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# Earned Income Tax Credit Disability Initiative to hold free one-day tax preparation blitz on Saturday for people with disabilities

- *Trained volunteers at four local sites will help people with disabilities get tax credits.*
- *Tax preparation blitz will be 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; walk-ins only; no appointments*

WICHITA, Kan. — The Wichita Earned Income Tax Credit Disability Initiative is sponsoring a free one-day tax preparation blitz for taxpayers with disabilities to be held on Saturday, February 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Trained VITA tax volunteers will prepare federal, Kansas, and Kansas homestead tax returns at no charge for taxpayers with disabilities and other low income taxpayers with annual household income under approximately \$37,000. No appointments will be made; walk-ins only.

People with disabilities who worked and earned income in 2005 may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC is a refundable credit, which means that the taxpayer will receive it even if they do not have a tax liability. See more information about EITC and eligibility requirements below.

### Locations for tax preparation blitz for people with disabilities

#### East

Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation (CPRF)  
5111 E. 21st Street North  
Wichita

#### Central

Inter-Faith Ministries  
(will only prepare federal Form 1040)  
829 N. Market  
Wichita

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Goodwill Industries  
110 S. Main  
Wichita

#### West

Independent Living Resource Center  
3033 W. 2nd Street North  
Wichita

### What to bring

Taxpayers should bring their social security card and one form of government issued photo identification (either a drivers license or identification card); their W-2s and any other documents that report income received during 2005; and last year's income tax return (if available).

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**General information about the tax assistance**

- To claim the EITC, the taxpayer must file a Federal income tax return even if their income is below the filing requirement.
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits are not included in earned income.
- The taxpayer may also be eligible for the Kansas refundable tax credits, such as Kansas earned income tax credit, food sales refund, and homestead refund. Taxpayers with disabilities and/or parents of a person with a disability may be able to claim other credits or deductions.
- The taxpayer can go back three tax years to claim any earned income tax credit that may not have been claimed for prior tax years. For example, if a taxpayer worked and earned wages in 2002, 2003, and 2004, the taxpayer can file tax returns to claim the earned income tax credit for those years. The three-year statute of limitations for 2002 tax refunds will expire on April 17, 2006

**Eligibility requirements for the Earned Income Tax Credit**

<i>With a Qualifying Child</i>	<i>No Qualifying Child</i>
Must have valid Social Security Number	Must have valid Social Security Number
Must be a US citizen or resident alien	Must be a US citizen or resident alien AND lived in the US more than 6 months in 2005
Child must meet the relationship, age, and residency tests	Must be at least 25 years old but under 65
Qualifying child cannot be used by more than one person to claim EITC	MUST NOT be the dependent of another person
Has earned between \$1 and \$35,263 (\$37,263 if married filing a joint return)	Has earned between \$1 and \$11,750 (\$13,750 if married filing a joint return)

**Members of the Wichita Earned Income Tax Credit Disability Initiative**  
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