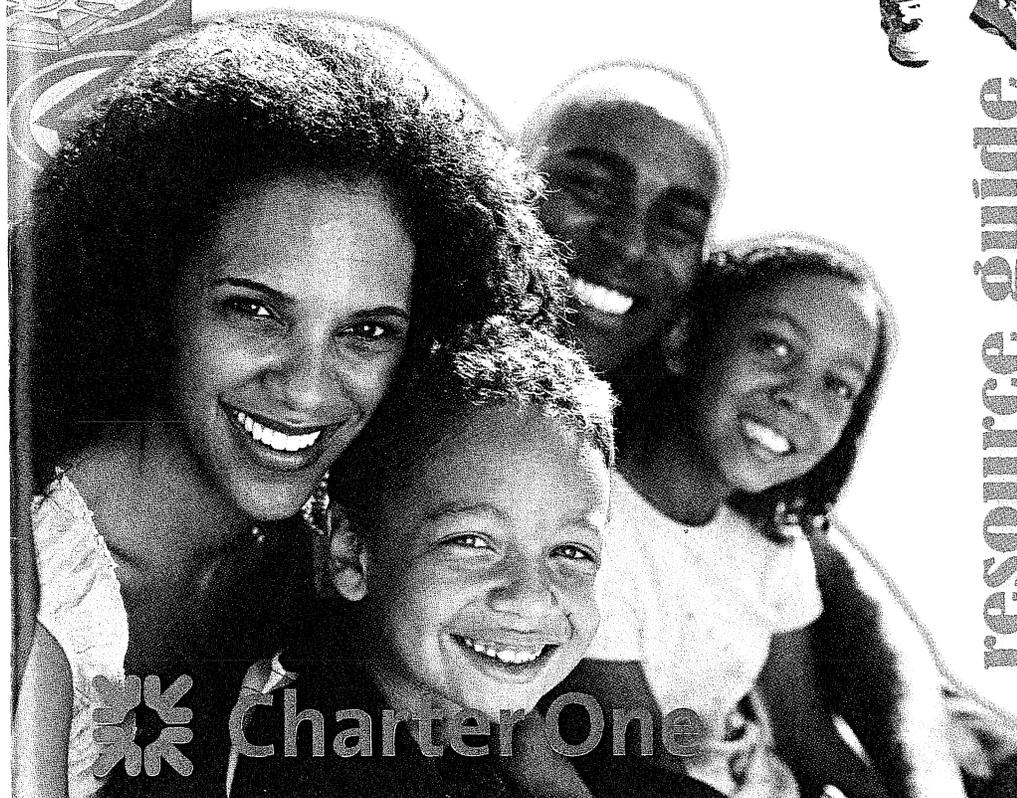
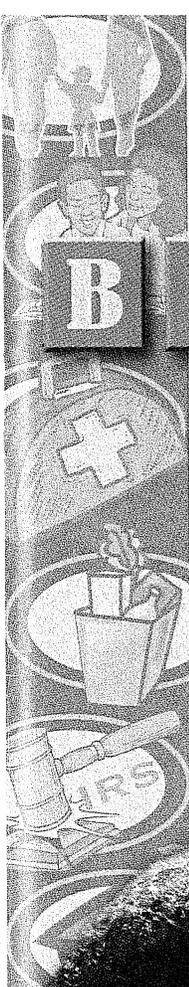
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BENEFITS

for WORKING FAMILIES

Resources & Tips for:

- Public Benefits
- Money Management
- Help With Your Taxes
- and more...



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FOOD STAMPS

Food Assistance for Good Health

Q: *What Are Food Stamps?*

A: Food Stamps help lower income households to buy the food they need for good health. Food Stamps can be used like cash or in the form of a Link card (similar to a debit card) that allows households to make food purchases at grocery stores.

Q: *If I have a job, can I still get Food Stamps for my family?*

A: Many working families who claim EITC have household incomes that would also make them eligible for Food Stamp Benefits.

Q: *How can I find out if I'm eligible?*

A: To find out if you're eligible call:

Cook County Residents:
Public Benefits Hotline at 1-888-893-5327

Outside Cook County:
Illinois Hunger Coalition at 1-800-359-2163

Q: *Where do I apply?*

A: Workers who are eligible for Food Stamps must apply at their local IDHS office. To find your local office, call the Illinois Department of Human Services at 1-800-843-6154 or TTY 800-447-6404.



WIC: WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN

Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children

Q. What is WIC?

A. WIC is a special nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children. WIC provides free nutritional food, nutrition education, breast-feeding support and health screening.

Q. Who is eligible for WIC?

A. WIC is available to pregnant women and new moms, infants and children up to the age of five.

You Must Be:

- Pregnant (up to 6 weeks after birth)
- Breast feeding (up to infant's 1st birthday)
- A new mother (within 6 months); or
 - An infant or child less than 5 years of age



To find out more about WIC and the clinic nearest you, call the Help Me Grow/Futures for Kids Helpline at 1-800-323-4769.

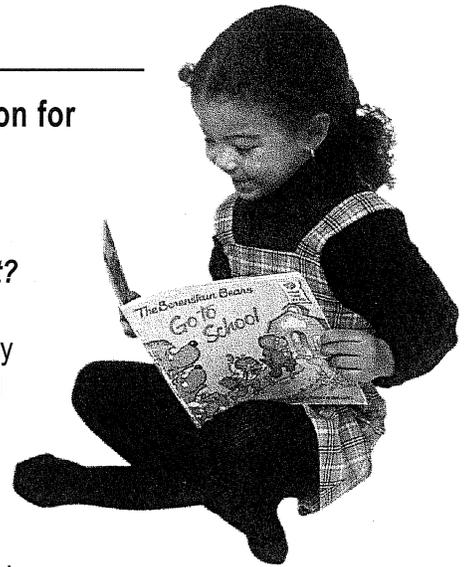


HEAD START

Nutrition and Education for Pre-School

Q: *What is Head Start?*

A: Head Start and Early Head Start are child development programs that provide care for children up to age 5 and have the overall goal of increasing the school readiness of young children in low-income families.



Q: *How do I know if my child qualifies for Head Start?*

A: To find out if you meet Head Start guidelines, please call the Local HeadStart Program at the Chicago Regional Office of the Administration for Children and Families at 312-353-4237.

To find the Head Start program nearest you, please call the Chicago Regional Office of the Administration for Children and Families at 312-353-4237.

KID CARE

Free and Low-Cost Health Insurance for Children

Q: *What are KidCare and FamilyCare?*

A: KidCare is free or low-cost health insurance for Illinois children under age 19 and pregnant women. FamilyCare offers health insurance to parents (or other caregivers) living with their children under age 19.

Q: *I have a job. Can my children still get KidCare?*

A: Most workers who claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) can sign their children up for KidCare.

Q: *Where can I get more information?*

A: To find out more about the KidCare program and to request an application, please call the Health Benefits Hotline at 1-866-468-7543.



CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES

Help Paying for Child Care

Q: *What are Child Care Subsidies?*

A: Child care subsidies help working parents pay for childcare. Many working parents who claim the EITC can get a child care subsidy if they have children under age 13, children who are disabled or children who must be supervised due to a court order. All parents receiving the subsidy must pay a co-payment. The amount of the co-payment is based on family size, income, and the number of children in childcare. Some day care centers and family child care providers may charge fees in addition to this co-payment.

Q: *What kind of care does this cover?*

A: Child care subsidies cover:

- Day care centers,
- Home-based child care centers, and
- Care provided by a relative or friend.

Q: *How do I sign up?*

A: To find out if you are eligible, and for help locating child care near your home or work, call:

Cook County Residents:

Cook County Child Care Resource & Referral Agency
773-769-8000

Outside Cook County:

IL Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies
1-877-202-4453 or TTY 1-800-649-1884



HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

LIHEAP: Help Paying for Heating Bills

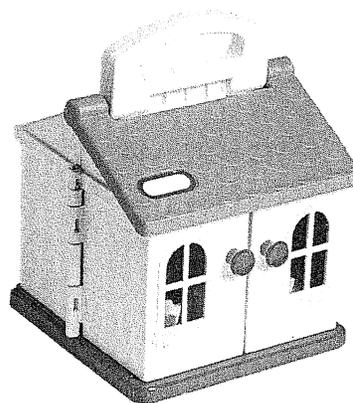
Q: *What is LIHEAP?*

A: The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program helps eligible low-income households pay for heat in winter. LIHEAP will provide a one-time benefit to eligible households to be used for paying gas and electric bills between September 1st and May 31st.

To find out if you are eligible, call 312-456-4100 inside the city of Chicago, or 1-800-252-8643 outside the city of Chicago.

Q: *How can I receive LIHEAP benefits?*

A: You will be referred to the local agency that serves your area and given instructions on how to apply. If eligible, you will be notified of the amount of assistance you will receive within 30 days. Under certain circumstances, LIHEAP will also provide emergency services for households cut off from gas or other utilities. Emergency furnace repair is also available.



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residents.**

INVEST IN YOURSELF



Make the Most of Your Money!

Open a Savings or Checking Account

Your money will be safe from theft, loss and fire. Accounts are far safer than keeping cash at home or carrying cash with you, and they are protected by federal insurance. Banking is convenient and you can avoid the high cost of Rapid Refunds by having your tax refund directly deposited into your account. To get help opening an account, call Tamika Woodard, Center for Economic Progress, at (312) 252-0280.

Consider Direct Deposit of Your Tax Refund and Paychecks

If you have a bank account, you can have your paycheck deposited by your employer. In addition, your tax refund can be deposited directly and your money is available to you at the earliest possible date.

Create a Spending Plan To Avoid Credit Problems

Creating a spending plan will help you track and plan your income and expenses. You can then make the best decisions for paying bills, paying loans, and building a savings account.

Credit card abuse can get you into serious debt trouble. Interest on the debt can be very high if you make just the minimum payment, so try to pay off your balance every month, or pay at least the minimum plus the finance charge. Also, credit card companies charge extra for late payments, even if you're just one day late. To get free help with creating a budget or resolving credit problems, call Institute of Debt Relief at 312-946-0233.

**Best Credit Tip* - In order to increase your credit rating and keep creditors from making unauthorized inquiries about your credit, have your name removed from the mailing lists of the major U.S. credit bureaus for 2 years. Call 1-888-567-8688.*

AVOID THESE MONEY PITFALLS

Don't Waste Your Money!

Avoid Payday Lenders

Payday Lenders charge a very high rate of interest. Some charge as much as \$25 for each \$100 you borrow. Many community leaders have called them legal "Loan Sharks." In addition to Payday lenders also avoid car/home "title" lenders.



Avoid Currency Exchanges

Currency exchanges charge fees for cashing checks. In many cases, a \$300 check can cost as much as \$24 to cash. If you cashed the same check at your bank, it would not cost you anything. Avoid currency exchanges by opening a bank account.

Fill Out Your W-4 Correctly

Your employer will ask you to fill out a W-4, or Employee Withholding Allowance Certificate, in order to deduct taxes from your paycheck. You should be sure to review your W-4 carefully, especially if there are changes in the amount of people in your household, and remember that you can make changes to it at any time. There should be one less exemption on your state W-4 than on your federal W-4.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO FILE TAXES?

ITINs (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number)

Q: *What is an ITIN, and should I get one?*

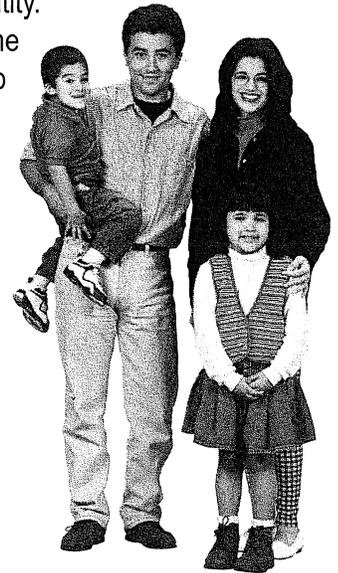
A: The ITIN, or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, is a number given to certain nonresidents, resident aliens, their spouses and their dependents needing to file taxes and who are not eligible for a Social Security Number (SSN).

If you do not have a Social Security Number, **YOU MUST HAVE AN ITIN** to file your taxes.

Q: *How can I get an ITIN?*

A: Complete IRS Form W-7 with a tax return or proof of interest-bearing account, and provide acceptable identification documents. Documents must be current and must verify your identity. Individuals will receive the ITIN approximately six to eight weeks after applying.

For assistance applying for an ITIN, call the Midwest Tax Clinic at (312) 630-0284.



MIDWEST TAX CLINIC

Fixing Problems With the IRS

Q: *I received a letter from the IRS and I don't know how to fix the problem.*

A: The Midwest Tax Clinic (MTC) provides representation to low-income taxpayers facing a controversy with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regarding their income taxes. If you have received a letter from the IRS and do not know what to do, MTC can help.

Q: *Who is eligible for help?*

A: The Clinic seeks to serve persons with income of \$35,000 or less. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis. A one-time administrative fee of \$50 will be charged to clients.

The Midwest Tax Clinic is a program of the Center for Economic Progress. For more information, call (312) 630-0284.



FAMILY CHILD CARE TAX PROJECT

Tax Training for Home-Based Child Care Providers

The Center provides basic and advanced level classes (in English and Spanish) on record keeping and income tax issues for home-based child care providers. Both classes provide new and seasoned child care providers with hands-on training, sensible information, useful materials, and practical applications.

WHO?

Family Child Care providers, licensed and license-exempt, who have a home-based child care business. Classes target low-income providers in Cook County.

WHEN?

June, July, September and October of each year. The basic class is 3 hours, and the advanced class is 2 hours.

For more information, contact Anna Marie Garrett at the Center for Economic Progress: 312-630-0285.



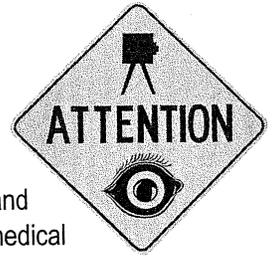
ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

To Help You More

Child Support Enforcement

Illinois Child Support Enforcement can help locate absent parents, establish paternity, obtain child support orders and collect support payments, and get medical support for your children, among other services.

There are no income guidelines. For answers to child support questions or to apply for child support services, call the Illinois Department of Public Aid, Division of Child Support Enforcement at 1-800-447-4278, TTY 1-800-526-5812.



SeniorCare/Circuit Breaker Prescription Drug Coverage

SeniorCare helps low-income seniors pay for prescriptions they need. Seniors 65 and older living in Illinois who meet certain income and other eligibility criteria can enroll. There is no enrollment fee. To find out if you are eligible, call the Health Benefits Hotline at 1-800-226-0768.

Student Transportation Program

The Guardian State Pupil Transportation Program reimburses parents or guardians of eligible K-12 students for qualified transportation expenses. The student must be enrolled full-time and not have access to transportation to and from school provided entirely at public expense. To find out if you are eligible, call (217) 782-5256 or 1-866-262-6663.

Financial Aid and Student Loan Assistance

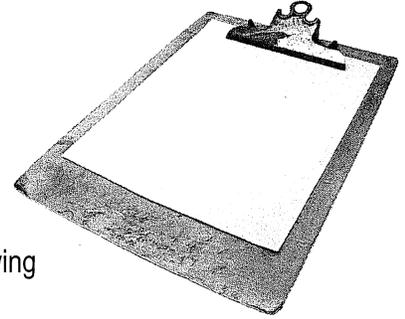
If you are interested in getting financial aid or student loans for higher education, or if you already have student loans to pay, there are several services that could be of help.

For information on applying for financial aid or student loans, or for assistance in preventing default on an existing loan, please call the Illinois Student Assistance Commission at 1-800-899-4722. For assistance with consolidating your student loans, call the Direct Loan Servicing Center at 1-800-848-0979.

APPLYING FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS?

What You Need to Know...

When you contact the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) to apply for programs like Food Stamps and KidCare, following these tips may help.



- You have the right to be treated with dignity and respect. If you feel that a worker at an IDHS office is not treating you properly, ask to talk to a supervisor.
- If you call an IDHS office and don't get an answer right away, keep trying!
- Before going to any appointment, ask for a list of everything you need to bring.
- Always keep a record of the times and dates that you call or go to an IDHS office, as well as the name of anyone you talk to and what you talked about.
- Keep copies of ALL letters and documents that you RECEIVE and GIVE IDHS in a safe place.
- Everyone has the right to apply for IDHS programs like Food Stamps and KidCare. If you are told that you cannot apply, ask to speak to a supervisor.
- If you have an appointment and end up waiting for a long time, do not be afraid to ask to talk to a supervisor. You have the right to a prompt appointment.

QUESTIONS AND CONTACTS

Helpful Numbers for Tax Issues

Illinois Department of Revenue:

(800) 356-6302

(800) 732-8866

(217) 782-3336

Issues and Concerns:

- 24 Hour Forms On-Line
- State Refund Information
- Other State Issues/Questions

IRS Cases:

(800) 829-1040

(800) 808-4262

(800) 829-8815

Issues and Concerns:

- IRS issues such as EITC, payment plan or other questions

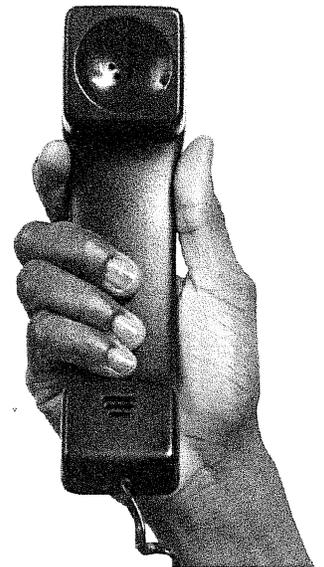
IRS Taxpayer Advocate:

(877) 777-4778

(312) 566-3800

Issues and Concerns:

- IRS Problem Resolution Assistance





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Appendix 3

Anti-Hunger and the EITC

Faith Nyirenda

Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellow,
2004-2005

Center for Economic Progress



What is the EITC?

- The federal Earned Income Tax Credit is the largest federal anti-poverty program in the U.S. Enacted in 1975 by Congress, the EITC is a refundable tax credit that supplements the wages of working families and individuals.



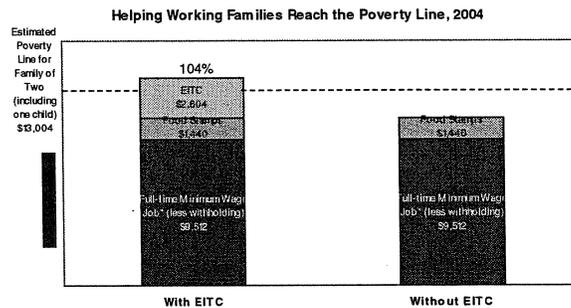
Why Anti-Hunger and EITC?

The EITC is an anti-hunger issue

- In 2002, the EITC lifted 4.9 million individuals, including 2.8 million children, above the poverty line
- According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a family of two with one family member working full-time at the minimum wage does not reach the federal poverty line unless they receive Food Stamps and the federal **EITC**



EITC Lifts Families Above the Poverty Line



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

How can the EITC benefit your clients?

Benefits of the EITC:

- Helps families and individuals avoid food insecurity and hunger
- Reduces the amount of taxes owed
- Rewards working and is more attractive than welfare
- Supplements wages
- Promotes asset development

Who is eligible for the EITC?

- The EITC is available to working low to moderate-income families and individuals who have worked full-time, part-time or are self-employed.
- A worker can claim the credit even if they do not owe any taxes.
- Eligibility is determined by the worker's income and the number of qualifying dependents they claim.

Tax Year 2004 EITC Income Guidelines

Number of Dependents	0*	1	2 or more
Single Filer	\$11,490 or less	\$30,338 or less	\$34,458 or less
Married Filer	\$12,490 or less	\$31,338 or less	\$35,458 or less

*Workers without dependents must be between the age of 25-64

How much is the EITC worth?

2004 Maximum Credit
Available

	Single or Married Filer
No Dependents	\$390
One Dependent	\$2,604
Two or More Dependents	\$4,300

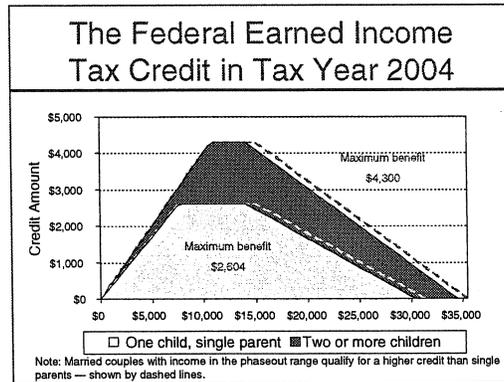


How the EITC Works

- If no income is earned, then credit begins at \$0
- At first, EITC increase as wages and the number of dependents increase until it hits a peak
- Plateaus between \$10,000-\$15,000
- As wages increase, EITC begins to decrease



EITC Curve



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

What about immigrants?

Legal Immigrants are among one of the groups least likely to claim the EITC. Legal Immigrants qualify for the credit if:

- They meet the required income guidelines
- Everyone listed on their tax return has a valid Social Security number
- Their qualifying dependents have lived with them in the U.S. for at least half of the year

How do workers claim the EITC?

- To claim the EITC, eligible workers must file a federal tax return and a Schedule EIC for filers with children.
- Workers can receive the credit in two forms:
 - 1) Lump Sum-entire credit is received after return is filed
 - 2) Advance Payment-portion of return is received in each paycheck throughout the year (also known as Advance EITC)



Illinois EITC

Illinois also offers a state EITC that supplements the federal EITC. The state EITC is 5% of the federal.

- State EITC is refundable for workers with children
- To claim the state EITC, a worker must qualify for the federal EITC.



How the EITC adds up

Ex. Ms. Smith is a single worker from Illinois raising two young children. She owes no income tax. In 2004, she made \$16,000. She qualifies for an EITC of **\$3,882**. Ms. Smith also qualifies for the state credit:

$$\$3,882 * 5\% = 194.10$$

$$\$3,882 + 194.10 =$$

Total EITC Ms. Smith Receives: \$4,076.10!

More Credits

Low-Income families and individuals may qualify for more tax credits to supplement their wages! These credits include the:

- Child Tax Credit
- Child and Dependent Care Credit

Child Tax Credit

- Enacted in 1998, the Child Tax Credit (CTC) is available to working families with dependent children under age 17. The CTC is worth up to \$1,000 per child.
 - To claim the CTC, single or married filers must have taxable earned income above \$10,750 and claim a qualifying dependent under age 17 on their return.
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Child and Dependent Care Credit

- The Child and Dependent Care Credit is a non-refundable credit available to parents for child care expenses.
 - The credit is worth 20-35% of the expenses of child care and depends on the taxpayer's total income.
 - To compute the credit, child care expenses are limited to \$3,000 for one child, and \$6,000 for two children.
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Where can workers get their taxes prepared?

- The the Tax Counseling Project (TCP), a project of the Center for Economic Progress, offers fast, FREE electronic tax preparation to working families and individuals throughout Illinois.
- Services are available for families with incomes of \$36,000 and less and individuals with incomes of \$15,000 or less.



Tax Counseling Project

- Each year, Center volunteers assist working families and individuals in boosting their income by helping them claim the EITC and other tax credits.
- In 2004, over 22,000 returns were filed returning over \$30 million to workers and the community.
- TCP is the largest community-based free tax provider in Illinois.



What materials do taxpayers need to bring?

Taxpayers should bring the following with them to the tax site:

- All W-2s and 1099s (if any)
- Social Security Cards or ITINS for each family member
- Copy of 2003 tax return
- Bank account number and routing number (if any)
- Valid picture ID



Why FREE Tax Preparation?

- It's fast! All taxes are filed electronically so workers can get their refund back within two weeks. Filers with direct deposit can receive it even sooner.
- It's safe! Services are confidential. All tax preparers are trained volunteers who are committed to helping clients claim all credits available to them
- It's free! That means working families receive the entire refund they worked for and are entitled to. This money can be used to cover the costs of food, rent and other necessary expenses. Workers can avoid paying for Refund Anticipation Loans.



Refund Anticipation Loans

EITC earners make up the majority of workers who purchase Refund Anticipation Loans (RALs).

- RALs are short-term very high-interest loans taxpayers pay commercial preparers to have their taxes done.
- RALs typically range between \$180-\$250 or higher*
- Almost half of Chicago EITC earners use a RAL**

*National Consumer Law Center, 2004

**1999 IRS ETA IMF Marketing Database



Benefits for Working Families

- Every worker getting their taxes prepared at a TCP site receives an updated Benefits for Working Families Resource Guide.
- Booklet provides tax help plus information about public assistance programs such as Food Stamps, WIC and Head Start.



Complimentary Services

TCP sites offer a variety of complimentary services to further help working families and individuals achieve financial self-sufficiency. These services include:

- RealBenefits™ Illinois Screening
- Help opening bank accounts
- Assistance with tax problems and applying for ITINS



RealBenefits™ Illinois

- RealBenefits will be available at a number of sites to screen taxpayers for eligibility in programs like Food Stamps, WIC and KidCare. Paper applications for Food Stamps are also available at every tax site.



Opening Bank Accounts

- The Center works with several banks to help low-income families open bank accounts with low to no-minimum fees. Bank representatives are present at tax sites to help clients set up new accounts. Clients can receive their refund even faster by having it directly deposited into their new account.



Midwest Tax Clinic

Representatives from the Midwest Tax Clinic (MTC), a program of the Center will be available at certain tax sites to help clients resolve disputes with the IRS. MTC can assist clients who:

- Have received an examination notice from the IRS
- Have never filed a tax return or haven't filed in several years
- Have problems with their state income tax return



ITINS

MTC also assists clients in obtaining Individual Tax Payer Identification Numbers (ITINs).

- The ITIN is a 9-digit number available to workers who need to file a return but are ineligible to have a Social Security Number.
- Certain non-residents, resident aliens, their spouses and their dependents can apply for an ITIN. Workers with ITINs qualify for some tax credits.
- Several sites have representatives from MTC to help qualified clients apply for ITINs.

More Free Tax Help

Tax Assistance Program (TAP)

- TAP recruits volunteers to provide free tax assistance and financial consulting in Chicago and surrounding suburbs.

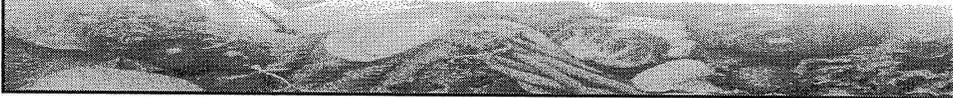
For more information, visit www.taxassistance.org.

More Free Tax Help

The IRS sponsors the following FREE tax programs:

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA): Volunteers provide tax help for incomes under \$36,000. VITA sites are usually located in community organizations.
- Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE): Tax assistance for people age 60 and over
- Armed Forces Tax Council (AFTC): Tax advice and preparation for military personnel and their families

For more information, visit www.irs.gov



Resources

- Center for Economic Progress: Complete list of 2005 TCP tax site locations and information about other services available to working families.
www.centerforprogress.org
 - IRS: Provides up to date information on the EITC and other tax credits, VITA sites, and ITINs.
www.irs.gov
 - Center for Budget and Policy Priorities: Publishes annual EITC Outreach Kit which includes facts about the EITC and other credits as well as promotional material.
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