What Is It?

- A Hand-Up, not a Hand-Out.
- Single largest help to lifting folks from poverty.
- A refundable credit.
How Many & How Much?

- Last year: 24,000,000 people received $50,000,000,000.
- 5,000,000 people lifted out of poverty each year.
- Participation estimated at 78% - 80%.
Who Are We Missing?

- Living in rural areas
- Self-employed
- Disabled
- Childless
- Not proficient in English
- Older (Grandparents)
- Recently divorced, unemployed, or experienced other changes to their marital, financial or parental status
The Range of EITC

THE RANGE OF EITC FOR 2009

- 1 Child, Maximum $3,043
- 2 Children, Maximum $5,028
- 3 Children, Maximum $6,657
- 0 Children, Maximum $457

Income Level

EITC Amount
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<th>State</th>
<th># of People</th>
<th>Avg. Amt.</th>
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<td>PA</td>
<td>835k</td>
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<td>47k</td>
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Basic Qualifications

- Have a valid social security number.
- No “Married Filing Separate” status.
- No Form 2555 or 2555 EZ related to foreign income.
- Investment income less than $3,100.
- Have earned income.
- Not be the qualifying child of another person.
- Generally be a US citizen or resident alien for the entire year.
How Do You Get It?

FILE A RETURN
How Can People File?

- Paid Prep
- Self-Prep
- Volunteer Prep
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<th>Market Segment</th>
<th>Total Returns</th>
<th>VITA</th>
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<th>IRS prep/reviewed</th>
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<td>Low Income</td>
<td>3,985,773</td>
<td>57,385</td>
<td>100,389</td>
<td>32,796</td>
<td>835,224</td>
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AARP

- Serves taxpayers over 60
- Focuses on elderly issues
- Flexible income levels
- Do 60% of volunteer returns in PA
VITA

- Focus is low to moderate income
- Emphasizes EITC
- Lower income limitations
NEW THIS YEAR

- Debt Indicator Gone
- Variety of Debit Cards
- Modernized e-file
FEAB

- IRS facilitates and promotes
- Partners guide and choose
- FEAB Webinars
- Debit Cards (visit nctc.org for comparisons)
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